

Making A Difference

Volunteer Tips From Hometown Heroes

(NAPSA)—If you've always wanted to volunteer but don't know where to start, here are some tips inspired by hometown heroes in this year's Volvo for life Awards:

1. Find Your Passion. There are so many worthy causes, but which one is nearest and dearest to you? Are you passionate about the environment? Do you want to help animals or work with kids? When it comes to volunteering, passion equals personal reward.

2. Look for Inspiration. Check out www.volvoforlifeawards.com to learn what others are doing to make a difference in your community. Contact your local heroes to find out if they need your help.

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3. What's Your Talent? You don't have to be a superstar to volunteer—your time and enthusiasm are often enough, but what else do you have to offer? Play a musical instrument? Teach at-risk kids to play. Love to bake? Take food to a local shelter.

4. Make the First Step. Make some calls and send some e-mails. You'll be welcomed with open arms.

Learn more about volunteer heroes in your community and vote now through Feb. 4, 2007 for your favorite at www.volvoforlifeawards.com. Three winners will receive a \$50,000 charitable contribution; remaining finalists will receive \$25,000. One overall winner will receive a new Volvo for the rest of his or her life.