

Article #1 – Teens Make Good Volunteers

Vocabulary: volunteer, community

Teens make good volunteers for three reasons. First, there are a lot of teens who can volunteer. In a recent study, nearly 60% of teens aged 12-17 years volunteered in some type of community service. That is about 15 million teens. In addition, girls are more likely to volunteer than boys, but just by a little.

Next, teens have time to volunteer. Teens are busy people. They juggle responsibilities at school, home, and afterschool activities such as sports and jobs. Despite these demands on their time, many teens make time to volunteer. Teens volunteer once or twice a month. In addition, they spend 1-2 hours each time they volunteer.

Last, teens influence other people to volunteer. Most parents of teen volunteers are volunteers too. In addition, teens get their friends to volunteer. When asked, 80% of teens said their friends volunteered as well.

Volunteering is important work!