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# Press Release

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## Lafayette honors and encourages volunteerism in the community

**LAFAYETTE, Colo April 25, 2012** –In the spirit of National Volunteer Month, the City of Lafayette would like to recognize and applaud all those who freely give of their time to better the community. Volunteers provide an invaluable contribution to Lafayette as a whole and make our city a better place to live.

On April 17 during National Volunteer Week, the 700+ volunteers who donated over 20,000 hours of time towards City of Lafayette programs were recognized. In addition, Volunteer of the Year Awards were given out to Teen Volunteer of the Year Melisa Bullock; Individual Volunteer of the Year to Carol Poore; and Group Volunteer of the Year to the Lafayette Cultural Arts Commission and Public Art Committee. "When we have volunteers participating in our programs, those programs tend to be that much more valuable," offered Susan Nagle, Volunteer Coordinator. "Their contributions are priceless to us and the community."

The City of Lafayette offers many opportunities for individuals to make a difference in their community. A number of current opportunities are listed below. To inquire about additional volunteer positions available contact Penny Ford at 303-665-5588 ext 3380 or [pennyf@cityoflafayette.com](mailto:pennyf@cityoflafayette.com)

**Senior Services** is looking for CDL licensed bus drivers to transport participants to programs. Not only is this volunteer position rewarding, day trip drivers receive free admission to the programs they're transporting to and a meal. To qualify you must have a current Colorado CDL license, DOT physical, City of Lafayette volunteer application, background check and driving record check. You must enjoy working with older adults and driving a state of the art 30 passenger bus. Drive as few or as many trips as you like in a month. Please contact Renee Fabini for more information at 303-665-9052 ext. 5 or [reneef@cityoflafayette.com](mailto:reneef@cityoflafayette.com)

**Library** Teens work on special projects in various library departments and assist with summer reading registration and rewards. Apply early! Interviews and training are required. Volunteer shifts run June through the end of July. Applications will be accepted through May 1st for the Teen Summer Reading

Team. High school teens are eligible to apply. For more information, please contact Susan Nagle at 303-665-5200 x3852 or [susann@cityoflafayette.com](mailto:susann@cityoflafayette.com)

**HeartChase Volunteers** There are various opportunities to volunteer for the Lafayette HeartChase special event, where "The Amazing Race" meets "Minute to Win It"! Assist with course set up, run check in stations, recruit teams to register, help with planning. The event will be held on September 22. Contact Karen Snortland at [karens@cityoflafayette.com](mailto:karens@cityoflafayette.com)

**Recreation** Volunteer applications for youth baseball and softball coaches are being accepted. Applicants must enjoy working with children and will be asked to go through a background check. The season begins at the end of May and runs through July.

**Art Night Out** Various opportunities are available to be part of this new Lafayette tradition. Art Night Out runs every third Friday May through September. Training is required for those who want to take money, check IDs, and serve beer at the beer garden events. The first training will be held April 28. Volunteers are also needed for set-up, monitoring of the perimeter, clean up, and other important roles. If interested contact Susan Booker 303-665-5588 ext. 3353 or [susanb@cityoflafayette.com](mailto:susanb@cityoflafayette.com)

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