

DOVIA Mississippi Presents

VOLUNTEER CARE KIT IDEAS

AKA: Volunteer Survival Kit, Volunteer Spirit Kit or Sweet Suggestions

HOW TO ASSEMBLE YOUR VOLUNTEER CARE KIT

1. Choose the items you would like to include, using the list below for ideas.
2. Type the items on a label or cardstock, or write a poem!
3. Place label on outside of bag (can be simple – like a ziplock) before filling.
4. Fill bag with items and decorate in any way you wish.
5. If you chose cardstock to list the items, attach it to the bag using ribbon.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SAYING</u>
100 Grand candy	you're worth 100 Grand, thanks for lending us a hand
AlkaSeltzer	for those who add fizz to our group
Almond Joy	because sometimes you feel like a nut
Balloon	may you expand and grow as you serve
Band-Aid	for when things are a little rough to guard against "ouchy" comments to be sensitive to the feelings of others when you feel hurt for what you are trying to do to remind you to heal hurt feelings you will heal and be even stronger
Bath Salts	"To take you away" you deserve a quiet break
Book of Matches	no-one matches your volunteer contributions
Candle	to light your way no-one can hold a candle to you to make your day brighter thanks for lighting up our day in your own special way
Candy Cane	you are so sweet
Candy Egg	you're a good egg
Candy Kisses/Hugs	for when you need a little TLC everyone needs a kiss or a hug every day a reminder of how special you are to me I've been there for you right from the start
Chewing Gum	to remind you to stick with it
Confetti	to remind you to celebrate even the smallest successes
Cotton Ball	to remind you of the softness of the human heart

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Crayon	to color your day bright and cheerful
Crunch candy bar	thanks for getting us out of a Crunch without you we'd be in a Crunch thanks for helping us through the Crunch
Donut holes	thank you a 'hole' lot
Ear Plugs	when you just can't take it anymore
Eraser	to remind you that everyone makes mistakes, and it's okay
Extra gum	Thanks for going the Extra mile with a smile
Gold coin candy	you're worth your weight in gold you're as good as gold our volunteers are a treasure
Graham bears	our thanks 'bears' repeating
Gum	thanks for sticking with us and making such a difference stick with it
Highlighter	you highlight our day
Kit Kat	for when you need a break
Kite String	you can soar to whatever heights you choose
Jewel	because you are so precious our volunteers are a treasure because you are valued
Jolly Ranchers	thank you Jolly good volunteers
Key chain	you are the key to our success
Lifesavers	to help you save the day you're a real Lifesaver we appreciate you a 'hole' lot
M & M's (you are..)	Magnificent and Marvelous Mamas and Mind readers Masterful and Merciful Meticulous and Mighty Mentors and Managers Motivators and Magicians Magnetic and Majestic (you make..) Miracles and Memories You are the candy-coated shell that covers the milk chocolate of giving. You place kindness in our hands and melt it into our hearts and lives forever.
Marbles	to replace the ones you've lost in case someone thinks you've lost all yours
Mints	volunteers are worth a mint thanks! You're a mint thanks for your commit'mint'

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	thanks for your involve'mint'
	I 'mint' to say I love you, but I knew you would understand
	I 'mint' to send you flowers, but they cost so much you know
	I 'mint' to ask you to forgive me, but that is so hard to do
Mirror	to look at a very special person
Mounds candy	you have helped us Mounds
	thanks for the Mounds of time you've given us
Nuts	we'd go nuts without you
	we're nuts for our volunteers
Paper clip	to hold it all together
	to keep you organized
PayDay candy	you deserve an extra PayDay
Pencil	you've got the 'write' stuff
Penny	for luck on a rainy day
Piece of Rope	for when you reach the end of yours
	so that you never reach the end of yours
Post-It	your help is dearly noted
	to keep communication flowing
Puzzle Piece	without you we wouldn't be complete
	thanks for putting all the pieces together
Quarter	to call for help and to remind you that you are not alone
Raisins	wish we could give you a raisin pay
	thanks for raisin us to a new level through your volunteering
	thanks for the fund'raisin'
Rock candy	you rock
Rubber Band	to remind you to be flexible
	for stretching your limits/patience/flexibility/endurance
	stretch your abilities to experience new opportunities
	you've banded us together
Safety Pin	for holding things together
Seed packet	for helping us to grow
Smarties	you're such a Smartie. Thanks for your great ideas
Snicker bar	find time to Snicker at life
	a Snicker for all the good times
	to keep you laughing
Starbursts	you're a star and we are bursting with gratitude for you
	for that extra burst of energy
String	to tie it together when things fall apart
Suckers	we're a sucker for volunteers like you
	thanks for your help in licking challenges

