

## **Fun ways to Recognize Volunteers w/inexpensive items**

- Group a few of the following inexpensive items in a baggie with a label or card with what they each represent to create a Volunteer Care Kit (Volunteer Survival Kit or Volunteer Spirit Kit)
- Items in **bold** would work on their own as a recognition or thank you. Accompany with a card.

Item	Saying(s)
<b>100 Grand candy</b>	You're worth 100 Grand, thanks for lending us a hand
AlkaSeltzer or <b>soda</b>	Thanks for adding add fizz to our group
Almond Joy	Because sometimes you feel like a nut
Balloon (non latex)	May you expand and grow as you serve
Band-Aid	For when things are a little rough To guard against "ouchy" comments To remind us to be sensitive to the feelings of others To remind you to heal hurt feelings
Bath Salts	"To take you away" You deserve a quiet break
Book of Matches	no-one matches your volunteer contributions
<b>Candle</b>	To light your way No-one can hold a candle to you To make your day brighter Thanks for lighting up our day in your own special way
<b>Candy Cane</b>	You are so sweet
<b>Candy Egg</b>	You're a good egg, thanks for all you do
<b>Candy Kisses/Hugs</b>	For when you need a little TLC Everyone needs a kiss or a hug every day A reminder of how special you are to me (or to our team)
Chewing Gum	To remind you to stick to it
Confetti	To remind you to celebrate even the smallest successes
Cotton Ball	To remind you of the softness of the human heart
Crayon	To color your day bright and cheerful
<b>Crunch candy bar</b>	Thanks for getting us out of a Crunch Without you we'd be in a Crunch Thanks for helping us through the Crunch
<b>Donut holes</b>	Thank you a 'hole' lot
Ear Plugs	When you just can't take it anymore
Eraser	To remind you that everyone makes mistakes, and it's okay
<b>Extra gum</b>	Thanks for going the Extra mile with a smile
<b>Gold coin candy</b>	You're worth your weight in gold You're as good as gold Our volunteers are a treasure
<b>Graham bears</b>	Our thanks 'bears' repeating
<b>Gum</b>	Thanks for sticking with us and making such a difference Stick with it
<b>Highlighter</b>	You highlight our day You're a highlight to girls
Kit Kat	For when you need a break
Kite String	You can soar to whatever heights you choose
<b>Kite</b>	Thanks to you girls are soaring Our team is soaring to new heights thanks to you

<b>Jewel</b>	Because you are so precious Our volunteers are a treasure Because you are valued
<b>Jolly Ranchers</b>	Thank you Jolly good volunteers
<b>Key chain</b>	You are the key to our success
<b>Lifesavers</b>	To help you save the day You're a real Lifesaver We appreciate you a 'hole' lot
<b>M &amp; M's (you are..)</b>	Magnificent and Marvelous Mamas and Mind readers Masterful and Merciful Meticulous and Mighty Mentors and Managers Motivators and Magicians Magnetic and Majestic (you make..) Miracles and Memories You are the candy-coated shell that covers the milk chocolate of giving. You place kindness in girls hands and melt it into their hearts and lives forever.
Marbles	To replace the ones you've lost In case someone thinks you've lost all yours
<b>Mints</b>	Volunteers are worth a mint Thanks! You're a mint Thanks for your commit'mint' Thanks for your involve'mint' I 'mint' to say thank you, but I knew you would understand I 'mint' to send you flowers, but they cost so much you know
<b>Mirror</b>	To look at a very special person
<b>Mounds candy bar</b>	You have helped us Mounds Thanks for the Mounds of time you've given Girl Scouts (or girls)
<b>Nuts</b>	We'd go nuts without you, thanks for all you do We're nuts for our volunteers
Paper clip	To hold it all together To keep you organized
<b>PayDay candy bar</b>	You deserve a PayDay
<b>Pencil or pen</b>	You have the 'write' stuff
Penny	For luck on a rainy day
Piece of rope	For when you are at the end of yours
Post it notes	Your help is dearly noted To keep communication flowing
<b>Puzzle piece</b>	Without you we wouldn't be complete Thanks for putting all the pieces together
Quarter	To call for help and to remind you that you are not alone
<b>Raisins</b>	Thanks for 'raisin' us to a new level through your volunteering Thanks for the fund'raisin'
<b>Rock Candy</b>	You rock! Thanks!
Rubber band	To remind you to be flexible For stretching your limits/patience/flexibility/endurance Stretch your abilities to experience new opportunities You've banded us together
Safety pin	For holding things together

<b>Seed packet</b>	Thanks for helping girls to grow
<b>Smarties</b>	You're such a smartie. Thanks for your great ideas
<b>Snickers bar</b>	Find time to Snicker at life A Snicker for all the good times To keep you laughing
<b>Starbursts</b>	You're a star and we are bursting with gratitude for you For that extra burst of energy
String	To tie it together when things fall apart
<b>Suckers</b>	We're a sucker for volunteers like you Thanks for your help in licking challenges
<b>Taffy</b>	We're not pulling your leg – we really appreciate you
<b>Tape measure/ruler</b>	You measure up as a fantastic volunteer You are immeasurable
Tea bag	To remind you to relax daily and count your blessings
<b>Tic Tacs or certs</b>	You're a breath of fresh air Your ideas (commitment) take my breath away
Tissues	To wipe away the tears
Toothpick	To remind you to pick out the good qualities in others To prop your eyes open during a meeting
<b>Tootsie rolls</b>	Thanks for keeping us on a roll
<b>Twix candy bar</b>	This is no Twix or Treat-you're the best

### SAYING THANK YOU WITH DIE CUTS/CLIP ART

You can use your imagination with the following: Put image and saying on a card or perhaps on a small inexpensive wood or cardboard box (available at craft stores) and fill with treats or have a few other volunteers write affirmations for the individual and include those in the box.

ANGEL:	"You are an angel. Thank you for volunteering"
APPLE:	"You are the apple of our eye"
AWARD:	#1 Mentor/Volunteer
BOOKMARK:	"You leave a mark on a girl's life"
CAMERA:	"Picture this...You are the greatest mentor/volunteer"
CRAYON:	"You have colored the day happy for _____"
FLOWER:	"Thanks for making _____ bloom"
FOOTPRINT:	"You have made your footprint (mark) in the heart of a girl"
FROG:	"Because of you, _____'s progress is hopping along"
HAND:	"Thanks for giving us a hand"
HEART:	"Thank you from the bottom of our heart"
KEY:	"You are a key part of our team"
LETTER M:	"Magnificent Mentor"
PUZZLE PIECE:	"You are the missing piece"
SMALL BOX:	"You're a treasure" (fill with candy)
STAR:	"You are a super star"
SUN:	"You light up our team"
TEDDY BEAR:	"A bear hug for your work with _____"
TENNIS SHOE:	"You've walked the extra mile"