

## Boulder County Volunteer Initiatives Program

Boulder County strongly values and actively supports volunteerism, as an integral part of a thriving community. The Volunteer Initiatives Program promotes county government volunteer opportunities, responds to general inquiries from the public, and collaborates with community partners. This program also manages county government volunteer projects including countywide reporting and recognition. While this program is housed within the Community Services Department, it provides resources to county staff overseeing volunteer programs in any department or office.

## 2016 Volunteer Contributions to the County – By the Numbers

By donating their time and talent, volunteers enhance Boulder County government services and the quality of life in the community.

### 2016 Grand Totals:

**6,450 volunteers** – ongoing plus one-time volunteers

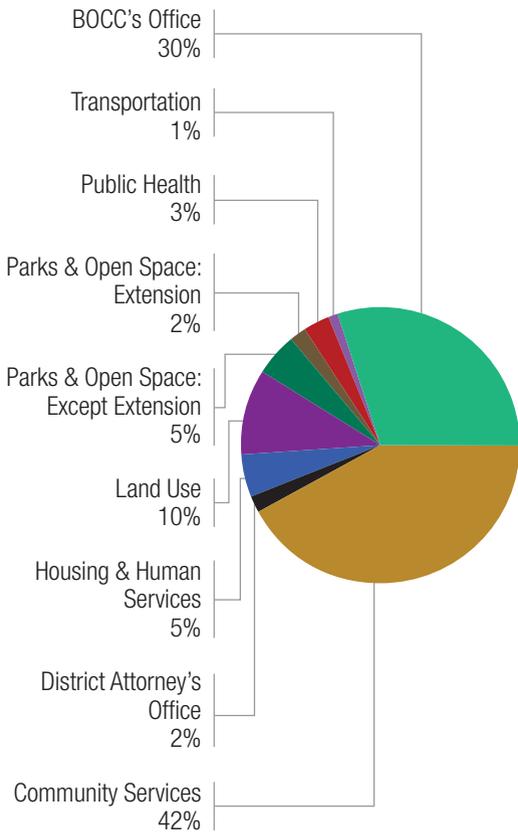
**133,256** volunteer hours

**\$3.2+ million** contributed to Boulder County by volunteers

Per Independent Sector, the national estimated dollar value of volunteer time for 2016 was \$24.14 per hour.

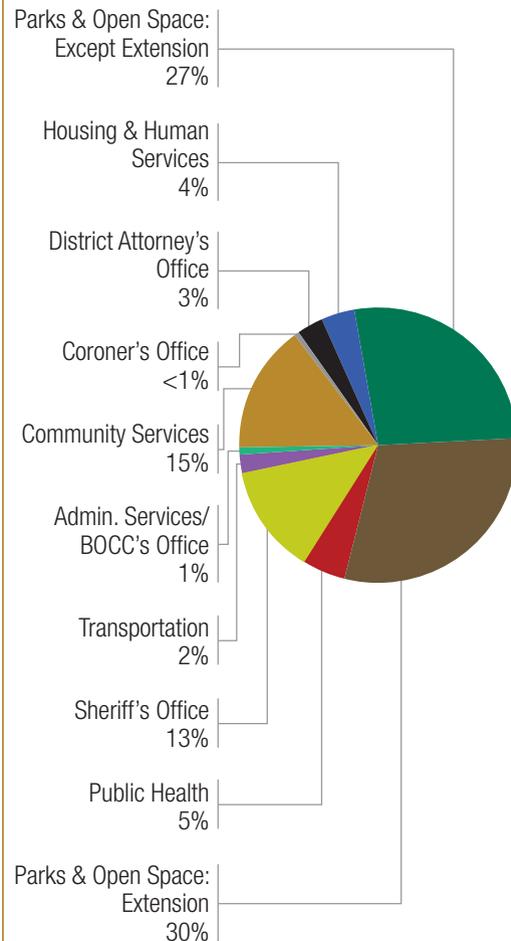
These grand totals are the aggregate of two reports combined. One report covers volunteers serving on boards, commissions, task forces and committees. The second summarizes activities in volunteer programs such as mentoring youth, maintaining trails, and much more.

### Boards, Commissions, Task Forces & Committees: Percentage of Volunteer Hours



Total 10,476 Hours

### Volunteer Programs: Percentage of Volunteer Hours



Total 122,780 Hours



# 2016

# VOLUNTEER INITIATIVES ANNUAL REPORT



AREA AGENCY ON AGING  
COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS  
COMMUNITY JUSTICE SERVICES  
CHILD PROTECTION REVIEW TEAMS  
HEAD START  
HEALTHY YOUTH ALLIANCE  
VOLUNTEER INITIATIVES  
WORKFORCE BOULDER COUNTY

Generating a Lifetime of Opportunities

## 2016 Community Impacts

Volunteers provide needed support to residents, maintain open space properties, assist in the justice system, and much more, all in partnership with county staff.

### Community Services, Human Services & Public Health



**115** older adults visited by Respite & Companion volunteers for 1,677 visits

**80** youth improved their grades with support from volunteers at the Casa de la Esperanza Learning Center

**1,150** hours of group support provided by Public Health volunteers to nearly 140 LGBTQIA+ youth to create a safe, supportive, and confidential environment

### Parks & Open Space



**19,150** square feet of trail constructed and maintained by Work Project volunteers

**15,859** walk-in, field trip, and outreach program visitors served by Cultural History volunteers

**200+** natural history programs conducted by Volunteer Naturalists

### Criminal Justice & Public Safety



**41** youth mentored by Justice System Volunteer Program mentors

**3,168** victims of violent and non-violent crime supported by the Victim/Witness volunteers

**680** residents provided with a compassionate presence, referrals and information by On-Scene Victim Advocates

## Impacting the Lives of Volunteers

Community members volunteer for a wide variety of reasons:

Make a difference in our community

Learn something new

Meet great people

Share their talent

Have fun

*“I expected to have fun with the kids at Head Start and that has certainly been the case. The teachers, teacher-aides, staff and leadership work together in fluid ways that always have the kids' best interests at heart.”*

Ralph Milliff, Community Services Department volunteer



*“Being a Victim Advocate for the Boulder County Sheriff's Office has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have had during my adult life.”*

Ginny Fiorini, Sheriff's Office volunteer

*“Volunteering gives me the opportunity to be re-enchanted with nature and help protect the beauty in our own backyard.”*

John Reed, Parks & Open Space Department volunteer



### Celebrating the County's Volunteers



The Boulder County Commissioners, in coordination with the Volunteer Initiatives Program, celebrate the important role volunteers play in the community by hosting an annual volunteer recognition ceremony during National Volunteer Week. In addition to this awards program, departments and offices recognize the significant contributions of their volunteers in many creative ways throughout the year.

### Want to Volunteer with Boulder County?

Please visit: [BoulderCountyVolunteers.org](http://BoulderCountyVolunteers.org), email [volunteerinfo@bouldercounty.org](mailto:volunteerinfo@bouldercounty.org) or call 303-441-4889 to learn more about county government volunteer opportunities including time commitments, recruiting schedules, minimum qualifications, and application processes.