United Way of Central Maryland

Volunteer Opportunities

Coming together to change the odds for families & communities in central Maryland

**Back-to-School Activities (August)** – Volunteers participate in various activities including school supply drives, classroom painting and more.

**Project Homeless Connect (September 24)** – Project Homeless Connect is a city-wide resource fair that brings service providers and volunteers together to provide on-the-spot services to help thousands of homeless individuals and families regain self-sufficiency. Contact Scott Gottbreht at scott.gottbreht@uwcm.org.

**Day of Action (October 15)** – Over 40 volunteer opportunities throughout the state offering hands-on activities including helping out at food pantries, harvesting at local farms and painting/cleaning at various locations.

**Harvest of Plenty (November)** – Make a donation and help provide a full holiday meal to a family in need, and volunteer to schedule appointments for families to receive Thanksgiving meal boxes. Contact Sally Drumm at Sally.drumm@uwcm.org.

**Adopt a Family (November/December)** – Help make the holidays a little brighter for those in need by “adopting” a family from one of our Family Stability programs for the holidays. You or your group will purchase gifts for each member of an assigned family.

**Holiday Village (December)** – Emerging Leaders United (ELU) volunteers participate in a holiday celebration for children benefiting from United Way of Central Maryland’s Family Stability programs. Donations are needed to make this event a success.

**Dr. Seuss Day (March 2)** – Volunteers read to and assist central Maryland elementary school students in a Dr. Seuss related activity in honor of Dr. Seuss’ birthday.

**National Volunteer Week (April 12-18)** – Join us in weeklong activities that will inspire, recognize and encourage people to seek out ways to engage in their communities.

**Healthy Food Week (Early May)** – Join us for a week of activities in support of our Access to Healthy Food Initiative. Volunteers donate healthy food items and help out at local shelters and food pantries.

For more information on any of the events listed above, contact Beth Littrell at beth.littrell@uwcm.org or 410-895-1330.
Families Living United Events

Families Living United Stone Soup Event at Our Daily Bread (April 18) – Volunteers and their families work together to prepare food for guests of Our Daily Bread in Baltimore.

Families Living United Stone Soup Events in Baltimore County (May TBD) – Volunteers and their families work together to prepare food for those that need it most.

Families Living United Harvest Helpers at First Fruits Farms (June 27, October 17) – Bring your whole family to work at local farms and harvest produce to be donated to our food insecure neighbors.

Families Living United Lighthouse Stone Soup Event (July 25) – Volunteers and their families work together to prepare food for the Lighthouse Shelter in Annapolis.

Families Living United Harvest Helpers at Howard County Community Garden (August 22) – Bring your whole family to work at local farms and harvest produce to be donated to our food insecure neighbors as a part of our Access to Healthy Food Initiative.

Families Living United Harvest Helpers at a local orchard (September TBD) – Bring your whole family to pick fruit fresh from the trees to donate to food insecure neighbors.

Families Living United Stone Soup Event at Our Daily Bread (November) – Volunteers and their families work together to prepare food for guests of Our Daily Bread in Baltimore.

More Opportunities:

Read Learn Succeed – A reading and mentoring program for at risk youth. For more details, contact Natalie Dixon at natalie.dixon@uwcm.org or 410-895-1540 for more details.

Tax Prep (January – March) – Volunteers will assist in scheduling tax appointments for those in need. For more information, contact Sally Drumm at sally.drumm@uwcm.org.

Alternative Spring Break (March) – College students from across the country come together and donate their spring break to volunteer and help local families in need.

2-1-1 Maryland United Way Helpline – Volunteers will conduct follow-up phone calls with clients who have received services. For more information, please contact Sally Drumm at sally.drumm@uwcm.org or 443-573-5908.

Walk a Mile Experience – A hands-on activity that illustrates the struggles families facing poverty experience in a personal and unforgettable way. Contact Liz Crammond at liz.crammond@uwcm.org or 410-895-1306.

Workplace Volunteer Opportunities – Groups of volunteers from one company can be placed at various sites throughout central Maryland. Contact Beth Littrell at beth.littrell@uwcm.org.

Donation Drives:

Healthy Food Drive – For more information, contact Liz Crammond at liz.crammond@uwcm.org or 410-895-1306.

Book Drive, School Supply Drive, Toiletry Drive and Housewarming Baskets – For more information, contact Beth Littrell beth.littrell@uwcm.org or 410-895-1330.