



United Way of Lake County

COVID-19 Response Volunteer Opportunities

Our number one priority is the safety and well-being of our staff, volunteers, agency partners and the community we serve.

United Way of Lake County is closely watching the developments of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and assessing the situation daily, following all recommendations from the Federal Government, Centers for Disease Control and Lake County Health Department. In conjunction with local health officials, we are working to slow the spread of the person-to-person transmission, particularly those who are most vulnerable to infection and severe disease. Please be assured our focus on providing continued service to the community is unchanged. We are currently involved in conversations with community partners to address emerging community needs.

General Guidelines for Volunteers

Please do not volunteer for any onsite activity if in the last 14 days you have:

- Been on a cruise or in an airport.
- Been around anyone who has been sick with cough, flu, or COVID-19 or have been experiencing cold like symptoms.
- Been to an event where more than 10 people were in attendance.

In the meanwhile, consider taking these precautions to ensure a safer environment for all in the community:

- Practice **social distancing**.
- **Stay home** when possible and limit personal interactions.
- **Wash your hands** often and with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place, sneezing, coughing, or touching your face. Alternatively, use hand sanitizer (at least 70% alcohol) when soap and water are not available.
- **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze then throw tissue away.

URGENT NEED MASKS

Various locations around the county are collecting **homemade cloth masks** to distribute to vulnerable populations. Please use [these instructions](#) to make a homemade mask. Individuals using homemade masks should follow [these guidelines \(Spanish\)](#). You may donate homemade cloth masks to the following locations:

- Cool Ministries **800 W. Glen Flora, Waukegan, IL 60085** Bin inside back entrance.
M-F 8:30am to 1:30pm Contact: 847-662-1340
- Christian Neighbors Church **222 N. County Street, Unit C, Waukegan, IL 60085**
Contact: 847-512-4900
- GiveNKind collection site at The Village Hall **1 Olde Half Day Road, Lincolnshire, IL 60069**
contact@givenkind.org
- Lake County Housing Authority **33928 N. Rte. 45, Grayslake, IL 60030**. Drop off bin located outside of main entrance during business hours.
- Zion Township **1015 27th Street, Zion, IL 60099**. Collection bin is located at the back door easily accessible by back parking lot during business hours.
- Highwood Public Library **102 Highwood Avenue, Highwood, IL 60040** Contact: 847-432-5404

Volunteer Opportunity	Volunteer Description
Community Action to Combat Hunger (C.A.T.C.H.) Elvis Munoz elvis.munoz@advocatehealth.com	Community Action to Combat Hunger (C.A.T.C.H.) is a coordinated group of community organizations. This group has identified the need for additional resource support and access points to provide nutritional distribution to match the increased community needs. This collective is seeking volunteer support to pack and prep meal boxes, deliver food to families or seniors in need, or move resources from one location to another for efficient distribution. Volunteer opportunities are located throughout Lake County and not at a consistent, centralized location.
Love INC Lake County Southwest Kristen "Moxie" Johnson 847-691-1266	Seeking volunteers who are comfortable with working in a faith-based, Christian organization. General office support and specifically, bookkeeping . Knowledge of QuickBooks and/or Salesforce. Comfortable with CRM. This volunteer opportunity is virtual and volunteers work remotely.
Meals on Wheels - Catholic Charities (Zion site) Sue Fowler 847-782-1032	Urgent need for drivers to pick up and deliver noon-time meals to homebound seniors. Meals on Wheels provides seniors who are homebound and unable to prepare

