

Holiday

2015 VOLUNTEER GUIDE



United Way
of East Central Iowa

It is the mission of United Way's volunteer program to **BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER TO IMPROVE LIVES THROUGH VOLUNTEERING**. Our Holiday Volunteer Guide compiles volunteering and giving opportunities for you and others who are **LOOKING TO HELP THOSE IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**. Thank you for your interest in **MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY**. That is what it means to **LIVE UNITED**.

Giving opportunities



CLOTHING

Benton County Volunteer Program
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Catherine McAuley Center
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Cedar Valley Friends of the Family
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Olivet Neighborhood Mission
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The Salvation Army
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Waypoint Services
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GIFT CARDS

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TOYS FOR CHILDREN

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The Salvation Army

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Young Parents Network

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Volunteer opportunities



ADOPT A FAMILY

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HACAP
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Jane Boyd Community House
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Oak Hill Jackson
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Olivet Neighborhood Mission
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The Salvation Army
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DRIVING OR VISITING THE ELDERLY

Aging Services, Inc.
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Riders Club of Cedar Rapids
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The Salvation Army
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FOOD BASKETS & MEALS

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HACAP
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Horizons
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The Salvation Army
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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS & PARTIES

Cedar Rapids Public Library

Fire & Ice Festival: Saturday, Dec. 5
Lindsey Tygart-Brown, tygart-brownl@crlibrary.org

Families Helping Families of Iowa

Christmas party: Saturday, Dec. 12
Amy Jellison, amyj@fhfia.org

HD Youth Center

Holiday Celebration, Saturday, Dec. 12
Dawn Stephens, director@hdyouthcenter.org

House of Hope

Festival of Hope: Friday, Dec. 4
Christina Hernandez, christina@houseofhopecr.org

Jane Boyd Community House

Holiday party: Dec. 18
Megan Isenberg, misenberg@fouroaks.org

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

Old World Christmas Market: Dec. 5 - 6
Lindsay Erhardt-Hansen, lerhardt@ncsml.org

The Arc of East Central Iowa

Wrapping for a Cause: Dec. 4 - 24
Lexi Coberly, lcoberly@arceci.org

Waypoint Services

Holiday Wonderland: Dec. 1 - 15
Sonya Masse, sonya.masse@waypointservices.org

Young Parents Network

Thanksgiving meal: Nov. 19
Holiday party: Dec. 10
We Care Shopping Night: Dec. 14
Mallory Landuyt, mlanduyt@youngparentsnetwork.org



OTHER VOLUNTEER NEEDS

HACAP

Jackie Schropp, jschropp@hacap.org

- *Adopt-a-Classroom - Purchase school supplies or equipment for one of our Head Start and/or Early Head Start Classrooms in Linn County.*

Horizons

Anna Ronnebaum, aronnebaum@horizonsfamily.org

- *Monetary donations: Needed to help us supplement the Senior Santa program. Gifts will be purchased for Meals on Wheels client.*

House of Hope

Sarah Jackson, sarah@houseofhopecr.org

- *Paper items, hand-soap, and printer toner*

The Salvation Army

Allyson Schnoor, allyson_schnoor@usc.salvationarmy.org

- *Volunteers are needed to ring the bells for the annual Christmas Kettle Campaign*

Young Parents Network

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- *New age-appropriate books: English and Spanish versions for children ages 0-5*

Giving & Volunteering Index

AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Learn more about each agency by clicking their name.

[Aging Services, Inc.](#) 319-398-3644

[Benton County Volunteer Program](#) 319-434-6078

[Catherine McAuley Center](#) 319-363-4993

[Cedar Rapids Public Library](#) 319-739-0403

[Cedar Valley Friends of the Family](#) 319-352-1108

[Cornell College Civic Engagement Office](#) 319-895-4538

[Families Helping Families of Iowa](#) 319-294-9706

[Foundation 2, Inc.](#) 319-362-1170

[Four Oaks Family and Children's Services](#) 319-784-2020

[HACAP](#) 319-393-7811

[HD Youth Center](#) 319-365-1662

[Horizons: A Family Service Alliance](#) 319-398-3943

<u>House of Hope</u>	319-366-4673
<u>Jane Boyd Community House</u>	319-366-0431
<u>Jones County Volunteer Center</u>	319-560-0811
<u>Kids on Course</u>	319-213-6761
<u>National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library</u>	319-362-8500
<u>Oak Hill Jackson Neighborhood Association & Resource Center</u>	319-389-3296
<u>Olivet Neighborhood Mission</u>	319-364-7946
<u>Riders Club of Cedar Rapids</u>	319-365-1511
<u>The Arc of East Central Iowa</u>	319-365-0487
<u>The Salvation Army</u>	319-364-9131
<u>Waypoint Services</u>	319-365-1458
<u>Young Parents Network</u>	319-364-8909

7 TIPS FOR USING THE HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER GUIDE

1. Review the different categories that most interest you.
2. Click on the agency link to learn more about the programs each agency provides to determine if they align with your interests.
3. Form a group of friends or co-workers to adopt a family or individual.
4. Contact an organization that needs clothing, food or toys to get a specific list of their needs. Start a collection drive at your place of business and place a decorated box where employees and customers can bring items. Be sure to identify the agency and who will be receiving items.
5. Take up a collection to purchase the much needed gift certificates for clients being served through agencies.
6. Sign up your family to help with a date specific holiday party or event.
7. Plan ahead. Most agencies need assistance prior to the holiday, not the day of.

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