



MELANIE SMITH

OCCUPATION:

Volunteer Coordinator, Chandler Police Department

Volunteering has been a constant thread in Melanie's life. She reminisces about her grandparents, who took her to volunteer at their church when she was young, teaching by example. Her mother also encouraged her to be active and give back, and she did so through Girls Scouts, Key Club, as her sorority's philanthropy chair, and by volunteering at a homeless shelter.

"I love giving back to the community, feeling involved and helping others," she shares.

Melanie has been able to carve out a life of giving by finding her perfect job. Twelve years ago, she applied for the volunteer coordinator position at the Chandler Police Department—and she's been there ever since.

"One of the benefits of my job is that I get to work with several non-profits in our great city. This allows me to learn about and work within various aspects of the community just by doing my full-time job."—MG

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