



2021 Day of Caring Guide for Nonprofit Projects

Friday, September 24, 2021, will be United Way of Northeast Arkansas' 28th annual Day of Caring. On this day, volunteers from local businesses and organizations will come together to complete service projects as part of what is now one of the largest community service project days in Northeast Arkansas. Participating nonprofit organizations are matched with volunteers from local businesses and organizations to complete needed projects in our area.

How can your nonprofit or organization host a project for Day of Caring?

- Identify a project that is appropriate for completion by non-professional workers.
*If you have a project in mind that requires special skills or tools, please submit your project and make note of the special skills or tools needed on your application. We will do our best to accommodate the need!
- Submit a project request form! Please feel free to request more than one project for your organization—just be sure to submit a separate request form for each project.
- Provide all materials needed to complete your Day of Caring project and ensure all materials are ready to go before volunteers arrive.
- Participate in a project site visit prior to Day of Caring. Our committee will visit all project sites and meet with project coordinators to ensure projects are ready to go for teams!
- Establish an inclement weather plan—plans may include a modification or backup project, rescheduling with the assigned team leader, or cancelation of the project.
- Identify a project coordinator from your organization to oversee communication prior to the event and to be on site the day of the event.
- Oversee completion of all volunteer release forms, in partnership with the team leader.

We love hands-on projects, but if your organization is not able to participate in this way, we invite you to consider a “virtual” project. A virtual project is simply a supply drive! We will work to match your project with a team who would like to collect supplies to donate to your organization on Day of Caring.

United Way will send out project assignments the week before Day of Caring. We will share your assigned team and team leader with you at this time.

Important dates for nonprofit project coordinators:

July 30: Project request forms DUE

September 8: Project Site Visits take place between 8:30am – 12:00pm

September 24: Day of Caring! Teams should begin arriving between 8:30 – 9:00am.