



UNITED WAY: YOUR PARTNER IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

TOGETHER, WE'RE FINDING THE BEST WAY FOR YOU TO GET INVOLVED.

United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut creates **customized, quality team-building and volunteer experiences** for groups of any size, on- or off-site, that will **make a difference in the community**. United Way identifies shared values with business through win-win partnerships that **deliver on corporate social responsibility and strategic business goals** such as: employee and volunteer engagement, employee recruitment and retention, and consumer recognition and trust.

Why United Way?

We are experts at identifying community needs and connecting businesses with opportunities that align with core values. We make it fun and easy to volunteer! We take the work out of researching, planning and preparing your volunteer experience by identifying opportunities and connecting you with the right ones to meet your objectives. We are your trusted advisor, working with you every step of the way to manage and facilitate the most beneficial volunteer experience possible.

Our Reach

When you work with United Way, you tap into a network of more than 60 trusted nonprofit agencies with the ability to provide quality and meaningful volunteer experiences for your employees. Our team members are experts in creating quality volunteer experiences. For more than 25 years, we have connected businesses and valued nonprofits to create lasting community change; mobilizing more than 5,000 volunteers annually to make a difference locally.

UNITED WAY ENGAGEMENT OFFERINGS

United Way works with workplaces to offer employees the opportunity to make a difference without leaving the office by bringing projects to you. These projects offer a valuable teambuilding opportunity while making an impact for local children and families. Projects include:

- Literacy Kits
- Interview Success Kits
- Back to School Kits
- Playcation Kits
- Toiletry Kits
- Homeless Outreach Kits
- Summer Supply Kits
- Team Building Activities

**Supply Cost Associated*

Year-round. One-time volunteer opportunity.

Contact Annie Sommers Fazzino at sommers@unitedwayinc.org

VOLUNTEER
AS A GROUP
OR INDIVIDUAL.

UNITED WAY YEAR OF CARING

United Way mobilizes volunteers to participate in projects focused on supporting education, financial security and meeting basic needs in our community. This year-round initiative provides workplaces the opportunity to enhance their profile, improve our community and engage employees.

Year-round. One-time volunteer opportunity.

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UNITED WAY DAY OF ACTION

Every year around June 21, volunteers from communities around the world take action to improve lives and change conditions where they live and work. Locally, volunteers participate in projects that help children and families succeed.

June. One-time volunteer opportunity.

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UNITED WAY READERS

Volunteers provide one-on-one help to a child who's behind in learning how to read. United Way Readers work at the child's school in East Hartford, Enfield, Hartford, New Britain or Windham once a week for an hour to improve reading comprehension and vocabulary skills. Training is provided.

School year sessions: November– May. Volunteers must be able to commit to one, hour-long session per week.

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UNITED WAY READ ALOUDS

Interested in a fun group volunteer activity? Volunteers read to students and then interact with them while doing an arts and crafts project.

Year-round. One-time volunteer opportunity.

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VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)

IRS-certified volunteers prepare and file taxes for lower-to moderate-income families and individuals at no cost, getting them the refunds and credits they've earned. They also connect filers to other tools that help them on their paths to financial security. Training is required and provided.

Mid-January through mid-April. Volunteers must be able to commit to one, four-hour shift per week.

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UNITED WAY SEASON OF GIVING

United Way invites groups and individuals to donate hats, mittens and gloves, food, toys, etc. which are given to local students in need during the winter months.

November and December.

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UNITED WAY FINANCIAL WORKSHOPS

United Way Staff works with groups to organize and prioritize their finances. United Way Staff helps participants set and achieve financial goals, create and maintain a budget, pay bills on time and save for the future.

Year-round.

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BEYOND THE BELL

Once a month, United Way volunteers facilitate Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) related activities for students in Hartford Public Schools.

Monthly (October – May). One-time volunteer opportunity.

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MAKING CHOICES AND MAKING THE GRADE ACTIVITIES

Despite working hard, four in ten households in our region struggle to pay bills, put food on the table, make ends meet and give their children the lives they deserve. These households are called ALICE – **A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mployed. United Way created two opportunities for people to walk in ALICE's shoes. During the activities, people work as a family, making tough decisions that working families experience every day in order to stay afloat.

Year-round. One-time opportunity.

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UNITED WAY STUFF THE BUS

United Way invites local workplaces, groups, organizations and community members to donate school supplies to help students stay on track academically.

Mid-June through Mid-August.

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