

The Mission of the Oklahoma County SHINE program is to make central Oklahoma a better, safer and cleaner place to live by deploying volunteer and community service resources in an organized manner to provide services and save taxpayer dollars.

Making Oklahoma County SHINE!

SHINE stands for Start Helping Impacted Neighborhoods Everywhere, and is a program of Oklahoma County under the auspices of District Two Commissioner Brian Maughan. The program has two components.

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SHINE deploys crews of low-level offenders sentenced to community service. Under close supervision, those workers remove litter, paint over graffiti, cut brush and do other chores that help beautify and improve the quality of life in neighborhoods often threatened by trash and disorder.

Best of all, the work is done at NO cost to taxpayers, while relieving the Oklahoma County Jail's overcrowding problems – a double savings to the public. SHINE has reduced jail headcounts by some 80 per day, at an annual savings to the County of some \$1.5 million. In addition, SHINE crews perform work that would otherwise have to be done by paid city, county or school district employees, further increasing savings to the taxpayer.

SHINE for Students

In 2011, the SHINE concept was expanded to involve young people interested in volunteerism. The SHINE for Students program awards a certificate and a cord to be worn at graduation for any high school or college student who contributes at least 100 hours of volunteer community service to a wide range of organizations and causes.

Currently, several hundred Oklahoma County students are enrolled in SHINE for Students, donating their efforts to a myriad of community groups while they learn valuable lessons about the value of volunteering.

SHINE is a tremendous success story that has set a new standard for close public-private cooperation and the most efficient use of taxpayer dollars.