

Sharing your gift of time and talents



Vol-un-teer (vāl-ən-'tiər) *n* **1**: a person who offers him or herself for a service or duty. In the case of the United Way of Union County, it's local people choosing freely to do something nice to help other local people. There are a whopping 1,700 people volunteering within the United Way family of Member Agencies. People who go above and beyond the responsibilities of their daily lives – beyond work, school, family, and church commitments, to help improve the quality of life for their friends and neighbors.

Vol-un-teer (vāl-ən-'tiər) *v* **2**: offering to enter into service of one's own free will. In other words, "volunteer" is not just a person, but also an action. If you aren't currently a volunteer, you can choose to volunteer. And the United Way of Union County can offer a number of opportunities to suit your interests and fit into your schedule. It's a great way to meet new friends, get involved, help others, and feel good about yourself at the same time.

How do I find the right volunteer role for me?

Maybe you have a few extra hours a week to devote to others. Or perhaps you're ready to make a long-term commitment to your favorite cause. Whether you're looking to fill community service hours or just to do something with your free time, there are literally hundreds of ways to get involved.

Ask yourself these questions: What do I like to do? What group of people do I like to be around? How much time do I have available and when can I help? Then check out the inside of this flier for some of the hundreds of opportunities available in our community. Or call United Way at (937) 644-8381 and we'll help guide you to the best possible opportunity based on your interests, abilities, and schedule. You'll be glad you did!



Grab your friends and volunteer together!

There's power in numbers. And there are many volunteer opportunities that would make an excellent project for your group, workplace or organization. Call United Way at (937) 644-8381 for more information.

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of Union County



On Sunday, Chase Blackburn plays football with the New York Giants.

On Wednesday, he plays Duck, Duck, Goose with kids at the Union County Family YMCA.

What do you do in your free time?



Lend a hand. Volunteer.