	<p>their own food due to physical or mental difficulties with a nutritious lunch. Volunteers frequently sign up for an open route one day a week or one day a month. However, groups can share a route. Substitute drivers are also needed so there is some flexibility depending on volunteer's schedule. All volunteers must be 18 years or older, hold a valid driver's license, and have valid auto insurance.</p>
<p>ElderCARE Lake County: 847-406-4683 info@eldercarelakecounty.org</p>	<p>ElderCARE Lake County is seeking volunteers to make assurance calls to the older adults it serves. ElderCARE's in-person friendly visits program has been suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic. Volunteers are needed to call an older adult at least two times per week to engage in conversation and to find out if any assistance accessing food, prescriptions, or medical care is needed.</p>
<p>Letters and Cards of Encouragement</p>	<p>Homebound seniors and veterans are isolated and cut off from their family and friends. Writing letters of encouragement or creating cheerful cards can be a wonderful way to brighten their day and provide some connection to the world again. Please consider writing letters or making cards to send to a senior living center or a veteran center of your choice. For a list of Long Term Care facilities, contact bobbi.selvik@uwlakeco.org</p>
<p>Vitalant (Formerly LifeSource) 877-258-4825</p>	<p>People who are healthy and able to donate blood should consider making an appointment at a local blood donation facility. Vitalant (formerly LifeSource) operates two donation locations in Lake County, one in Gurnee and one in Lake Bluff. They are extending their hours and encourage eligible donors to call (877) 258-4525 or visit Vitalant to schedule an appointment.</p>
<p>Donate Personal Protective Equipment ppe.donations@illinois.gov</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks: N-95, Earloop, Surgical • Gowns: Isolation, Non-Descript • Gloves: Nitrile, Sterile, Surgical • Eye Protection: Face Shields, Goggles • Infection Control Kits • Hand Sanitizer (any size) • Disinfectant Wipes (any size) • Thermometers (forehead only) • All items should be in the manufacture's original packaging and

	<p>unopened. Unfortunately, we cannot accept open product or homemade items. We recommend you contact your local first responders (Police, Fire, EMS) to see if they can utilize your items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please include in your contact email, the quantities of each you have on hand to donate along with your address so we can determine best drop-off point. They will then be in touch about the next logistical steps.
<p>giveNkind Emily Petway contact@givenkind.org</p>	<p>giveNkind is seeking digital volunteers and are currently running a computer drive. Volunteers can complete the form located here or email contact@givenkind.org.</p>
<p>Northern Illinois Food Bank 630-443-6910</p>	<p>Requesting volunteers so we can maintain our operations and continue to help provide food for our neighbors. Our shift schedule is available on our calendar, http://www.solvehungertoday.org/volunteer, but we encourage you to call us to sign up at (630)443-6910.</p>
<p>Beacon Place Katie Lawler 847-708-8537</p>	<p>Each week, Beacon Place, with the help of many generous food, games and supply donations, will be distributing necessities to our enrolled families. If anyone would like to contribute, we are accepting canned goods, pasta, cereal, nutritious snack foods, and new/ gently used games and puzzles. We are also looking for pain medications such as ibuprofen, Advil, Tylenol, Dayquil, Nyquil for families who cannot get access to over the counter medications during this time. Beacon Place families are also in need of more health and cleaning supplies such as reusable masks, gloves, hand soap, sanitizer, Lysol, and wipes.</p>
<p>Lambs Farm Vicky Raier or Katie Bouwens 14245 Rockland Road Libertyville, IL 60048 847-362-4636</p>	<p>At Lambs Farm, we currently need PPE (personal protective equipment) supplies for our staff to use while caring for participants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gloves • goggles • gowns • alcohol • thermometers

<p>Twice As Nice Mother & Child Contact: Ann Marie Mathis info@twiceasnicemc.org 224-637-1644</p>	<p>Request for volunteers to assist with diaper wrapping. Bundles of 25 diapers will be wrapped and labeled for distribution to local families in need. All social distancing and safety protocols will be practiced. Two hour shifts are available between 9am and 2:30pm Monday through Friday.</p>
<p>The Lake County Haven https://www.lakecountyhaven.org/get-involved/volunteer/meal-donations/</p>	<p>In need of volunteers who are able to help with food donations. Please provide a meal for homeless women and their children. Sign up to provide a dinner.</p>