

VOLUNTEER MENU

JOIN THE HAND RAISERS IN OUR COMMUNITY



United Way
of East Central Iowa

INDIVIDUALS

Volunteers play a significant role in helping nonprofits run efficiently and effectively. UWECI connects individuals to meaningful one-time projects or ongoing volunteer opportunities.

VOLUNTEER NOW

Volunteer Now is an online volunteer matching site that provides a one-stop shop to connect volunteer opportunities. Create a personal profile to maximize the benefits.

55+ INITIATIVE

Connects volunteers, 55 and better, with meaningful volunteer opportunities in our community. This initiative offers one-on-one placement services for individuals interested in sharing their experience, leadership, and skills.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS ND RECOVERY

When a disaster strikes, emergency management and nonprofit organizations respond. Through a team effort, UWECI works to maximize human resources in preparation, response, and recovery.

FAMILY VOLUNTEER DAY

Connect with other community-minded families the Saturday before Thanksgiving. UWECI hosts a quick and purposeful volunteer opportunity to engage families in UWECI's mission.

HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER GUIDE

UWECI gathers nonprofit volunteer needs during the holiday season and posts them in an annual Holiday Volunteer Guide. It is as easy as signing up with the click of a button. Make the most during the holidays and sign up yourself, your family, or place of business to help others.

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP GUIDE

A snapshot of organizations seeking skilled volunteers for task forces, committees, and boards. A great tool to connect employees to leadership volunteer opportunities.

RURAL VOLUNTEER CENTERS

Live in Jones, Benton, or Cedar County? Connect to one of the volunteer programs in these rural communities. The centers engage individuals of all ages to meet critical community needs.

HOST AN IMPACT DRIVE

Engage youth, families, groups, or businesses in not only hosting a drive, but engaging others. Make it a competition, engage a group, or leverage networks to extend your reach. Drives could include books, baby supplies, food, or hygiene items. [Check out our Collection Drive Tool Kit](#)

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)

A national IRS sponsored program that helps taxpayers receive maximum federal and state tax refunds. (Households with income less than \$54,000 may qualify). Volunteers greet clients and prepare taxes. [Learn more](#)

VOLUNTEERS IN PROFICIENCY (VIP)

UWECI pairs volunteers and elementary students to read together once a week during the school day. Volunteers provide one-on-one reading experiences for children who can benefit from a caring adult's extra attention. The goal is to increase children's success in school and foster a love of reading. [Learn more](#)

NONPROFITS

Together, UWECI and nonprofit partners focus on how to use volunteer time and skills to address community needs. We provide trainings, best practices, and resources to build capacity and effective volunteer programs.

VOLUNTEER NOW

Volunteer Now is an online volunteer matching site that provides a one-stop shop to find volunteer opportunities. Nonprofits post openings and recruit volunteers for one-day or ongoing opportunities while companies engage their employees in volunteerism.

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP GUIDE

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COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT ASSESSMENT

Regular assessment of volunteer engagement practices and condition identifies gaps in volunteer needs, opportunities for resources and trainings, and variance in state and national trends.

DAY OF CARING

The largest volunteer event in Cedar Rapids. Local businesses volunteer at nonprofits and schools throughout East Central Iowa. Volunteers tackle meaningful projects to address agency needs.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Recognition is key to retaining quality volunteers. UWECI helps share best practices and connect organizations to local and statewide award opportunities.

TIME FOR ART: A CELEBRATION OF VOLUNTEERS

UWECI's signature volunteer event features an awards ceremony for community volunteers and a silent auction where participants bid volunteer hours.

VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT TRAINING SERIES

Basic volunteer management webinar series delivered through six sessions, in partnership with Volunteer Centers of Iowa.

SERVICE ENTERPRISE

Organization change management program that helps nonprofits engage volunteers strategically and use their time and skills to address community needs. Intense course curriculum and required agency board and leadership engagement.

VOLUNTEER PROFESSIONAL CONSORTIUM

Call it Leaders in Volunteerism (LIV), Directors of Volunteers in Agencies (DOVIA), or Volunteer Administrators' Network (VAN)—bringing volunteer professionals together improves the volunteer opportunities available to our community.

COMPANIES

UWECI connects employees to causes they care about and works to ensure they have a meaningful experience. Our Volunteer Engagement team assists businesses with establishing and growing employee engagement programs.

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GROUP VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

Want to connect with companies outside of Day of Caring? Volunteering provides team building while giving back to those in need. We work with team leads to find an impactful volunteer opportunity.

ONSITE PROJECTS

Onsite projects are rewarding opportunities that are convenient and impactful for volunteer groups. Onsite projects pair well with conference or corporate settings and college campuses. Must provide funding to support most onsite projects.

WORKPLACE VOLUNTEER COUNCIL

Workplace volunteering contributes to employees' perception of a positive corporate culture. What better way to assist your company than to learn about best practices and see real-life examples from your peers. A corporate steering committee leads WVC.

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