

## Community Care Day Project Parameters

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### Community Care Day Mission

The mission of the United Way of Union County is to bring neighbors and resources together to improve lives in Union County. Community Care Day, our signature volunteer event, demonstrates that mission in a very real way, providing participants with a one-day glimpse of the spirit that symbolizes the work United Way hopes to accomplish throughout the year. It encourages deeper community involvement, fosters a sense of camaraderie between participants, and offers a window into the needs of the community.

### Project Selection Parameters

Because of limited resources, United Way cannot respond to all project requests submitted for completion on Community Care Day. The following shall serve as guidelines to the Community Care Day Committee for determining the feasibility of completing a requested project.

- United Way will work with existing social service providers to help distribute Project Request Forms and determine eligible recipients.
- A Community Care Day project should fit into one of the following categories:
  1. Provide help to an individual resident who does not have the means to complete the project on his/her own
  2. Provide help to a social service or community-based organization
  3. Provide a service that enhances the quality of life for area residents (ex. Working with local government on a park improvement project)
- Requested projects should take place within the United Way of Union County service area (including the sites of funded agencies, ie. Turning Point in Marion)
- Requested projects should be able to be completed in a single day.
- If a project is to be done for an individual homeowner, the homeowner must be present at the time the volunteers are on site to do the work.
- Also taken into consideration will be:
  - The number of volunteers needed to complete the project
  - The level of skill required to complete the project
  - The availability and accessibility of materials and tools required to complete the project
  - The safety of volunteers
- All projects requiring United Way funding for completion will be reviewed by the Community Care Day Committee
  - If a project requires United Way funding for completion, the following will be taken into consideration:
    - The portion of the cost the recipient is willing share
    - The portion of the cost that United Way can cover with in-kind support
    - The portion of the cost that United Way can cover in relation to the remaining Community Care Day budget.
    - If the United Way cost to a project request for an individual resident exceeds \$500, we will request that recipient be screened by the referring or appropriate social service agency before considering the project request.