International Volunteer Day 2026 Planning Sheet

Dec. 5, 2026: plan your volunteer day

Saturday

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International Volunteer Day

Facts

- It started as an observance mandated by the UN General Assembly in 1985.
- The IRS does not let you deduct the value of your time or services.
- The IRS standard mileage rate for charity driving is 14 cents a mile (2025).

PLAN YOUR VOLUNTEER DAY

- [ ] Pick a cause you care about
- [ ] Search Idealist and VolunteerMatch by keyword, skill or interest
- [ ] Contact the organization and confirm the shift
- [ ] Log your hours and your miles driven for your records

KEEP FOR TAXES (IRS PUBLICATION 526)

- [ ] The value of your time or services is not deductible
- [ ] Save receipts for unreimbursed expenses and a mileage log

The cause and organization I will volunteer with

Source: United Nations, International Volunteer Day; Internal Revenue Service, Publication 526 (2025); Idealist.