



# VOLUNTEER VOICES FEB 2026

It's a quiet time of the year for volunteering, but we have not forgotten about you! While March through October are full of events, November through February give everyone time to breathe, see family and friends, regroup, and get ready for the excitement the warmer months bring. In preparation for the busy season, please review your [VicNet profile](#) to make sure your skills, interests, and availability are up to date so that you get the right opportunities for you!

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## Service Anniversaries

Thank you for spending all these years with Nine PBS!

13 Years - Tim Rank  
12 Years - Nancy Suelflow  
11 Years - Nancy Reed  
6 Years - Linda Lewis  
4 Years - Diane Tinucci  
3 Years - Grace Ignatova  
2 Years - Cloris King, CJ Kutzgar, Martha Weiss  
1 Year - Shanetta Windom, Jackson Dalton

Welcome to Tammy Steffens!

## Volunteer Projects in January

- Phoebe & Jay premiere screening
- Drawn In Spanish translation feedback session
- State of the Station event
- Tour guide training
- Year-end thank-you cards
- Major gift support

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## Nuggets of Information

- Nine PBS is #1 per capita for the most-watched PBS station in the country in 2025! Besides a single quarter in 2024, we have been #1 for the past six years.
- Nine PBS celebrates Black History Month with content for everyone! [ninepbs.org/blogs/history/nine-pbs-celebrates-black-history/](https://ninepbs.org/blogs/history/nine-pbs-celebrates-black-history/)
- Help us hype Antiques Roadshow! If you attended or volunteered and want to share a good story or quip, please email [cindyla@ninepbs.org](mailto:cindyla@ninepbs.org).
- The U.S. is building a national strategy to transform volunteering, and your voice matters. I encourage you to take the survey here: [publicinput.com/reimagining-service-2035](https://publicinput.com/reimagining-service-2035)

## Impact

The end of the calendar year is also known as the season of giving, and the St. Louis region stepped up for public media in 2025. While other PBS stations conducted emergency fundraisers or laid off staff out of necessity, Nine PBS chose not to do either of those; instead, we doubled down on making sure that everyone knows we're still here! We're a strong station because of community supporters, including viewers like you.

Around 980 gifts via paper check came into the station while most staff were on holiday break and were manually processed equaling **more than \$1 million** in less than two weeks! This number does not include online donations or donations of stocks!

Volunteers began thank-you cards in December, helping us share our appreciation with the community and returning their kindness. Nine PBS members are part of our family, and you are vital to building and sustaining the relationships we have with members. The Individual Giving Team thanks **you** for your time and generosity!

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## Value of Volunteer Time in January

# \$5,366.87

Being able to calculate the value of your time is essential to our grant-writing process! Having an accurate number shows how involved our community (which includes you!) is with Nine PBS, which leads to better support.

NOTE: When recording your time in [VicNet](#), we recommend including travel time as it more accurately reflects how much of your free time you are giving to Nine PBS.

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## VicNet Support

I'm holding "office hours" for VicNet assistance on Wednesday, **February 18**, at Nine PBS (3655 Olive Street) in the AB Room from 9 am until noon. If you need help updating your profile in preparation for the series of volunteer opportunities later this year, or anything else in VicNet, please email [cindyla@ninepbs.org](mailto:cindyla@ninepbs.org) to let me know if you plan to be there!

We'll have light refreshments, and you're also welcome to mingle and/or assist other volunteers present.

## Code Of Conduct Reminders

Thank you for signing the Code of Conduct when you became a volunteer. It's a good time to recommit to the following.

- **Respect towards everyone**
- **No discrimination**
- **No bullying**
- **No verbal harassment**
- **No malicious gossip, rumors, or other behavior designed to create discord**
- **No behavior that endangers the trust that the community has in Nine PBS. Nine PBS is non-partisan, and we frequently have community members in our building**

Let's make Nine PBS a welcoming place for all.

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*"Integrity is telling the truth to ourselves. And honesty is telling the truth to other people." — Spencer Johnson*

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