

2018 Volunteer Connection Annual Report

Mission: Connect Volunteers and Organizations to Opportunities to Meet Needs in Marathon County.

UNITED WAY PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Bundles of Joy

300 plus volunteers gathered for over 600 hours to wrap gifts this holiday season at the Wausau Center Mall, raising over \$3,600 for emergency diaper needs for 10 local agencies. In 2018 a dedicated team helped sort and label over 1,000 packages that were distributed. A .1K Fun Run at the 400 Block helped raise \$2,000 for the Bundles of Joy program.



Reading Buddies

Volunteers read to several Kindergarten and Grade 1 students each week in Marathon and Mosinee Elementary Schools. In the Fall of 2018, seven Reading Buddies were at each of the schools helping strengthen literacy.

Ready to Read Bookshelves

We continued to fill 5 bookshelves around the community, providing access to free books for children and their families. A Book Drive collected more than 10,000 books for volunteers to process for distribution.



Make a Difference Day

Over 700 volunteers joined us this year for our annual Rake-A-Thon, helping rake 130 yards of seniors in need in Marathon County.

Year Round United Way Support

- CommunityFEST
- Point in Time Count
- Emerging Leaders Career Closet
- Week of Action
- Women United Rebecca's Closet
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

LOCAL AGENCY SUPPORT:

Get Connected Website

A total of 4,577 volunteers used the site during the year. 560 new users joined in 2018. There were 133 new volunteer opportunity listings posted for several of 119 agencies using the website. Eight new agencies joined in 2018.

Year Round General Support

- Eastbay Turkey Trot
- Komen Race for the Cure
- Regular, On-Call and Committee Volunteers
- Group Volunteer Projects (corporate and other)
- Workplace Volunteer Council Fill A Backpack Fill A Need