

Corporate Volunteer Projects



United Way is offering Small Group Volunteer Projects and Remote Volunteer Projects for companies to participate in during the fall 2020 campaign. Contact United Way Volunteer Connection at 715-298-5719 for complete instructions for all projects.

Remote Volunteer Projects:

Are designed to be done individually by team members, but collectively can make a large impact in our community. A few minutes of a team member's time can mean the world to someone in our community.

Write a Note to a Little: Write a handwritten note to a child to encourage and support them. Many children are waiting to have a Big Sister, Big Brother or Big Family. Mail from caring community members can make a positive difference while they wait.

Community Connection Calls: A United Way initiative program to connect people in the community with concerns about COVID or feelings of isolation. A caring volunteer will be assigned a person to call, once a week (15 minutes) for four weeks.

Thank a Healthcare Worker: Share your appreciation for a Healthcare Worker by sending a virtual thank you note. United Way will format these and send them to area hospitals to brighten someone's day.

Thank A Small Business: Is there a local business that deserves thanks for being essential and opening or staying open in a safe way, to serve our community? Send a virtual note.

Small Group Volunteer Projects:

United Way's Small Volunteer Projects can be done safely, at your location. We provide instructions and coordinate delivery to local agencies. Please adhere to CDC guidelines regarding wearing masks and social distancing.

| Volunteer Project | Cost | People / Time / Estimated Packs |
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| Birthday Bash | \$5.75/bag | 5 people / 30 min / 75 bags |
| Breakfast Packs | \$2/pack | 5 people / 30 min / 50 packs |
| Fun & Game Night | \$5-\$10/kit | 5 people / 15 min / 20 kits |
| Honor Flight Mail Call | No Cost | 5 people / 1 hour |
| If You're Happy & You Know It | No Cost | 3 people / 1 hour / 12 kits |
| Laundry Time | \$0.25/packs | 5 people / 30 min / 100 packs |
| Personal Care Kits | \$10/kit | 5 people / 30 min / 50 kits |
| Ready to Read Book Prep | No Cost | 5 people / 1 hour |
| Senior Care Kits | \$10/kit | 5 people / 30 min / 40 kits |
| Snack Attack | \$3.50/pack | 5 people / 30 min / 50 packs |
| Welcome Home Baskets | \$50 per basket | 2 people / 30 min / 3 baskets |

Birthday Bash: Fill a child's birthday gift bag with cake mix, frosting, candles, a blank card and party decor. Bags will be distributed to families living in local shelters, accessing food pantries and other programs. Your team's help will provide a special birthday that a child might not otherwise receive.

Breakfast Packs: In Marathon County, around 8,000 children are eligible for free and reduced lunch, and often these children do not have enough food in their homes for a weekend or snow day. Breakfast packs your company purchases and assemble will be given to local schools for distribution.

Fun & Game Night: Collect gently used or purchase new family games and create game night packages to encourage families to spend quality time together. Your team will add microwaveable popcorn and a note to the packages.

Honor Flight Mail Call: Let our veterans know you care! Show how much your company appreciates what their service means to you and our community. Your team will create thank you cards/notes for distribution for the Honor Flight Mail Call. Cards can be made anytime and will be held for the next flight scheduled to take place in 2021.

If You're Happy and You Know It: Assemble and create kits of activities for preschool children. The goal is to provide materials that parents, caregivers and teachers can use to help children educationally. The kits will be distributed to agencies serving children as well as via the Ready to Read Bookshelves. This must be for a small group of 2-3 people.

Laundry Time: Food stamps do not cover the cost of laundry detergent or soap, therefore some struggling families tend to go without. Your team will portion out one-load sized packages to be distributed to pantries, shelters and other area non-profits.

Personal Care Kits: Collect or purchase personal care items and create kits to be distributed to low-income families and children and homeless individuals. The cost of hygiene products is high, and not covered by SNAP (traditionally known as food stamps). Items will be distributed via shelters, pantries and other agency partners.

Ready to Read Book Prep: Clean, repair, sticker and sort donated children's books for the Ready to Read Bookshelf Project. Bookshelves are located around the community. The goal is to distribute books into the hands of children that may not have books at home and also to help encourage reading and brain growth during the early stages of childhood.

Senior Care Kits: Bring needed items and little surprises into the lives of homebound seniors. Collect or purchase personal care items and create kits to be distributed through local agencies to seniors. Pack kits with items they may not buy for themselves.

Snack Attack: Purchase or collect healthy snack items and package them for distribution to school age children for snow days and/or weekends. Here in Marathon County around 8,000 children are eligible for free and reduced lunch, and often these children do not have enough food in their home to last over a weekend or on a snow day or two.

Welcome Home Baskets: Collect or purchase personal care items and create baskets to be distributed to people moving out of shelter into housing. Pack with needed consumable items to set up house. Baskets will be distributed via The Women's Community, Catholic Charities and other organizations that assist families with housing.