Corporate Citizenship
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Simply Serve
Employees receive 16 hours of paid volunteer time each year. The Global Day of Impact campaign kicks off every April, encouraging employees to team up and support causes they care about.

Service Officers
More than 70 Service Officers from around the world lead Corporate Citizenship programs in their local offices. They plan projects, recruit volunteers and provide employees with rewarding volunteer experiences. Highlighted throughout the brochure are seven Service Officers that were honored as Rock Stars in 2017.

Citrix powers a world where people, organizations and things are securely connected and easily accessible so our customers and employees can make the extraordinary possible.

Last year, our volunteers supported K-12 STEM education and encouraged the next generation of girls and under-served groups to pursue careers in science and technology. Corporate Citizenship empowers employees around the world to support education initiatives in their communities in ways that are most meaningful to them.

During many corporate events, Citrix teams collaborated with customers and partners to drive significant impact for the greater good. In 2017, our employees helped families in need build a more stable, satisfying and rewarding work life, reinforcing a culture of service, action and leadership.

“Giving back is a core part of our culture at Citrix. It’s amazing to see the impact we can make in our communities and around the world when our employees rally together to make change happen.”

— Donna Kimmel, Senior Vice President & Chief People Officer
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Britney Mardany
Administrative Assistant, Burlington, U.S.

A great way to engage youth in technology is to bring them to our offices and show them what it means to work in the technology industry. Offices across the globe helped students succeed through a variety of onsite volunteering events focused on education.

Inspiring youth in the office

Speed Mentoring
From high school students to technical college graduates, employees in six different offices hosted over 250 students in fast-paced speed mentoring sessions tailored to inform and inspire youth to consider a career in technology.

Education Kits
Hands-on learning allows students to experience science and technology in new and creative ways. Partnering with local nonprofits such as Resource Area for Teaching and Marbles Kids Museum, employees helped pack thousands of kits, which were donated to local classrooms.

Coding and Robotics Programs
Employees in Nanjing, China held a robot programming summer camp with the Modern Express charity. They invited 16 children to the Citrix R&D office. Students learned about programming and sensor technology.

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Girls in Tech Events in Cambridge, UK

Students visited the Citrix office and participated in activities, such as speed mentoring, binary coding, setting up a network, virtual volunteering, and even received a presentation from a Ph.D. student that works for a tech start-up.

“We partner with nonprofit initiatives that empower girls and under-served groups to open their minds to the possibilities of a career in technology. Employees volunteer as role models and mentors, and we welcome students to our offices for a real world look into their potential career.

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Triangle Scholarships

Five scholarships were awarded to outstanding college students who are working toward STEM or Computer Science degrees at historically black colleges. Students were also paired up with volunteer employee mentors to help them reach their goals.

“To me, volunteering is all about taking initiatives to make a difference in someone’s life. It is the willingness to serve without any pursuit of recognition or any benefit.”

Tarika Tanushree
Sr. Software Test Engineer, Bangalore, India

We invite students to our offices to experience life inside a technology company. Throughout the day, they meet with Citrix employees to learn about future career opportunities.
Partnering to support the community at corporate events

Bringing customers and partners together helps build our relationships, while making a collective impact in the community.

Synergy: Building Battle Bots

Partnering with the Heart of Florida United Way and IcedDev Consulting, we hosted a program for 30 middle school students from Meadow Brook Middle School to join employees, customers and partners for a three-hour session of building and battling robots. Our social media team got in on the action with a challenge to tweet the news. For every post on social media we donated 1 USD to the United Way. At the end of the week, we were proud to support the nonprofit with a $1,452 USD donation!

“At first, I thought that programming the robot was going to be hard, but it was actually easy. I really enjoyed competing against my peers to see who had the best robot. At the end of the day, I left with so much knowledge of programming.”
— Alejandro Murillo-Sanchez
Team Rockin’ Robos

ServTech: Packing the Essentials

This summer, ServTech attendees (employees and technical partners) from around the world packed 2,450 bags that supported people in need. Even though it only takes a few minutes to stuff bags with supplies, it means the world to those on the receiving end. In Austin, Texas, 450 school backpacks stuffed with supplies were delivered to local foster children. In Helsinki, Finland, 1,500 relief bags were packed with staple food items and basic hygiene supplies. And in Bangkok, Thailand, school books were hand made from recycled paper and added to 500 bags of school supplies for rural children.

