

United Way
of East Central Iowa

Holiday VOLUNTEER GUIDE 2016

Together, we can improve lives through volunteering. That's part of United Way's mission and how you can **LIVE UNITED**.

Our 2016 Holiday Volunteer Guide compiles volunteering and giving opportunities for people looking to help those in need this holiday season.

CLICK AN AGENCY NAME OR OPPORTUNITY BELOW TO LEARN MORE.

Giving Opportunities



ADOPT A FAMILY

[Catherine McAuley Center](#)

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[Willis Dady Emergency Shelter](#)



GIFTS & GIFT CARDS

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FOOD

[Catherine McAuley Center](#)

[*Non-perishable foods*](#)

[The Salvation Army](#)

[*Canned food drive*](#)

[HACAP](#)

[*Food drive*](#)



TOYS FOR CHILDREN

[Catherine McAuley Center](#)

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Volunteer Opportunities



DRIVING THE ELDERLY

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS, & PARTIES

Families Helping Families

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Horizons

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Jane Boyd

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The Arc of East Central Iowa

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Willis Dady Emergency Shelter

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Young Parents Network

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FOOD BASKETS & MEALS

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Horizons

[Santa for Seniors: Gift bag assembly](#)

Marge Phillips Center

[Shopping for gifts](#)

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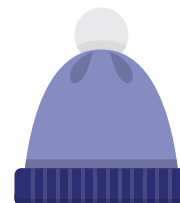
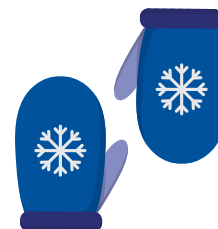
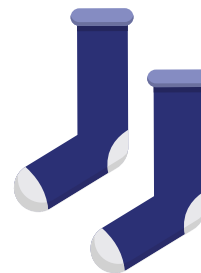
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Holiday Volunteer Guide Tips

- Review the different categories that most interest you.
- Click on the agency link to learn more about the programs each agency provides to determine if they align with your interests.
- Form a group of friends or coworkers to adopt a family or individual.
- 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 receive items.
- Take up a collection to purchase the much needed gift certificates for clients served through agencies.
- Sign up your family to help with a date-specific holiday party or event.
- Plan ahead. Most agencies need assistance prior to the holiday, not the day of.



Have a question or need more information?

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