



VOLUNTEERING IS SAFE & EASY

UWRI's Volunteer Engagement works with companies to meet Corporate Social Responsibility goals by placing employees into safe and meaningful volunteer opportunities partnering with community nonprofits. Here are some examples of the services we provide:

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS CHALLENGE

Put a little kindness out into the world. Employees will be challenged to do a random act of kindness and share the act on social media using #BeKindRI and a company-sponsored hashtag. They then nominate three people to do the challenge. Extending kindness makes Rhode Island a little better and allows volunteers to create their own ways to make a small difference.

IN PERSON VOLUNTEER DAYS OF SERVICE

Customized **Day of Service** projects can be created for your team to do a hands-on project in the community at a local nonprofit. All local safety guidelines will be followed. Talk to us about your focus areas or interests and we will outreach to match you with a project. UWRI's Volunteer Coordinator will then join the team for the project.

VIRTUAL (NEW)

Online projects are also available, with volunteers joining through Zoom. Projects include:

- **Creating Encouragement** – Make cards or write notes to send to out to isolated seniors, essential workers or military personnel. Color birthday banners for hospitalized children or pictures to brighten a day. Decorate placemats for senior meals to brighten the day or holidays.
- **Literacy Buddies*** – Engage children in reading, employees will make a stuffed animal and package it along with a new book to go to a child for their home library.
- **Fleece Comfort Blankets*** – Make no sew fleece blankets for toddlers or lap blankets for seniors or veterans. We provide a kit with all the materials. Volunteers just have to provide the scissors.
- **T-Shirt Tote Bag** – Use a gently used t-shirt to create a no sew tote bag. The tote can then be filled with items to donate locally, such as nonperishable food, school supplies and more.

GRAB & GO (NEW)*

Our "**projects in a bag**" service is designed to make it easy for your employees to volunteer. Each kit contains all the materials and instructions to create an engaging volunteer project. Whether done individually, in small groups, or through a virtual Zoom meeting, this is a great way to engage your team:

- **All Virtual projects above can be prepared as Grab and Go.**
- **Snack Packs for Youth** – Creating bags of nutritious snacks and words of encouragement for youth in afterschool programs
- **Literacy Kits** – After identifying a new or gently used children's book to donate, volunteers use arts and crafts materials to design book-related props and games to engage children in reading. Kits can be tailored to a company's mission or focus areas. This includes Cyber Literacy Buddy Kits, which teach children about internet safety.

DRIVES

Hold a drive at your worksite, collecting children's books, clothing, diapers, food, hygiene kits, new home kits, snack packs for kids, toys, winter coats and mittens, work clothes, and more. UWRI can work with you to determine what's best to meet your goals and help you find a recipient for what is collected.

*There is a cost for these projects.

Contact volunteer@uwri.org to find out more about our Volunteer Engagement services.

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