



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, Center 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 issues.

General Guidelines for Volunteers. Please do not volunteer for any on site activity if in the last 14 days you have:

- Been on a cruise or been 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 150 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 limiting 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 alcohol solution 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: The Food Pantry at Catholic Charities is in need of assistance from Friday, April 3rd through Thursday, April 9th. If you are interested, here are their current needs:

- **Friday, April 3rd** – The food pantry will be closed, but are in need of assistance with preparing packaged bags to start handing out on Monday, April 6th. 9 am to noon.
- **Monday, April 6th through Thursday, April 9th** – Need of volunteers to assist with bagging food, entering client’s data into the computer and handing out food to clients. Two volunteer shifts: 8:30 -11 am or 10:30 to 1 pm (except Wednesday is just 10:30 to 1 pm).
- **Wednesday, April 8th** – Need of assistance unloading the food delivery arriving between 8:30 am and 10 am.

During this time, safe social distancing measures will be observed. Clients in the Emergency Food Pantry only come into the receiving area one family at a time and are asked to stand behind a line that is six feet away from the table to collect their client data. No forms are signed and the client picks up the pre-packaged food off the table with no physical staff to client exchanges.

Contact: **Sue Fowler** sfowler@catholiccharities.net

Location: 671 S Lewis Ave, Waukegan, 60085

To volunteer for any COVID19 Response volunteer opportunities, please register below:

[COVID19 RESPONSE VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION](#)

Volunteer Opportunity	Volunteer Description
Grocery Home Delivery- Catholic Charities 847-782-4000	Grocery shopping and delivery by volunteers, for those who are homebound and unable to shop for their own groceries due to physical or mental difficulties. Urgent need for shoppers to pick up and deliver groceries to homebound seniors.
Northern Il Food Bank 630-443-6910	Please consider volunteering if you are well and able, 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.
The American Red Cross <u>https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive</u>	The American Red Cross is experiencing a severe shortage of blood donations . Additional health screenings, sanitation measures and social distancing guidelines have been implemented to ensure donor and staff safety.
Letters and Cards of Encouragement	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.

	<p>Please consider writing letters or making cards to mail to a senior living center or a veterans center of your choice.</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 can't get access to over the counter medications during this time.</p>
<p>Love INC Lake County Southwest Kristen "Moxie" Johnson 847-691-1266</p>	<p>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 can work remotely.</p>
<p>PADS Lake County Eric Foote 847-689-0597</p>	<p>Support to serve meals and monitor areas for people in shelter who are experiencing homelessness. Social distancing is possible. Gloves for food service can be provided.</p>
<p>Vitalant (Formly LifeSource) 877-258-4525</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 unopened. Unfortunately, we cannot accept open product or homemade items. We recommend you contact your local first responders (Police,

	<p>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>PADS LAKE COUNTY Christen White 847-625-8802 https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4bafa722a3f49-pads6</p>	<p>PADS does have immediate volunteer needs to help assemble and/or distribute food boxes to homeless people currently sheltering in motels. This would be at their site at 1800 Grand in Waukegan.</p>
<p>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>
<p>DonorsChoose https://www.donorschoose.org/coronavirus</p>	<p>Corona Virus Relief: Keep Kids Learning DonorsChoose is committed to getting teachers what they need to give every student a great education. Right now, teachers need to get supplies in hands of their students at home to keep them learning. Usually, funded supplies are shipped directly to classrooms in need. With schools closed, this new pilot program empowers teachers to get supplies directly to students at home.</p>
<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>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

Lake County Government
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With the CDC imminently changing their recommendations regarding the need of masks in public, Lake County Government will be accepting **cloth masks**. They will distribute them to local service agencies to help contain the spread of COVID19