

## FACT SHEET

- The Volunteer Center of Rhode Island (VCRI) 501 (c)(3) launched in 1969, originally incorporated as Volunteers in Action
- The mission is to connect people and opportunities for effective community service by promoting volunteerism state wide, connecting volunteers to opportunities, building the capacity for effective volunteerism, and collaborating with community stakeholders
- VCRI offers programs for youth, families, seniors, businesses, disaster response, interns, and more
- Funding is provided by foundations, government grants, special events, donations, and a recent endowment fund
- In 2005, VCRI referred and placed over 10,000 volunteers and has over 4,000 volunteers registered on [www.vcri.org](http://www.vcri.org) continually searching for volunteering opportunities
- Manages a comprehensive Web site with nearly 1,000 unique opportunities sponsored by over 500 RI nonprofit organizations. The site is free for volunteers to search for ways to make a difference and free for nonprofits to post their volunteer needs.
- VCRI efforts helped increase the rate of volunteering in Rhode Island by 21% from 2002-2005
- Future goals include building a 211 phone system for disaster response and continuing to help connect volunteers to opportunities through out Rhode Island
- VCRI is Rhode Island's number one resource for all things volunteering

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