

Ways to Appreciate Volunteer Tutors



Never assume that a volunteer knows that they are appreciated. Volunteers who do not receive frequent feedback and recognition may begin to wonder if anyone cares and if what they are doing really matters. Volunteers don't expect you to spend a lot of time or money, but they do expect to be greeted with enthusiasm, treated with respect, to be provided with the tools that they need to do their job, and every now and then

someone to say thank you to them!

Easy ways to say thank you to the volunteer tutors:

- Photos of student-tutor pairs with frames made by the students
- A large thank you banner with all of the volunteer names listed
- Hand-written notes of thanks from each student
- As a treat, occasionally serve popcorn to all the volunteer tutors
- Photos of volunteers up in a prominent place around the campus at Rhodes
- Put some Hershey's "hugs" and "Kisses" in a bag with some bright ribbon around it and a thank you message inside the bag
- Using student artwork and make each volunteer a thank you card or placemat
- Public praise----arrange for a photo of your volunteers to appear in your college newspaper or in the Appeal section of *The Commercial Appeal*
- Make a suggestion box and place it in the tutoring room so that your volunteers know that you value their suggestions and opinions.
- **ECards**—Sending cards to volunteers via the internet takes no more time than sending real cards, but costs you nothing.
- Be sure to include information about the volunteer tutors on the Rhodes website or even design a webpage to salute the volunteers
- Occasionally have a small bowl of candy next to the sign-in book or computer to welcome volunteers