Volunteer Opportunities



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Organization & Contact Info	Activity	Frequency of Activity	Ages
United Way of Union County Contact: Dave Bezusko Phone: (937) 644-8381 E-mail: uwuc.dave@rrohio.com Web: www.unitedwayofunioncounty.org	Community Investment Committee Volunteers determine how to spend United Way dollars by analyzing needs and agency programs.	Monthly from August to January	16 and up
	Campaign Committee Volunteers help raise money and in-kind donations for United Way.	Monthly from May to December	16 and up
	Publicity Committee Volunteers plan and coordinate all United Way special events.	Monthly, year-round	16 and up
	Community Care Day/School Supply Drive Volunteers gather to complete service projects in May and August.	Seasonal, one-time activities	14 and up
American Red Cross Contact: Lynne Whatley Phone: (937) 642-6651 E-mail: lwhatm@rrohio.com Web: http://chapters.redcross.org/oh/unioncounty/index.html	Disaster Services Volunteers are trained to aid in emergency shelters, providing assistance to families who lose homes to fire or storm, and participating in local mock disaster events.	Completion of training class is required. Then, as needed.	16 and up
	Bloodmobiles Staff registration tables and post-donation refreshment area, telephone recruiting.	As scheduled. Check website or call for bloodmobile times.	16 and up
	Health & Safety Instruction Take a class and become certified in CPR, first aid, babysitting, water safety. Instructors needed.	As scheduled. Check website or call for class times.	12 and up
Big Brothers Big Sisters Contact: Jill Smith Phone: (937) 642-2157 E-mail: jsmith@bbbscentralohio.org Web: www.marysville-ohio.org	Big Brother or Big Sister Volunteers build a long-term friendship with a child age 5-14.	Bi-monthly	18 and up
	School-based mentor/Lunch buddy Volunteers tutor or visit a child during their school day or after school	2-4 times a month	14 and up
	MOMS program Empty nest or experienced mothers mentor a young mother or mother-to-be	Bi-monthly	25 and up
	Special events Volunteers help coordinate events like the annual Bowl for Kids Sake fundraiser.	As needed	14 and up
Boy Scouts Simon Kenton Council Contact: Brian Asbury Phone: (614) 436-7200 E-mail: basbury@skcbsa.org Web: www.scouters.org	Scoutmaster, Boy Scout Troop Committee Member, Cubmaster, Den Leader Volunteers work with scouts ages 11-17 or Cub Scouts, ages 7-10.	1-2 hours/week on a weeknight	18 and up
	North Star District Committee, North Star Unit Commissioner Long and short-term positions to assist with membership, finance, and activities	Meetings 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.	18 and up
Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Contact: Donna Hughes Phone: (800) 621-7042 E-mail: dhughes@gsOhioHeartland.org Web: www.gsohiosheartland.org	Troop leader, aide, and more Volunteers can work with scouts ages 5-17 in a variety of roles and functions. Please visit the website for additional details.	Varies	18 and up
Loving Care Hospice Contact: Sherry Doggett Phone: (937) 644-1928 E-mail: gramdog56@yahoo.com	Respite caregiver Volunteers relieve family members by visiting and assisting with in-home care for terminally ill patients, provide extra support at area nursing homes, and more.	Completion of 6-week training course required, then as needed	18 and up
Marion Shelter Program Contact: Tracey Gullett Phone: (740) 387-4550 E-mail: marionshelter@midohio.twcbc.com Web: www.themarionshelter.com	Program specialist Help a paid staff member to supervise and oversee residents living at the homeless shelter. Read to children. Bring in dinner.	Mostly on weekends	21 and up
Memorial Meals Program Contact: Debbie George Phone: (937) 578-2360 E-mail: debbie.george@memorialhosp.org	"Meals-on-wheels" drivers Volunteers deliver meals to homebound residents.	Weekdays, 10:00 a.m. to Noon	16 and up
	Meal servers Serve meals, bus tables, and staff registration at one of four meal sites in the county.	Weekdays, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	14 and up
Pleasant Valley Seniors Contact: Paul Gibson Phone: (614) 873-8870 E-mail: pigeongibs@aol.com	Transportation assistance Ride with area seniors and help them to doctors appointments.	As needed	18 and up
	Gardening Volunteers would plant flowers and weed residents' gardens.	Seasonal	14 and up
Richwood Civic Center Contact: Suzanne Patterson Phone: (740) 943-2310 E-mail: civicctr@verizon.net	Bingo preparation Volunteers help set-up and tear-down the meeting room at the senior center.	2:00 and 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays	14 and up
	Special event volunteers Help staff information/game booths at area festivals, assist with special events.	As needed	14 and up
The Salvation Army Contact: Erika Shemberg Phone: (614) 437-2146 E-mail: eshemberg@use.salvationarmy.org Web: www.salvationarmyusa.org	Red Kettle campaign Volunteers serve as bell ringers at area shopping centers, helping to raise money.	December	18 and up
	Other (After school learning centers, thrift stores, food drives) Opportunities abound with Salvation Army's programs in surrounding communities.	As needed	18 and up
Turning Point Contact: Joyce Johnston Phone: (740) 382-8988 E-mail: jjohnston@turningpoint6.org Web: www.turningpoint6.org	Distribute posters and information Hang domestic violence awareness posters in public buildings and restrooms, staff information booths at activity fairs.	Monthly or bi-monthly	14 and up
	General Shelter Help Volunteers assist with house cleaning, read to children, answer phones, and more.	Weekly, daytime and evening	14 and up
Union County Family YMCA Phone: (937) 578-4250 Web: www.unioncountyyymca.org	Coaches for youth sports teams Lead children in Y-sports programs, including baseball, soccer, basketball, and more.	Seasonal/varies	Parents
	Front desk help Answer phones, provide tours of the facility, and handle basic membership.	Shifts during YMCA's daily operating hours	18 and up
	Special event volunteers Staff information/registration booths at events such as the 5K and haunted house.	As needed	14 and up
Union County Personal Needs Pantry Contact: Barbara Snodgres or Cindy White Phone: (937) 644-1834 or 642-4977 E-mail: bandbsnodgres@centurylink.net or cwhite@trinitylutheran.org	Serving clients at pantry Volunteers fill orders based on lists of clients needs and help to re-stock shelves at the pantry.	5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 9:00 to Noon on Saturdays. Volunteers are asked to commit at least one shift per month.	12 and up
Windsor & Community Seniors Contact: Valeta Durban Phone: (937) 644-8464	Group activities Volunteers help conduct activities with area seniors, playing games, serving, etc.	As needed	14 and up

Don't see it here? There are five food pantries and three libraries in Union County. Memorial Hospital, the Union County Humane Society, and the Marysville Clothes Closet use volunteers daily. Civic groups such as Rotary or Kiwanis, youth sports organizations and booster clubs, schools, churches, and nursing homes, also rely on people like you to get involved. Check your phone book for contact information.