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501 Commons is a nonprofit organization providing management assistance to nonprofits and schools. Services are provided by more than 300 volunteers who are current and retired professionals with experience in business, nonprofits, education, and government. In 2010 service corps members contributed over \$800,000 in services to over 100 organizations.

Program Components

Volunteers serve as:

- Consultants on well-defined projects that are guided by a consulting contract. On average the projects last for six months and six to twelve hours per month.
- Facilitators of meetings, retreats, and conferences.
- Coaches of nonprofit and educational leaders.

Benefits

- Learn to Serve: We offer four to six workshops each year on nonprofit consulting skills.
- 501 Commons Connects: networking events with wine, beer, refreshments and snacks.
- E-Newsletter: six each year
- Volunteer Appreciation Event: an annual event celebrating the achievements of our service corps members

"501 Commons' volunteers are a terrific group of knowledgeable and dedicated professionals who bring much-needed experience and knowledge to organizations."

**- Quinn Elliot,
Former Executive Director
Kirkland Arts Center**

Hopelink Shoreline Food Bank Builds Community Awareness

An example of a service corps project is one done with Hopelink's Shoreline Food Bank. The food bank wanted to develop a plan to raise community awareness of the food bank and increase donations of food and money. A service corps member conducted interviews and gathered information that has guided Hopelink's communications and community outreach efforts.

The interviews helped the organization understand the level of awareness of the food bank and found that people were very willing to support Hopelink's efforts to provide food to hungry people. Community service agencies and other food banks in the area were also eager to work with Hopelink and had many ideas for collaboration and coordination.



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