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Like-minded people serve as volunteers

I was saddened to read in "Civil service falling short" (April 21) that people in New Jersey are volunteering less and less.

I am an active volunteer with my local animal shelter, church and any other organization that needs my help. I've heard many reasons why people don't volunteer: no time, the cost, or they don't know where to look. Volunteering is a great way to get out and meet people and learn about one's community. It doesn't take a lot of time and the costs are minimal to none. It takes only a couple hours a month to make a difference. This past weekend, I was able to help out with a 5K run to support Allies Inc. I also helped out at my local animal shelter. I've been doing this for several years and I have learned a lot about my community, have met a lot of great people and have made many new friends.

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