



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS UNITED WAY'S DAY OF CARING?

Day of Caring is an annual day of action that connects teams of corporate volunteers with nonprofits from across the Dunn & Pepin counties. Volunteer teams roll up their sleeves and provide much-needed manpower to complete a half day project they're assigned to at local nonprofit agencies.

WHAT KIND OF PROJECTS CAN BE SUBMITTED FOR DAY OF CARING?

It depends on the needs of your organization, creativity and resources. Projects have included but are not limited to: yardwork, painting, landscaping, deep cleaning, disseminating flyers, supply/pantry organization, donation room sorting, assembly of furniture, , delivering flowers to home-bound neighbors, creating welcome kits for shelter guests, clerical or administrative projects such as bulk mail collation, etc.

WILL MY PROJECT WOULD BE A GOOD FIT?

Just ask! Send an email to givehope@uwvalleys.org and we'll do our best to accommodate you. Safety is our top priority. The Day of Caring Committee reviews all project requests and reserves the right to refuse any, for any reason.

WHAT WILL OUR AGENCY NEED TO DO TO PREPARE FOR DAY OF CARING?

We suggest appointing a Project Lead for each project within your organization. This person is responsible for planning, gathering supplies, developing instructions, etc. If you're a lean team, consider asking a board member or volunteer to step up to the plate. Please keep safety top of mind in all preparations.

IS THERE A COST ASSOCIATED WITH DAY OF CARING?

Yes, depending on your need. Nonprofits hosting Day of Caring projects are responsible for providing any required supplies, materials, tools, equipment, etc. for the completion of your project(s). Many agencies are resourceful to ensure cost effective projects, such as borrowing or renting equipment, seeking donations, etc. The in-kind human capital or sweat equity presents huge cost savings!

SHOULD WE PLAN TO PROVIDE LUNCH FOR DAY OF CARING VOLUNTEERS?

UW Valleys will provide lunch to the volunteers. We do however, encourage you to have water and snack for your team of volunteers.

CAN WE SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE DAY OF CARING PROJECT?

Yes, you're welcome to submit multiple projects but please complete a separate registration form for each one.

CAN WE ASK VOLUNTEERS TO BRING ITEMS TO HELP COMPLETE THE PROJECT?

Yes, but your agency is responsible for required supplies, materials, tools, equipment, etc. Helpful reminders you may suggest to volunteers include work or gardening gloves, sunscreen, bug spray, kneeling pads, rakes, shovels, etc.

WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT AGENCIES FORGET TO DO ON DAY OF CARING?

Often agencies are so focused on the task or projects at hand, they forget to seize the opportunity to educate and inspire Day of Caring volunteers about their mission. Warmly welcome volunteers with a brief tour, talk about why your agency exists and the value it brings to our community. Remember, there may be potential volunteers, donors or allies in the room. Last but not least, don't forget to say thank you!

IS THERE A RAIN DATE IF THE WEATHER IS BAD?

No. Given the myriad logistics associated with this event, we are unable to schedule a make-up day. Volunteer teams and project sites are encouraged to connect directly to discuss inside projects, make alternative arrangements, etc.

WILL THERE BE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION?

Yes, after you register a project you will receive a confirmation email. You will also receive notification of what teams have been assigned to your project(s) after registration closes. That communicate will include additional info in advance of the event. Otherwise, submit questions to givehope@uwvalleys.org.

CAN WE SHARE DAY OF CARING ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA?

Absolutely! Before and after photos are awesome. Please post directly to the Day of Caring Facebook Group, and use the hashtags: #DayofCaring #LiveUnited



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