



PREMIER IN THE COMMUNITY

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WORLD CHARITY DAY – SEPTEMBER 5TH

Poverty persists in all countries of the world, regardless of their economic, social and cultural situation, particularly in developing countries. In recognition of the role of charity in alleviating humanitarian crises and human suffering within and among nations, as well as of the efforts of charitable organizations and individuals, including the work of Mother Teresa, the General Assembly of the United Nations in its [resolution A/RES/67/105](#) designated the 5th of September, the anniversary of the death of Mother Teresa, as the International Day of Charity.

On this International Day of Charity, the United Nations invites all Member States and all international and regional organizations, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations and individuals, to commemorate the Day in an appropriate manner, by encouraging charity, including through education and public awareness-raising activities.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT – JAIME MORALES

Our community service employee spotlight this month is Jaime Morales from our Provider Services department. Jaime volunteers by helping children, mainly kindergarten to 5th grade, and in particular from migrant families. He helps people who speak English as a second language to develop their language skills. In the summer, he is involved with day camps coaching sports to children. During the school year, he visits on weekends to help them with their school assignments.

Jaime got involved through the Florida Migrant Education Program, a state-level Department of Education organization (<http://www.flrecruiter.org/>) that works with the Florida Identification and Recruitment Office to help people get accurate information regarding programs and to find work, education, and medical attention. They reach out to migrants and agricultural employers to let them know what's available and how MEP can help. Jaime is currently working on further certifications that would allow him to become even more involved and make more of a contribution.



FOUR. IT'S A MAGIC NUMBER

Yes it is. At Premier, we encourage everyone to volunteer as many hours as fit into their schedule. Remember, every calendar year, Premier associates can get eight paid hours for giving eight hours to a charitable cause. You may submit your time-off request for four and four or all eight hours (so eight's a magic number too.) Refer to the policy and procedure on Volunteering for complete information.

Nationally, about one hundred hours a year is the average number of hours that volunteers in the United States tend to contribute, so one hundred's also pretty special. Good health benefits begin in the first hour of volunteering and grow with the number of hours contributed. Make it personal and make it something that engages you. Premier will add the benefit of paid time off to those of peace, happiness, and knowing you helped others. Magic.

ABOUT PREMIER EYE CARE

Premier's People, Planet, Profit triple bottom line means we are dedicated to helping the community. Contributions to 501(3)(c) charities since 2012 have topped \$400,000 and include diverse groups like the American Heart Assoc., the Drug Abuse Treatment Assoc., the Girl Scouts, Kenya Rescue, Tampa Crisis Center, Prevent Blindness, and more. Stay tuned for company-wide opportunities.



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