

# Bucket of Thanks

## A Kit to Acknowledge and Inspire Your Organization's Champions

**The sample gift you have been given can be used to acknowledge the champions around you! Create one of your own, or use the ideas individually, to give to a volunteer, board or staff member, or just someone whom you would simply like to thank or say “You’re important!”**

### **It’s easy! Here are the instructions: Each kit includes the following....**

- Write It!** Use the attached websites or examples to find Inspirational, motivational or thank-you quotes. Look for additional quotes from additional websites, books and calendars. Enclosed are samples to inspire you such as “Amazed. Inspired. Grateful. That’s how your \_\_\_\_ (generosity, donation, effort, etc.) makes me feel.”
- Do It!** Public acknowledgement or rewards-make it meaningful. Good examples could be, honoring your volunteer, giving a token of appreciation or create a coupon (“This coupon is good for a \_\_\_\_ to thank you for \_\_\_\_”). Know what is important to your champion.
- Say It!** Make it personal. Each statement should acknowledge Acts of Service (thank you for your work on the event), Verbal Affirmations (I appreciate your time), or You were Heard thoughts (I appreciate your advice on how to improve our office systems).

### **What you will need:**

- Box(es) of business cards:** Statements are printed on standard business cards (2”x3.5”). These can be purchased at office supply stores. We used white, matt finished Avery Inkjet Business Cards – 10 cards to a page.
- Stickers (sealing and puffy):** Used to seal the cellophane bags and to add a special touch to your cards. Can be themed or simple – it’s up to you. Can be purchased at a craft/office, party good and discount stores or ordered online.
- Cellophane bags:** Used to bundle and present the cards. Bags can be purchased at craft/party good, discount stores or online.
- Craft scissors:** Used to create special edges - add personalization to your cards by cutting different edges to enhance their appearance. Can be purchased at craft stores and sewing shops.

### **Putting It All Together:**

- Print quotes on cards
- Cut with craft scissors, if desired
- Attach puffy or decorative stickers to the cards
- Bundle all cards in cellophane bag
- Fold and seal the bag with additional sticker
- Give as an appreciation to the people helping your organization!

**Nothing we achieve in this world is achieved alone.  
It is always achieved with others teaching us along the way.**

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## **Sample Quotes to Inspire, Motivate, Thank and Engage the Champions in your Life!**

“Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer.”-- Author Unknown

“Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.” -- Erma Bombeck

“I can no other answer make, but, thanks, and thanks.” -- William Shakespeare

“Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.” -- Sherry Anderson

“It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference.” -- Tom Brokaw

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”-- Elizabeth Andrew

“If you can dream it, you can do it.”-- Walt Disney

“If you don't know where you are going, you'll end up someplace else.” -- Yogi Berra

“Don't bunt. Aim out of the ballpark.” -- David Ogilvy

“Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.” -- Thomas Jefferson

“Success always comes when preparation meets opportunity.” -- Henry Hartman

“Let your dreams outgrow the shoes of your expectations.” -- Ryunosuke Satoro

“A bird doesn't sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song.” -- Maya Angelou

“Reach high, for stars lie hidden in your soul. Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal.” -- Pamela Vaull Starr

“Leadership is about empathy. It is about having the ability to relate and to connect with people for the purpose of inspiring and empowering their lives.” - Oprah

“Opportunity dances with those who are already on the dance floor.” - H. Jackson Brown

“We should be too big to take offense and too noble to give it.” -- Abraham Lincoln