

Volunteer Engagement Calendar 2018

If you are interested in any of the volunteer opportunities below please contact volunteer@ppunitedway.org for additional information, and on how to get started!

<p>January –</p> <p>What better way to start off the year volunteering with Pikes Peak United Way through our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. No tax experience is needed!</p> <p>Have trouble keeping your New Year’s Resolutions? Try volunteering this year! You can link your desire to improve your life with your ability to improve someone else’s life. Click here for more tips on how to help you keep them!</p> <p>Additional Ways to Engage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Point-in-time survey on Monday, Jan. 29th Email: eva@ppunitedway.org to get involved! • Martin Luther King Service Day – Volunteer at your local food bank! • VITA – Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program <p>Notable Dates: January 1 – New Year’s Day January 11 – National Human Trafficking Awareness Day January 15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service January 23 – National Reading Day</p>	<p>February –</p> <p>On February 11th we celebrate National 2-1-1 Day.</p> <p>Please like us on Facebook to help spread the word about 2-1-1.</p> <p>Additional Ways to Engage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral and Hygiene kits – Host the drive and work together to build the kits! • VITA – Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program <p>Notable Dates: February 2 – Groundhog Day February 14 – Valentine’s Day February 11 – National 2-1-1 Day February 11 – 17 – Random Acts of Kindness Week February 19 – President’s Day National Children’s Dental Health Month</p>
<p>March –</p> <p>March 2nd is Dr. Seuss’s birthday and what better way to celebrate than to read to children in the</p>	<p>April –</p> <p>April 15-21 is National Volunteer Week. Let volunteers know how much they are appreciated and how they’ve impacted our community.</p>

<p>community. You can help foster a love of books and learning for the children!</p> <p>Additional Ways to Engage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host a Mix N’ Learn with partner agencies where volunteers can help with a project and learn more about the organization while lending a hand. • Host a clothing drive for local nonprofits in the community • VITA – Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program <p>Notable Dates: March 2 - Read Across America Day March 8 – International Women’s Day AmeriCorps Week TBD National Credit Education Month</p>	<p>Additional Ways to Engage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrate healthy infants by hosting a Community Baby Shower • Host a diaper drive • Help Early Connections Disinfect toys and make Playdough for the kiddos! <p>Notable Dates: April 7 – World Health Day April 15 – 21 – National Volunteer Week April 17 – Tax Day April 20 – National Teach Children to Save Day April 22 – Earth Day Mayor and County Recognition Day for National Service (TBD) National Garden Month Sexual Assault Awareness Month Child Abuse Prevention Month</p>
<p>May –</p> <p>With spring in the air and gardens being harvested it’s the perfect time to enhance our hunger awareness week in May!</p> <p>Additional Ways to Engage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make Literacy Kits • Create summer reading backpacks or host a book drive. • Create a community garden or lend a hand at the local gardens • Make May Day Baskets for children at local shelters or youth organizations <p>Notable Dates – May 5 – Cinco de Mayo May 6 – National Nurses Day May 8 – National Teacher Appreciation Day May 13 – Mother’s Day May 28 – Memorial Day Older Americans Month</p>	<p>June –</p> <p>Pikes Peak United Way’s Day of Action is held on June 21st each year, making June the perfect month to get involved. This day is set for engaging our community to join together, harnessing the volunteer spirit and improving the conditions of their communities.</p> <p>Additional Ways to Engage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 21st & 23rd – PPUW’s Day of Action: Volunteer for a variety of one-time events in our community. • Help with Landscaping at Cheyenne Village <p>Notable Dates: June 1 – International Day for Protection of Children June 17 – Father’s Day</p>

