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Cross-Pollination Volunteering - How Dispatching Ambulances in the Desert Made Me a Better Event Manager - And Why You Should Try It!

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Join us for a look into the benefit of volunteering at other events, even though we are all crazy-busy with our own! Whether you travel to a neighboring parade to lend a hand, or spend three weeks in the desert dispatching ambulances, volunteering at events where you're NOT the one in-charge can create unparalleled opportunities for perspective, development, and advancement. Learn how to lend your professional skills without overstepping, take home what works for you, and expand your network through meaningful connections.



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