

# VOLUNTEER SERVICES

United Way of Metropolitan Chicago’s Volunteer Services department facilitates diverse experiences that **engage, enthuse** and **educate** corporate partners, individuals and stakeholders in order to better support communities of need. We can connect your employees with impactful volunteer experiences in an environment conducive to team building and increased employee morale.

## Volunteer Opportunities:

	EDUCATION	FINANCIAL STABILITY	HEALTH	BASIC NEEDS
COMMUNITY PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mentoring/tutoring</li> <li>Re-vamp bulletin boards</li> <li>School grounds cleaning/painting</li> <li>Classroom cleaning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct mock job interviews</li> <li>Participate in an interview skills workshops</li> <li>Resume building</li> <li>Financial Literacy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active Living workshops for children</li> <li>Participate in after-school games</li> <li>Provide administrative support to direct care partners</li> <li>Work with community members with disabilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set up holiday parties,</li> <li>Serving, cleaning and decorating at holiday parties</li> </ul>
IN-OFFICE PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School supply drives</li> <li>Adopt a classroom</li> <li>Literacy kit creation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professional clothing drive</li> <li>Office supply drive</li> <li>Resume review</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blood drive</li> <li>Sports equipment collection</li> <li>Healthy food collection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hygiene supply drive</li> <li>Food collection</li> <li>Disaster preparedness kit assembly</li> <li>Hygiene kit assembly</li> </ul>
VIRTUAL PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online video tutoring</li> <li>“Pen Pal” program</li> <li>Book discussions</li> <li>College preparedness/mentoring</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mock interviews</li> <li>LinkedIn setup</li> <li>Resume feedback</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coming soon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coming soon</li> </ul>
SEASONAL PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School supply and backpack collection (August-September)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteer tax preparation (January-April)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April Food Day (April)</li> <li>Anti-hunger walk (June)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winter clothing drive (November-December)</li> <li>Adopt-a-Family (November-December)</li> </ul>



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## Seasonal Volunteer Projects:

### INCOME : **Volunteer Tax Preparation** January – April



United Way of Metropolitan Chicago and our partner, the Center for Economic Progress, are dedicated to providing tax assistance to individuals in need in United Way Neighborhood Network communities. United Way Neighborhood Networks are coalitions of community partners working together to create community-level solutions in the areas of income, education and health. No previous tax preparation experience is required, and an online training is provided to all volunteers.



### EDUCATION : **School Supply Collection & Distribution** July – September

With more than 700,000 students enrolled in Chicago area public schools, a majority of whom live in low-income households, the need for basic school supplies has never been greater. United Way will supply a list of specific items for your colleagues to either collect or purchase. Whether you want to sponsor an individual classroom or entire school, or simply collect supplies to be distributed to needy communities, United Way will work with our partner agencies to ensure that your contribution goes to those who need it most.



### SAFETY NET : **Adopt-a-Family** November – December

Please join United Way and share your holiday with a family in need this season. United Way organizes a yearly holiday donation drive to support families in United Way's Neighborhood Networks. You can participate individually or with your family/friends/colleagues to donate gifts to one or more families. Donations of clothes, grocery gift cards, books, toys, and gift cards are all appropriate, and will make for a brighter holiday for kids and parents who would otherwise struggle to celebrate the season. The 2015 Adopt-a-Family Holiday Drive will benefit families in the Brighton Park and Robbins-Blue Island Neighborhood Networks.



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