

Hands On Orlando

BACKGROUNDER

Hands On Orlando is a non-profit organization that solves community problems by empowering people to make a difference.

HOO identifies, plans, manages and leads high quality volunteer projects that are open to the general public.



We've served more than 115,000 volunteers, who have learned about community issues while they've helped others. Tens of thousands of people, who need help and over 250 non-profit agencies, public schools and parks, are direct beneficiaries. None of our projects support Hands On Orlando.

HOO is not a referral service. Our managed projects typically last for about three hours and no skills are required to participate; just bring a smile and desire to make a difference.

Projects don't involve fundraising, administrative work or a long-term time commitment. Youth participation is encouraged on every project.

Volunteers paint gymnasiums that help inner-city children, sort tons of food to ease hunger, fix and beautify playgrounds, build reading gardens, comfort the elderly, help at-risk girls and boys break their cycle-of-poverty, by

helping them learn to read, and so much more.

People can sign up for calendar volunteer projects by visiting handsonorlando.com.

HOO projects are led by a diverse group of super volunteers called Project Coordinators; people we recruit, train and support. So, in addition to serving volunteers, people in-need and non-profit organizations, we nurture and support community leaders.

From the perspective of non-profit partner agencies, HOO reduces their operating and capital costs and causes them to become better known by more caring people, so they can attract additional support. When HOO uses its tools, even more projects are possible and recipient agencies save even more money.

Most of our volunteers are young professionals, college and high school students, Baby Boomer families and employees of local and national corporations who seek to team-build by generating associate and community goodwill. HOO has served volunteers from all 50 states and more than 40 countries.

Hands On Orlando is also a leader when disasters strike in the Central Florida region. Put to the test, HOO recruited over 8000 hurricane heroes who volunteered more than 40,000 hours on 500 projects in the aftermath of hurricanes Charlie, Frances and Jeanne. HOO also ran Orange County's official disaster Volunteer Center.



Why is Hands On Orlando here? There needs to be a civic engine that has the ideas, passion and energy required to rally the Central Florida community to help itself.

HOO's work is extremely challenging; lead diverse projects, stay in contact with hundreds of non-profit agencies and thousands of volunteers, all while helping people in need of some helping hands.

Hands On Orlando is funded 100% by donations. Most volunteers and companies believe they help us when they volunteer. In reality, HOO serves volunteers and non-profit organizations.

Founded in 1999, HOO is an affiliate of Hands On Network, an innovative alliance of volunteer organizations, located at 199 E. Welborne Avenue, Suite 201, Winter Park, FL 32789. You can reach Hands On Orlando by calling 407.740.8652. HOO is here to serve you!