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Sweet N Sour	to appreciate the difference in others
Taffy	we're not pulling your leg – we really appreciate you
Tape Measure/Ruler	you measure up as a fantastic volunteer you are immeasurable
Tea Bag	to remind you to relax daily and count your blessings
Tic Tacs or Certs	you're a breath of fresh air your ideas take my breath away
Tissues	to wipe away the tears
Toothpick	to remind you to pick out the good qualities in others to prop your eyes open during a meeting
Tootsie Rolls	Thanks for keeping us on a roll

VOLUNTEER SAYINGS

Use your imagination with the following sayings on cards, notes, emails, etc.

- Our Volunteers have Purseonality
- Your time is valuable....thanks for giving it to us!
- Your help is greatly appreciated
- Volunteers are like Coke....they're the real thing
- Volunteers are like Pepsi....they've got a lot to give
- Volunteers are like hairspray....they hold in all kinds of weather
- Volunteers are like Hallmark....they care enough to give their very best
- Volunteers are like Continental....they make the going great
- Volunteers are like Frosted Flakes....THEY'RE GRRRRRREAT.

SAYING THANK YOU WITH DIE CUTS

Make labels using die cuts and attach to your sweeties bag of choice.

ANGEL:	"You are an angel. Thank you for volunteering"
APPLE:	"You are the apple of our eye"
AWARD:	#1 Mentor/Volunteer
BOOKMARK:	"You leave a mark on a child's life"
CAMERA:	"Picture this...You are the greatest mentor/volunteer"
CRAYON:	"You have colored the day happy for _____"
FLOWER:	"Thanks for making _____ bloom"
FOOTPRINT:	"You have made your footprint (mark) in the heart of a child"
FROG:	"Because of you, _____'s progress is hopping along"
HAND:	"Thanks for giving us a hand"
HEART:	"Thank you from the bottom of our heart"
KEY:	"You are a key part of our school"

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Letter M:	"Magnificent Mentor"
MISSISSIPPI:	"You're the best mentor/volunteer in the state"
PUZZLE PIECE:	"You are the missing piece"
STAR:	"You are a super star"
SUN:	"You light up our school"
TEDDY BEAR:	"A bear hug for your work with _____"
TENNIS SHOE:	"You've walked the extra mile"

THANKING WITH CANDY CARD QUOTES

On a 3x5 card or other card, write the appropriate volunteer quote and then tape or hot-glue a piece of candy to it.

Smarties

"Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer."
- Mark Fischer

Heart Lollipop

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."
- Elizabeth Andrew

Pumpkin Seeds

"Plant flowers in others' gardens and your life becomes a bouquet."
- Unknown

Laffy Taffy

"Here's to all volunteers, those dedicated people who believe in all work and no pay."
- Robert Orben

Life Saver

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."
- Winston Churchill

Starlight Mint

"Volunteers are not paid - not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."
- Sherry Anderson

Satellite Wafer

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth."
- Mohammad Ali

Candy Watch

"You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Now and Later

"Be kind and generous everyday and volunteer, it's good for the soul."

- Avery Marcone

Bit-O-Honey

"No joy can equal the joy of serving others."

- Sai Baba

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