

THE JOY OF VOLUNTEERING Getting Even More From Volunteering

TRANSCRIPT

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Hello, I am Yusufu Ojonoka and this is the Joy of Volunteering.

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As you begin your volunteer experience, there are a few more things you should consider so that you and those you're serving get the most from your efforts.

Do your research and choose your volunteer experience wisely. Research the different volunteer options available to you and determine which of them fits best with your skills and goals.

Learn from the experience, every experience counts and gaining knowledge is never a waste. Some of the knowledge and information you get may not be immediately useful to you but someday that knowledge may land you a new job or help guide someone else.

Give on the spot feedback about your experiences. You are not just there to learn or gain experience, you are also there to contribute.

You may want to tell people what they are doing well, how the experience is helping you, or you may have ideas about how things can be done better. Share!

[TEXT: Learn more about what it means to serve others through volunteering at yali.state.gov./serves]

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