#### NGO AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

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# EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Creating meaningful partnerships takes extra time, effort and communication

### POSSIBLE PARTNERS IN LOCAL COMMUNITY

#### **SCHOOLS**

Direct connection to a broad diverse group of youth

Teachers, staff are natural allies- they know how to match student families with appropriate volunteer opportunities

Minus – school has different time frame, rigorous standards, may not have mutual goals

### POSSIBLE PARTNERS IN LOCAL COMMUNITY

# NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS/ASSOCIATIONS/COMMUNITY GROUPS

Committed to improve neighborhood

May be it is challenging to find
project/opportunities within their neighborhood,
desired service area

### POSSIBLE PARTNERS IN LOCAL COMMUNITY

FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS
Group dynamic motivation availability.
Volunteers will be likely be committed
Some organizations could have religious restrictions

## PARTNERSHIP ANALYSIS

and in what capacity

Assess your needs Be clear about expectations Define exactly what you want to accomplish Develop a strategy for measuring the results Thank about the role the volunteers will play Determine how many volunteers you need

# PARTNERSHIP ANALYSIS

## Identify potential partners

Review the possible partners and select 2-3 partners

Research and become familiar with each prospective partner

## PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION

#### APPROACH YOUR POTENTIAL PARTNERS

Identify a key contact( volunteer coordinator,)

Make an initial call introduction letter

Be prepared to talk about how the partnership will benefit everyone

Be open to suggestions and compromises

## PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION

#### COMMUNICATE

Good frequent communication, share results, allow time for reflection

SUSTAIN THE RELATIONSHIP

Find ways that are meaningful to thank and recognize your partners.

# PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION

#### SHARE RESULTS

Identify strategies for improving the relationship

END THE RELATIONSHIP IF NOT SUCCESSFUL Don't burn bridges



