

2014 President's *Volunteer Service Award*

Please join us in congratulating this year's recipients of the new President's Volunteer Service Award, given to individuals who have served over 4,000 volunteer hours. During a recent Board of County Commissioners meeting two Heritage Village volunteers were honored with this prestigious award, receiving a personal letter from President Obama, a certificate and a pin.



L to R: Peggy Rowe, Director of Human Resources
Volunteer Cathy Blackburn
Pinellas County Commission Chair John Morroni

Cathy Blackburn reached a milestone of 4,852 volunteer hours. Since 2004, Cathy has served in a variety of volunteer roles including: Pinellas County Historical Society treasurer, PCHS 2nd Vice President, PCHS membership chair, and gift shop salesperson. Cathy also assists as a greeter for school groups and visitors.



L to R: Peggy Rowe, Director of Human Resources
Volunteer Richard Samay
Pinellas County Commission Chair John Morroni

Starting in 2011, **Richard Samay** reached over 5,000 volunteer hours this year. Richard is a lead volunteer on the maintenance team who brings years of experience in wood working and skilled craftsmanship to his work here at the Village. His knowledge and organizational skills assist every day with the care and restoration of our 31 historic structures.

Congratulations to Cathy and Richard!



Members of Tata Consultancy and their families strike a pose in front of the Heritage Village firehouse after a day of volunteering.

Tata Consultancy Services Limited (TCS) is the largest India based IT services company. At TCS, sustainability is seen as a state of being in balance between Corporate Economic Responsibility and Corporate Social Responsibility.

Beginning in 2012, the organization has donated over 200 volunteer hours to Heritage Village, helping with important curatorial caretaking projects. These include applying finish to the exhibit space at the McKay Creek Boat Shop and detailing the interiors of the Union Academy, Harris School and Walsingham House. They have also helped with preparations for special events and holiday decorating.

Corporate volunteering at Heritage Village builds awareness of local history activities and gives members the opportunity to share cultural heritage and foster corporate and social responsibility - a tradition at Tata Consultancy Services. Tata volunteers enjoy gathering their friends, family and co-workers to bring smiles, beauty and historic preservation to Heritage Village.

The "Caretaker" volunteer position is now open for recruitment. Work with staff to learn museum procedures for the care and upkeep of historic houses, artifacts and collections. Volunteer caretakers use historical preservation techniques and provide detailed attention to artifacts, interior spaces and entranceways. Be a part of the Heritage Village volunteer team!

Included on the Heritage Village 4,000 hour volunteer plaque from previous years are:

- Joyce Pickering, 2003
- Jay Dobkin, 2005
- Betty Sarine, 2005
- Hank Hardy, 2008
- Jane Doyle, 2010
- Rosemarie Kafer, 2011
- Alice Phillips, 2012
- Jody Stanley, 2012