

# Volunteers are a great value

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How do you determine the value of a volunteer? The State currently places a value of \$22.63 per hour when you are seeking grants, and yet we all know that a volunteer's dedication and hard work is priceless. What if we had to pay for all of the hours that these volunteers worked? Could you imagine the cost to the community? To the taxpayers?

Main Street Gettysburg (MSG) has many talented volunteers that invest countless hours of time, talent and personal funds in many roles. MSG has been recognized in the past by the Pennsylvania Downtown Center as one of the top Main Streets in the state for the number of volunteer hours documented on quarterly reports.

We would like to acknowledge and thank a few of our volunteers and will start with our very own MSG team member, Cindy King. Cindy, a retired speech therapist and special education teacher from New Jersey, dedicates at least three days a week towards MSG and Steinwehr BID projects and administration. When Pat Rucker, Office Manager, retired in February, Cindy volunteered full time until Pat's replacement was hired. Cindy brings a wide spectrum of skills, enthusiasm and knowledge about Gettysburg's history to the office. We thank Cindy for her dedication and invaluable contribution to MSG and the community.

A round of applause and much gratitude to Susan Naugle and the "From the Ground Up" team that forms on Monday mornings to clean up the downtown streets of Gettysburg. Without you, our town would not be as attractive to us as residents or to the visitors that come in droves this time of year. Through the heat of the summer, the "From the Ground Up" team will be out each Monday morning at 8 a.m. to pick up trash and debris left over from the weekend. We thank the "From the Ground Up" team for their support of the Borough of Gettysburg and creating a clean environment.

Our Board of Directors is another set of volunteers we want to recognize for their leadership and commitment to Main Street Gettysburg. The board, comprised of 18 distinguished and well-regarded leaders in the community, meet monthly and devote their valuable time as advisors for MSG and the Borough. Board meetings, committee meetings, fundraising efforts and general support of MSG add up, and we thank our board members for their time, continued support and guidance.

There are many a committee member we need to thank and would love to name them individually, but the list grows daily and we have limited space, so we will thank them in a group fashion! The Baltimore Street Committee alone is up to 20 volunteers and growing. Thank you to all of the community committee members of the Steinwehr BID, Baltimore Street Revitalization Project, and Communications Committee. These committees, that are formed to create positive results in the town of Gettysburg, are diverse and well rounded. They include business owners, property owners,

community leaders and residents that supply a wealth of knowledge and community perspective to the goals of the Borough and MSG. Everything that MSG does begins with the question, "What is best for the community?" To truly determine this, we must engage and listen to as many community members as possible. Thank you.

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