TOGETHER, WE CAN DO MORE THAN ANY OF US CAN ALONE.

Throughout Muscatine, more than 1500 United Way volunteers are changing lives and transforming our community. In this menu, you’ll find a range of rewarding, hands-on volunteer experiences that match both personal passions and corporate community visions. Several can also be tailored for families and small groups.

JOIN US!

When you volunteer through United Way, your gift of time and talent is maximized and supported. We offer a breadth of meaningful, visible group or individual volunteer experiences.

To LIVE UNITED is to reach out to one to influence the condition of all.
ONE DAY OPPORTUNITIES

These signature volunteer experiences are ideal for corporate teams, individuals or families. Each was specifically created to maximize impact during a limited time.

DAY OF CARING (FALL)
The Day of Caring is a community-wide day of hands-on volunteering in which United Way connects volunteers from businesses, corporations, faith-based groups, and donors with non-profit organizations in our community to work on various projects that would not otherwise be completed. The 2015 fall event had 507 volunteers completing 71 projects throughout the community.

COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER (SPRING)
The Community Baby Shower helps low income families give their babies a bright start by collecting new baby items such as diapers, baby wipes, formula and thermometers. Many area businesses held an on-site supply drive. The 2015 event collected 194 baby items valued at $1124.

PACK THE BUS (SUMMER)
Help give every student in Muscatine the tools for learning. Event attendees bring school supplies during a community block party. Family activities are planned at the Farmer’s Market in June. Attendees place their items in the on-site school bus.

THANKSGIVING IN JULY (SUMMER)
We have partnered with the Salvation Army and Muscatine Food Pantry to organize a community-wide food drive. The 2015 event collected 3,087 pounds of food, thanks to local organizations and businesses.

OUTREACH INC. FOOD PACKING (YEAR ROUND)
Outreach, Inc. is an Iowa-based organization that supplies high-quality, protein-fortified ingredients that volunteers package into easy-to-store-and-prepare meals for community meal sites and food pantries – for 25¢ per meal. Groups choose which date and time they would like to pack. Each group pays for their own ingredients, bags and boxes. Cost is $750 for 3,000 meals and the time commitment is 2.5 hours of packing for 12 people. Food can go wherever the group would like, such as local food pantries, or even to a mission project that the group is working on.
ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer for a few months or more. Ongoing involvement is the best way to see the impact you’re making. These opportunities can be geared towards individuals or corporate teams.

FOOD RESCUE
This volunteer group picks up rescued food from four grocery stores and delivers it to three different sites. These sites will distribute the food to those who are in need. In its second year, this program has saved $363,708 worth of food.

VOLUNTEER READERS
Our partner agency after-school programs are always looking for volunteers to read to students and assist with homework. Salvation Army, Flickinger Learning Center and Sunset Park have details about their volunteer needs on our volunteer site www.volunteermuscatine.org.

MENTORING
Our partner agency Big Brothers Big Sisters of Muscatine County is looking for Community & School based mentors. Details on both of those mentoring opportunities are also available at www.volunteermuscatine.org.

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM
The Summer Food Service Program runs Monday through Friday from mid-June to mid-August at multiple sites. Volunteers pick up meals at Central Middle School at 11 am and serve meals from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. Remaining food then needs to be delivered to MCSA.

Women United (formerly WLC)
Members are engaged year-round in volunteer experiences to advance causes that they feel passionate about in our community. WLC ignites the power of women to make a positive impact on critical issues in education, specifically the issues of kindergarten preparedness and students having skills to be successful post high school graduation. Join with other women who want to take an active role in improving lives and strengthening our community through leadership, education, volunteerism and philanthropy. There is a leadership giving component to this year.
VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

We have a number of committees that meet regularly. These volunteers are vital to the success of our organization.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
This group meets monthly and is responsible for all activities of our organization.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT
This committee meets frequently in the month of February. The committee decides how United Way campaign dollars are distributed in the community by reviewing program budgets and grant proposals, touring requesting agencies, listening to program presentations, and making grant recommendations to the Board of Directors.

CAMPAIGN CABINET
This committee meets monthly from August-February. The Campaign Cabinet is responsible for the annual planning and conduct of the campaign. Cabinet members take responsibility for contacting and following up with different segments of the community and keeping in contact with United Way staff regarding progress.

PACK THE BUS-EVENT PLANNING
This committee meets as needed in the spring & summer to plan the Pack the Bus school supply drive block party.

DAY OF CARING-EVENT PLANNING
This committee meets as needed to plan the Fall and Spring Day of Caring events. The fall event is for adults and the spring event is for students in the community.

KIDS FIRST FUND
The purpose of the Kids First fund is to provide funding for students in the Muscatine Community School District who have a need as identified by a MCSD employee. Some of the things the Kids First fund has covered are shoes, clothing, gas for college visits, school supplies, and activity fees. Committee members organize quarterly pancake breakfasts and the annual Vintner’s Dinner fundraiser.

FOOD RESCUE
This committee meets quarterly to help tackle food issues in Muscatine County.

Annual Event Dates
Pack the Bus  June
Campaign Kick Off Breakfast  September 14th
Fall Day of Caring  September 14th
Kids First Pancake Breakfasts  July & October
Kids First Vintner’s Dinner  October
Campaign Celebration  February
Volunteer Expo  February
Spring Day of Caring  April
By mobilizing volunteers, combining resources and bringing proven expertise to our biggest challenges, United Way is achieving big results. Join us to do more together than any of us can do alone.

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*Volunteer Hours:
1. **$300,754**
2. **$61,347 (in meals)**

*Agency Leverage:
1. **$425,411**

*Food Rescue:
1. **$363,708**
2. **Imagination Library $4,715**

*Kids First Fund:
1. **$24,577**

*Almoner Fund:
1. **$9,435**

*Outreach Events:
1. **$10,264**

*Disaster Recovery Fund:
1. **$45,005**