

# VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT



United Way of Allen County's most significant volunteer event is known as Day of Caring. Traditionally, well over 1,500 participants join forces for one day to help 50+ local agencies with a wide-range of projects. Gather a team and submit an application to complete a volunteer project here in Allen County.



The Kindergarten Countdown program was developed to help families better navigate and prepare for the crucial transition into kindergarten while helping students be better prepared for school. It consists of 20 students per classroom with four weeks of high-quality instruction using a very hands-on, exploratory approach to learning. The program focuses on the practice of essential academic and social development skills that are fundamental to a child's ability to learn. Your team can donate backpacks filled with school supplies for kids to take home at the end of the program.



Your organization provides funds for items, packages kits, and provides a personal message from employees packaging the kit. United Way will bring the items you have funded, ensure the kits are branded with your company logo, and deliver them to the area most in need within Allen County. Kits include emergency meals, cold weather, literary, baby, and hygiene.



We are partnering with the TRIO offices of Purdue University Fort Wayne and Ivy Tech Community College to provide mentors for college students. Mentors will spend time engaging with students who are overcoming a variety of barriers to pursue their collegiate education and career goals such as low-income individuals, first-generation college students, and people with disabilities on their career goals and provide advice on how to navigate the complexities of college and career. Mentors and mentees will have to meet for a minimum of once a month for one hour during the school year.

## AGENCY VOLUNTEER EVENTS.

Local agencies would love your help. If your team can plant flowers, paint walls, swing hammers, or provide a variety of any other skills, then United Way can provide logistics and coordination with the agency.

## DRIVES.

For drives, United Way will provide you with collection bins, organize and package your donations upon event completion, and deliver your company's contributions to those within Allen County most in need of your gift. These drives can include clothing, shelter needs, food, toys, and outerwear.

Please contact Ta Gay Htoo, Community Impact Manager, to schedule your event or learn more at [volunteer@uwacin.org](mailto:volunteer@uwacin.org)