

Best Practices For Posting Needs

Help

Remember that from your dashboard you can click “Post Needs for Volunteers/Goods” and click the blue “help” button to easily access the video tutorial on posting needs.

- Choose a category and subcategory that best fits the need you are posting.
- Enter the ZIP code of where the volunteer will be serving or delivering goods.



Search Offers

I Want to Help a:

By Providing:

Category:

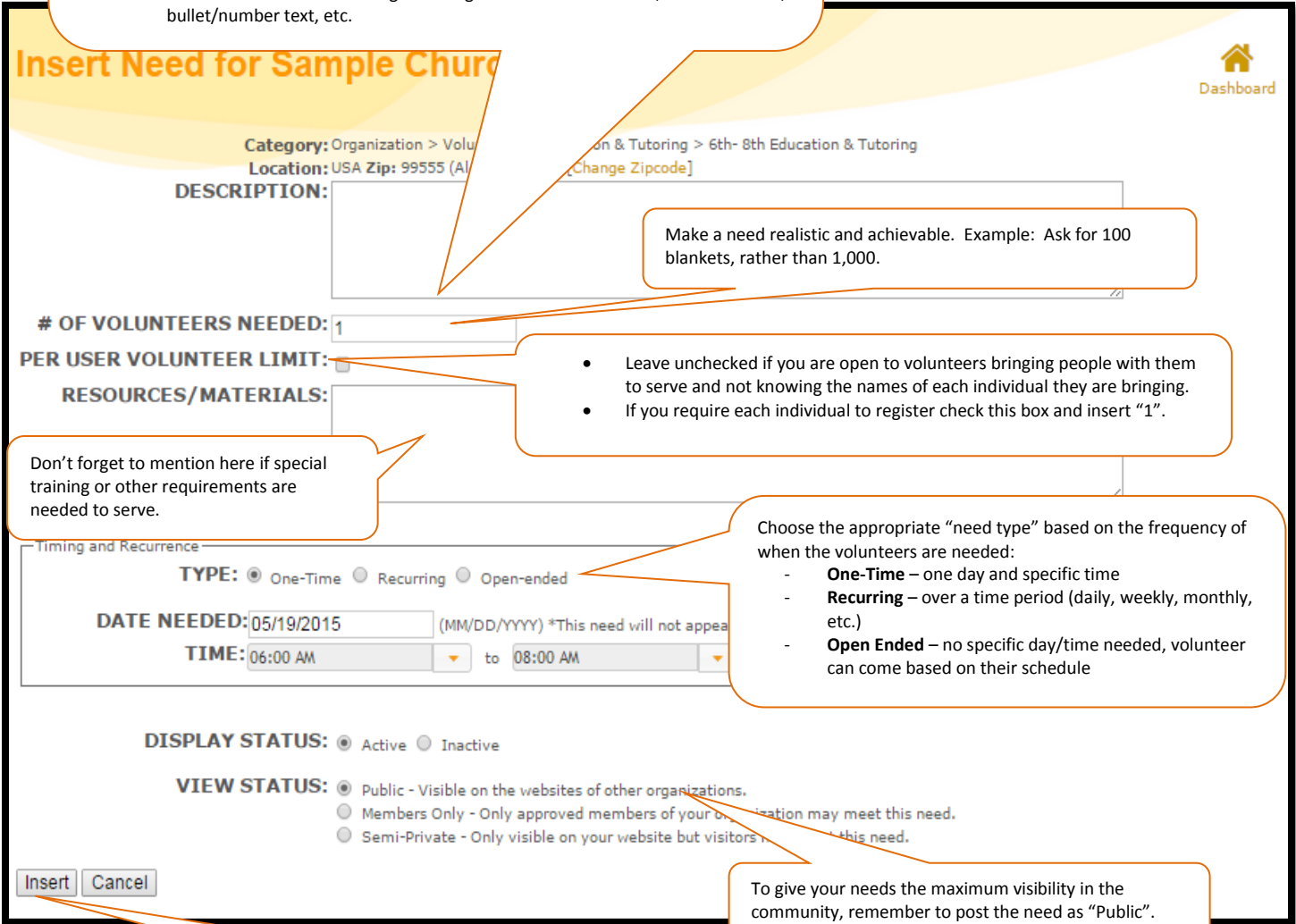
Sub-Category:

Country:

Zip Code: Distance:

SUBMIT

- Keep it simple and to the point. Be clear about the specific job or task.
- If the address of the serving opportunity or the contact person is different than your organization bio include it here.
- You do not need to describe your organization here – this is included in your bio.
- You can easily create a hyperlink to a web page by simply including the full “http” address (The link will say “Click Here”).
- When posting Family Needs don’t include the family’s contact information. This ensures the safety and privacy of the family in need.
- You can use basic html coding to change the color of text fonts, make text bold, bullet/number text, etc.



Insert Need for Sample Church

Category: Organization > Vol... > Education & Tutoring > 6th- 8th Education & Tutoring

Location: USA Zip: 99555 (Al... [Change Zipcode])

DESCRIPTION:

OF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

PER USER VOLUNTEER LIMIT:

RESOURCES/MATERIALS:

Timing and Recurrence

TYPE: One-Time Recurring Open-ended

DATE NEEDED: (MM/DD/YYYY) *This need will not appear

TIME: to

DISPLAY STATUS: Active Inactive

VIEW STATUS: Public - Visible on the websites of other organizations.
 Members Only - Only approved members of your organization may meet this need.
 Semi-Private - Only visible on your website but visitors may not see this need.

Make a need realistic and achievable. Example: Ask for 100 blankets, rather than 1,000.

- Leave unchecked if you are open to volunteers bringing people with them to serve and not knowing the names of each individual they are bringing.
- If you require each individual to register check this box and insert “1”.

Don’t forget to mention here if special training or other requirements are needed to serve.

- Choose the appropriate “need type” based on the frequency of when the volunteers are needed:
- **One-Time** – one day and specific time
 - **Recurring** – over a time period (daily, weekly, monthly, etc.)
 - **Open Ended** – no specific day/time needed, volunteer can come based on their schedule

To give your needs the maximum visibility in the community, remember to post the need as “Public”.

Before clicking “Insert” be sure to double-check for typos and the accuracy of the details and times of the need.