<p>July –</p> <p>Summertime fun, with students out of school, this is the perfect time to get them involved in our community! There are plenty of opportunities during the summer to volunteer with PPUW and our partners.</p> <p>Additional Ways to Engage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help RMFI rebuild trails in our beautiful community. • Volunteer with Partners in Housing in their donation room! • Care and Share food bank still needs help sorting food during the summer. • Help Diakonia with their community garden. <p>Notable Dates – July 4 – Independence Day July 12 - Summer Learning Day</p>	<p>August –</p> <p>Help us with our annual Back to School Supply Drive! This is a great time to grab an extra set of pencils, scissors, etc. to help low-income families with back to school supplies. This month kicks off the school year and it can be a stressful time for struggling families to gather the necessities their child needs to start back at school. Drop-off supplies at any local Walmart.</p> <p>Additional Ways to Engage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start a school drive at your business • Help with PPUW’s annual backpack drive • Lend a hand at Tri-Lakes Cares with their back to school supplies • Mentor a youth in your community with Big Brothers and Big Sisters • Help the Women’s Resource Agency with administration work and organizing donations. <p>Notable Dates –</p>
<p>September –</p> <p>September 11th is National Day of Service or 9/11 Day, this is a great opportunity to take part in a variety of volunteer activities that supports and honors veterans, soldiers, military families and first responders.</p> <p>Additional Ways to Engage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your organization to participate in a poverty simulation. • Volunteer in schools with Field Days, etc. • Create Family Teaching Kitchens in your community. • Help make a meal at Marian House with Catholic Charities. • Be a translator for Atlas Prep (Spanish). 	<p>October –</p> <p>National Make a Difference Day is an annual community service day where millions of people have united in the common mission to improve the lives of others.</p> <p>Additional Ways to Engage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rake leaves for neighbors in need • Help Council of Neighbors of Organizations with neighborhood clean-ups. • Tutor a kiddo at your local elementary schools • Connect with local nonprofits to participate in National Make a Difference Day on Oct. 27th.

<p>Notable Dates –</p> <p>September 3 – Labor Day September 8 – International Literacy Day September 11 – National Day of Service September 21 - International Day of Peace Hunger Action Month National Childhood Obesity Month National Attendance Awareness Month</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping elderly with home projects • Build Free Little Libraries for your community. • Mentor students at Mitchell High with our Colorado Springs Promise program to ensure they are college and career ready. <p>Notable Dates –</p> <p>October 1 – 5 – National Tutoring Week October 27 – Make a Difference Day October 31 – Halloween National Book Month Tackling Hunger Month</p>
<p>November –</p> <p>November is the National Month of Giving! This is the time to look at everyone in our lives and find new ways to give BIG THANKS. It’s holiday season, do you think you can lend a helping hand or a generous donation to local non-profits in our community?</p> <p>Additional Ways to Engage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring a Turkey to Work Day – Care and Share Food Bank • Be a Kettle Bell Ringer with The Salvation Army. • Build housewarming kits for veterans • Letter writing campaign for veterans • Thanksgiving service projects around the community. • Host a Thanksgiving Food Drive or donate food at the local Food Banks <p>Notable Dates:</p> <p>November 5 – International Volunteer Managers Day November 8 – National STEM/ STEM Day November 11 – Veterans Day November 17 – Family Volunteering Day November 20 – Universal Children’s Holiday (United Nations)</p>	<p>December –</p> <p>It’s Holiday time, and a great opportunity to add to the celebration while providing one final opportunity to engage in our community and Pikes Peak United Way. Spread the joy of giving by helping out organizations with donation distribution, or serving a meal to the less fortunate.</p> <p>Additional Ways to Engage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decorate holiday cards for seniors and veterans • Give toys to Toys for Tots • Host a Toy Drive • Make fleece scarves or blankets for families in homeless shelters or veterans. • Volunteer at organizations who are in need. <p>Notable Dates:</p> <p>December 1 – Hanukkah Begins December 5 – International Volunteer Day December 24 – Christmas Eve December 25 – Christmas Day December 26 – Kwanzaa Begins December 31 – New Year’s Eve</p>

November 22 – Thanksgiving Day November 27 – Giving Tuesday	