Summit: Promoting Hands-On Learning

Employees and partners participated in Simply Serve @ Summit, volunteering small amounts of time that made a big difference. They assembled 1,000 literacy and STEM kits, and spun the Wheel of Good Fortune to earn prizes, while granting wishes to participating schools.

“Volunteering is a state of mind that is reflecting who you are as a person, that you are kind and caring about others and try to find ways to help others. It is about caring about something else without the expectation to gain something in return.”
— Malou Ekblom
Marketing Manager, Stockholm, Sweden
Total Community Investment

2017

Year in Review

3,541
employees engaged

2,812
volunteered

1,195
donated

50
offices

29
countries

1,058
charities served

Simply Give

Where we donate:

541,665 USD
employee donations (matched by Citrix)

1,769,242 USD
total community investment

688
charities supported by donating

Simply Serve

Where we volunteer:

2,984
people volunteered

30,343
volunteer hours

Sustainability

40.8
metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions avoided through the use of electric vehicle charging stations

688
charities supported by donating

at Citrix India

80%
renewable energy, using wind and solar in the Bangalore Dynasty office

48%
reduction in food waste across two offices in Bangalore

50%
reduction in water usage

Diversity

Overall gender distribution

25%
female

75%
male

U.S. ethnicity

43%
non-white

57%
white

Executive level gender distribution

Males: 75%

Females: 25%

U.S. executive level ethnicity

Males: 72%

Females: 28%
Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico
Maria ripped through Puerto Rico, causing massive damage to homes and the electric grid. Our office and all employees made it out okay, but they immediately jumped into action, helping those in need around them. Emilio Fuentes was one of those employees, seen here working with his neighbors to clear the roads and remove fallen trees from the houses.

Hurricane Harvey, Texas
Harvey was the wettest storm on record in the United States. The storm caused massive flooding, displacing more than 30,000 people and destroying thousands of homes in Houston, Texas. After the flood waters receded, employees in Dallas partnered with the Baptist Convention Disaster Relief organization and spent two days cleaning out and repairing damaged homes.

Hurricane Irma, Florida
Irma’s high winds and rain caused widespread and catastrophic damage in the northeastern Caribbean and the Florida Keys. The storm literally hit too close to home, damaging several employees’ properties. Employees immediately stepped up to help the community by raising funds and traveling to the Florida Keys to rebuild a fellow Citrite’s home.

Supporting communities that have forever changed
We pride ourselves on being a valued partner in our communities. When hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria devastated parts of Texas, Florida and the Caribbean, our employees were there to lend a hand. Employees around the world also supported the disaster relief efforts by donating a collective 200,000 USD.

Going above & beyond: Citrix heroes
Ryan Snedigar
Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts
In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, Ryan started collecting supplies and funds for flood relief. His goal was to fill up his pickup truck and drive to Houston to help first responders dealing with the devastation. With financial support from co-workers and customers reaching 15,000 USD, he filled two U-Haul trailers full of supplies for those in need.

Roger Cruz
Hurricane Maria Relief Efforts
In the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, getting supplies to Puerto Rico was almost impossible. When transportation logistics fell through for a Boston church’s disaster relief drive, Roger Cruz found a way to deliver 35,000 lbs of donations to 1,800 families in Puerto Rico in less than a week.

Rich Meesters
Biking to Fight Cancer
In September 2017, Rich rode his bicycle over 2,500 km across Canada in the National Kids Cancer Ride. Along with 41 other National Riders, the group raised more than 1.2 million USD—all of the funds went directly to childhood cancer research in Canada.

Jim Griffin
Best Buddies Challenge
Jim rode in the 100-mile Best Buddies Challenge from Boston to Cape Cod, Massachusetts. The Best Buddies Challenge supports a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

“In means so much to be able to do something that can help people, both in the long run but also if there’s an immediate need. I believe it strengthens us as human beings to show that we care about each other and not only ourselves.”

Cecilia Valenta
Sr. Inside Sales Representative, Stockholm, Sweden
Dublin, Ireland
The Cloud Adoption Services team partnered with Inner City Helping Homeless to donate and distribute shoe boxes full of supplies to homeless people in Dublin.

Seoul, South Korea
Without electricity it can be hard to get your school work done. Employees in Korea built flashlights with the Flashes of Hope nonprofit, which brings light to children in rural Africa.

