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Thank You's to Volunteers

Attach a strip of magnetic tape to the back of a small box of raisins and attach a small note "Thanks for raisin' all those funds!"

Wrap votive candles in cellophane and tie them with ribbon, attaching a note stating "You light up the lives of so many!" and "You lighten our load by volunteering."

Involve young children in creating "Thank You Posters," using posterboard and crayons/markers. These hand-drawn posters can be given to donors, businesses, and others partners to hang in the lobby or entrances of their offices or buildings.

Involve youth in painting terra-cotta pots to give to volunteers. On the rim of the pot, paint "Thank you for helping us grow." Inside, place packets of flower seeds and a certificate. Tie a few strings of raffia around the top and have them present the pots to the volunteers!

Take a yellow work glove and stuff it full (to the fingertips!) with fiberfill, then tie it closed with ribbon around the wristband. On the palm side of the glove, paint (crafts paint) a variety of shapes on each finger and thumb (heart, star, 4-leaf clover, along with small dabs of paint (in a variety of colors). In the palm, paint in big letters "Thank you!" and surround it with more small dabs of paint. Then, attach a note to the ribbon that says, "Give Yourself A Hand!"

To a small container of Play-Doh, attach a label that says "Thank you for making a commitment to shape the future of our youth/program/organization!" Put a sticker of your organization on the lid!

Tape/staple or somehow attach a small plastic toy dinosaur to a round circle of colored construction paper, on which is printed "Dinomite job! Thank you for all you do!"

Tie a note to a pair of sunglasses with colorful ribbon - on the note, print a special message to include the person's first name, followed by "Thank you for all your work as Committee Chair/Leader. Your leadership and energy have helped to make our organization/program so bright we gotta wear shades!"