Creative Ways to Recognize Volunteers

Let your volunteers know that they have your appreciation and support by giving them small gifts with attached notes. Use the following examples or come up with your own individualized ideas.

What a great idea!
Bright idea! Note stuck to a Christmas bulb

A Cracker Jack idea...
Box of Cracker Jacks

Your ideas are so exciting I could just pop...
A balloon

Thanks for raisin' the tough questions!
Mini-boxes of raisins

Your great work has me wreathed in smiles!
Small grapevine wreath

Sorry - I didn't mean to hurt your feelings.
A note with a band-aid attached

No one holds a candle to you!
Scented votive candle or pack of birthday candles

You are a LIFESAVER!
Candy with a note

You're the apple of my eye!
Real or artificial apple - maybe tied with a bow

What an angel! Here's your halo...
Two silver pipe cleaners twisted together

Your vision is our guiding light!
Mini-flashlight

You have given our project the sweet smell of success!
Potpourri or sachet packet

Original art and design by Jane Vincent
Your presentation was right to the point...
Box of tacks or push-pins

Thanks! you've energized us!
Package of batteries

By any measure, you are a leader!
Tape measure or ruler

"Prescription" pep pills for tough jobs, cheer-up pills, etc....
M&M's in old medicine bottles

Thanks for your hard work... I know it has been a headache!
Small aspirin or tylenol packet

I'll help you see this project through...
Goofy-joke glasses

I know you're feeling snowed under right now.
Inexpensive snow-globes

Don't worry... it will be fine.
OR
You're a doll!
Box of worry dolls

Many motivated and marvelous volunteers!
Marvelous and Motivated

You take the cake!
Cupcakes for a committee

Thanks for working your buns off!
Hot-Cross buns or cinnamon rolls for a committee meeting

More "thankful" ideas...

A toast to a job well done!
Plastic wine glass filled with jelly beans

Let me know when I can come out...
Construction paper doghouse

A noteworthy accomplishment!
Memo or note pads

Let's celebrate!
Party whistles

You are "berry" special!
Box of fresh berries or berry jam

Thanks to you, we'll soon have this project wrapped up!
Pretty wrapping paper and bows

Hugs and kisses...
Hershey's chocolate kiss

I'll stick with you...
Stick of gum

Thanks for sharing your creative juices...
Boxes of juice for committee members

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