

Become a Volunteer

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- ▶ Virginia Voice, an independent, non-profit organization, provides an audio reading and information service for those who are unable to read printed material for themselves because of blindness, low vision or other disability. Our readings are broadcast by way of a special closed-circuit radio system. During the course of a week's broadcast we read from more than 100 publications. At least 100 volunteer readers are needed for the production of each week's programming. We also have an ongoing need for volunteers to assist in a number of other ways.

Thank you so much for
furnishing me with the Virginia
voice. It means so much to
hear what I can't see.

God bless all you wonderful
volunteers.

- ▶ ***Readers (an audition is required)***: We are dependent on volunteers for all the reading. “Live” reading is done by a team of two readers, alternating articles. Recorded readings are done in individual studios with the volunteer reader operating the recording computer. The recording process is not difficult and the only computer skill absolutely required is the ability to use a mouse. Staff is always available for training and assistance. Volunteer readers may commit to a specified amount of time each week or month, or may prefer to be “on-call” as needed. **Our greatest need at the moment is for readers available on Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons to read the Richmond Times-Dispatch LIVE on air.** For more information, see [Volunteer Reader FAQ](#).

Your readers give him
News - "the printed word" -
which he has missed so
much - for he has always
loved to read.

I am most grateful for
your service.

- ▶ **Radio Deliverers:** Volunteer radio deliverers are the first, sometimes the only, face-to-face contact our listeners have with Virginia Voice. Deliverers need to be “people persons.”
- ▶ **Board Operators:** These volunteers need to have computer experience, a good broadcast voice and technical aptitude. Board Operators are occasionally needed on a weekday evening or a Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon. Responsibilities may include handling a “live” broadcast as well as helping volunteers with the recording process and setting up the computer for overnight programming.
- ▶ **Production Assistants:** These volunteers assist with the creation of special recorded projects using the audio editing software Sound Forge and Windows XP.

- ▶ **Survey Assistants:** If you like talking to people over the phone, this is a wonderful opportunity for you. We do a telephone survey annually to see whether we're serving our listeners the best way possible. There is an ongoing need for survey volunteers.
- ▶ **Special Events:** Volunteers are necessary in the setting up of special events, such as our annual volunteer recognition party.
- ▶ **Spokespersons:** We often participate in "Health Fairs" at various locations in the area. We need volunteers to "man" a table, providing information and answering questions about the Voice. Orientation and training are provided.
- ▶ **Interviewers:** Do you have professional experience in broadcast interviewing? There's room for you as we expand our [special programs](#).

- ▶ ***Office Assistants:*** We occasionally require help in the office with preparation of mass mailings.

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