



# Spotlights

## Tennessee Serves Network

Volunteer Tennessee connects volunteers through the Tennessee Serves Network, a statewide collaboration of volunteer centers dedicated to connecting people and civic engagement opportunities using an online volunteer portal.



This initiative was extremely helpful in coordinating volunteer activities during the Hurricane Helene response. Learn more at [tn.gov/volunteer-tennessee/volunteer](https://tn.gov/volunteer-tennessee/volunteer).

Participating counties are:

- Anderson
- Bedford
- Benton
- Blount
- Bradley
- Campbell
- Cannon
- Carroll
- Carter
- Cheatham
- Chester
- Claiborne
- Coffee
- Crockett
- Cumberland
- Davidson
- Decatur
- Dickson
- Dyer
- Fayette
- Fentress
- Franklin
- Gibson
- Grainger
- Greene
- Grundy
- Hamblen
- Hamilton
- Hardeman
- Hardin
- Hawkins
- Haywood
- Henderson
- Henry
- Houston
- Humphreys
- Jefferson
- Johnson
- Knox
- Lake
- Lauderdale
- Lawrence
- Lincoln
- Loudon
- Madison
- Marion
- Marshall
- McNairy
- Monroe
- Montgomery
- Morgan
- Overton
- Perry
- Pickett
- Polk
- Putnam
- Roane
- Robertson
- Rutherford
- Scott
- Sevier
- Shelby
- Stewart
- Sullivan
- Sumner
- Tipton
- Trousdale
- Unicoi
- Union
- Van Buren
- Warren
- Washington
- Weakley
- White
- Williamson
- Wilson

## Community Emergency Response Teams

Volunteer Tennessee provides administrative support and acts as a liaison to FEMA for locally led CERT programs in Tennessee. CERT training teaches people about emergencies and disaster preparedness for themselves, their families, their neighbors, and their local communities. Thanks to Volunteer Tennessee, there are currently 40 CERT Teams in the state.



This initiative was extremely helpful in an efficient and effective response to Hurricane Helene. See the full list of CERT Teams and learn more at [tn.gov/volunteer-tennessee/our-initiatives/disaster-services](https://tn.gov/volunteer-tennessee/our-initiatives/disaster-services).

## 2023-24 Award of Excellence in Schools

Volunteer Tennessee designed this initiative to recognize schools for their outstanding work in community service, service-learning, and volunteerism. The purpose is to promote youth engagement in improving their local communities.

For a list of this year's winners and more information about the initiative, please visit our website at [tn.gov/volunteer-tennessee/our-initiatives/awardofexcellence-for-schools](https://tn.gov/volunteer-tennessee/our-initiatives/awardofexcellence-for-schools).

