

Please read through this entire email for some important, exciting information.

In 2012:

Over 1000 new volunteer accounts were created on Volunteer Onslow.

FANTASTIC! And growing...

300 plus of those volunteers responded to a need!

WOO HOO!

over 4000 hours were logged by you, the service partner.

Let's calculate.

2000 of those hours were for one large project, 1500 through United Way.

570 of those hours were reported by 4 agencies ONLY which is on average 125 hours each for an ENTIRE YEAR.

It is VERY important that we log the hours our volunteers are doing in the community. For their sake and for the sake of your organization showing the impact of volunteerism.

Think about this: Onslow County also comes to Volunteer Onslow for us to show the impact of volunteerism. If my response is minimal, what does that say for the need for volunteers moving forward?

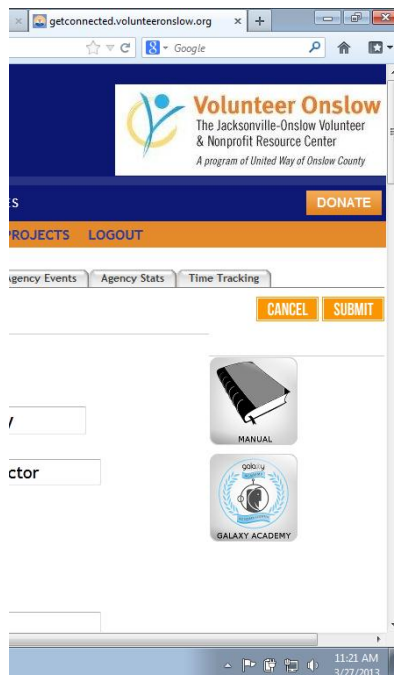
How do we fix that?

There are a few ways to log hours through Volunteer Onslow.

The volunteer does it. You can use this exact wording below to send and remind your volunteers.

Once in their profiles, they can go to "track your hours" red button. They will have had responded to your need and will see that on the list and then will log hours on the far right.

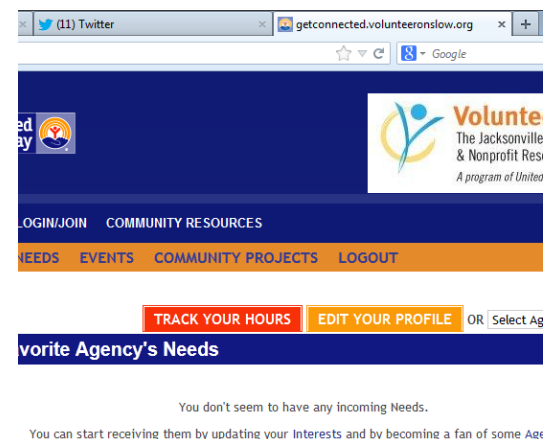
The agency, you will see the opportunity on your screen like this:



As the last tab on the far right, to time track. When you go there, you will have the option to then approve that volunteers hours.

Second Option: You log their hours. You go into the same time tracking tab to the left and track the hours for them. You need to pick the need they worked in, write in their email address in that field, the date and the hours – hit submit. You then also do step two above of "approving" the hours.

A good suggestion to implement also. A paper tracking log.



United Way started a binder tracking log. We ask them to input the hours and use the binder to double check the hours when you go in to approve.

Your organization might need to do this differently – I wanted to give you some tools to help you understand how to track hours. We all do different things to serve our community. But one thing we all have in common is our utilization of volunteers and the need to track their hours.

Tim consuming, yes. Of course! But VERY important. You can then use this data for **GRANTS** then they ask about in kind hours or donations of time for past projects – you can log in and check the hours that went into projects. You can go back and check old information easily. If volunteers need it for different reasons, it is easily accessible.

NOW. What will we do about it?

Volunteer Onslow is offering a \$1000 CASH scholarship to the 2013 Service Partner of the Year that will be given at the Board Development Conference in January 2014. This money will be used for organizational building capacity or volunteer appreciation. The ability to be recognized for your utilization of volunteers publicly, will be fantastic! What do you have to do? Log your volunteer hours! The SPOY will be the Service Partner that utilizes the most volunteers – logs the most hours into the system!

Thank you for your time. Ask me any questions and thank you for your commitment to serving our community!