Sydney, Australia
Lending a helping hand during the holidays, the team in Sydney helped the Smith Family Christmas Appeal by purchasing and delivering 100 gifts for children ages 3 to 12.

São Paulo, Brazil
Hard work didn’t deter the employees in Brazil who, over the course of two weekends, built two emergency homes in a small community in São Paulo. Working with the nonprofit Teto Brasil, they did everything from construction to painting projects.

Johannesburg, South Africa
In collaboration with Citrix technology partners, employees donated school shoes, clothing, non-perishable foods and blankets to local children’s homes.

Santa Clara, United States
In partnership with Turning Wheels for Kids, employees teamed up to assemble 20 bicycles, which were distributed to local children in need.

Peninsula de Osa, Costa Rica
The Costa Rica team joined together for Christmas and “adopted a grandparent,” bringing presents, breakfast, healthy snacks and lots of love to one of Costa Rica’s main nursing homes. Employees spent the day serving them, helping them open their presents and simply listening to their great stories.

“Volunteering is just something I do, a lot. It is not an obligation or a way to get away from everyday tasks. It is what drives me and is my passion. I am very grateful for the things I have been given in life—opportunities, health and security—so I want to pass those things on to others that are in need or struggling.”
Nicole Budde
Sr. HRIS Analyst, Raleigh, North Carolina

Citrix volunteers: service without boundaries

Employees from around the world join together during our annual Global Day of Impact campaign to truly make change happen. From providing light to children in Africa to building homes in rural neighborhoods, together, we strive to be a positive role model in our communities.
Teams raise funds to fight cancer

October and November is a time for employees to focus on taking care of themselves and the community through a unified campaign called “Impact Health, Get Involved.” Through creative fundraising campaigns, global teams united for Pinktober, with a focus on women’s cancers, and Movember, supporting the men.

Cristina Pardo
Regional Manager, Chalfont, United Kingdom

“I would like to share this quote that keeps me motivated: ‘I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.’”

Portraits for a Purpose

Putting the FUN in fundraising, teams in the United Kingdom, France and the Netherlands posed for fun portraits, raising money to support breast cancer research.

Patras Goes Pink

In Greece, employees participated in the Pink Walk, supporting nonprofit ALMA ZD15, to raise funds for women’s health.

Changing the Face of Men’s Health

In November, 10 international teams supported men’s health, raising over 27,000 USD. The Raleigh team (pictured to the left) raised the most money by rallying the office in a variety of creative ways, including selling moustache-themed socks and developing a creative game of employee moustache bingo.

Citrix was honored to receive the first place prize in the 2017 Corporate Social Responsibility Awards hosted by PR Daily Communications. The “Impact Health, Get Involved” program was recognized as an innovative internal communications campaign that successfully engaged employees with measurable results.
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Mitsuko Narikiyo
Lead HR Generalist, Tokyo, Japan

Harnessing the power of human difference

Best Place to Work for LGBTQ Employees
Citrix was named a Best Place to Work for LGBTQ Employees for the second year in a row by the Human Rights Campaign, the largest civil rights organization working to achieve equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer Americans. We proudly support non-discrimination workplace protections, domestic partner benefits and gender transition programs.

Supporting environmental causes
Over eight million tons of plastic are dumped into our oceans every year, and lots of that washes up on our beaches. Employees in Fort Lauderdale spent the day helping the cause by removing hundreds of pounds of plastic and debris from a local beach.

Celebrating Diversity Through Employee Resource Groups
A formal Employee Resource Group (ERG) program was launched in 2017, supporting employee-driven groups with similar interests. ERGs are important to our Diversity and Inclusion efforts by addressing career development, mentoring, advocacy, networking and other key areas for diverse groups. In addition, they give back to Citrix by connecting us around the globe, improving our workforce representation, and providing awareness and feedback that makes us better as a company and a steward in the communities we serve.

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Citrix products enable companies to reduce their carbon footprint by creating a secure software-defined workspace for their employees. This means fewer devices, reduced infrastructure and less real estate with data centers. Our employees also set an example by promoting in-house recycling efforts, participating in commuter programs and spending their volunteer time helping environmental nonprofits.

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“We cannot underestimate the idea of making change happen for those in need, especially at a time when those in need may be overwhelmed by the scope of their challenge.”

—George Hefty, a Citrix employee and volunteer whose home was significantly damaged after Hurricane Irma