



# LOGAN COUNTY VOLUNTEER GUIDE

## LIVE UNITED

**“THERE ARE SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED AND MAKE THIS COMMUNITY STRONGER. THE PERSONAL REWARDS FOR BEING A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN YOURSELF ARE SO MEANINGFUL.”**

**— Scott Guenther, United Way Board Member**

### HERE ARE A FEW TIPS ON HOW TO GET STARTED.

Ask yourself the following questions:

- Am I looking to volunteer as an individual or with a group (from work or church)?
- What am I interested in doing as a volunteer?
- Do I want to volunteer in something that is related to my job?
- How much time can I dedicate to volunteering? On a regular daily, weekly, or monthly basis? Or maybe just a special event here and there?
- Do I have an area of expertise that would benefit an organization?

Then, review our Volunteer Guide and identify organizations or activities that sound interesting to you. Visit their websites or call them directly for more information or to sign up.

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**United Way**  
**of Logan County**

There are literally hundreds of volunteer opportunities in Logan County, within our United Way family of Funded Agencies and beyond. There's certainly a place for you!

Contact: [Melody Couchman](mailto:Melody.Couchman@uwlogan.org)

(937) 592-2886

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## **BOARD & COMMITTEE WORK**

Many volunteers serve in the Board room or on committees, such as the Allocations Committee (works to properly spend donor dollars), Student United Way (our Youth leadership development program). These positions are usually appointed. If you are interested, please e-mail us.



## **CAMPAIGN CABINET**

No community supports its local United Way like ours does! Logan County is the smallest in the state to raise \$1 million in a United Way campaign. And we've done it three years in a row! You can help us do it again throughout the fall by representing United Way in your workplace or neighborhood.



## **COMMUNITY CARE DAY**

Our annual one-day corporate volunteer event. Join more than 300 volunteers from 40 local workplaces, coming together to complete hands-on service projects throughout Logan County. In 2022, Community Care Day will occur on August 26.



## **LUNCH BUDDIES**

We're looking for adult role models willing to commit to having lunch once a month to build a relationship with a 3rd grader at Bellefontaine Intermediate School. This pilot program aims to help with students' self-esteem, grades and attendance.



## **MAIL PREPARATION**

We need help throughout the year preparing bulk mailings. A perfect low-impact task to complete at your location and as time allows.



## **WOMEN UNITED**

Join us as we work to plan and implement local WOMEN UNITED programs, awareness events, networking socials, and philanthropic activities in Logan County. We are looking for leaders to help us address issues such as mental health and workforce development through the establishment of mentoring activities for girls, teens, young mothers, and professionals.



## BELLEFONTAINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Contact: (937) 599-1010

Website: <https://www.ci.bellefontaine.oh.us/citizens-police-academy.html>

Enroll in the Citizens Police Academy and learn what it's like to be a first responder! They obtain a new and informed understanding of the law enforcement profession. Or help with some of their neighborhood block parties and outreach events.



## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TECUMSEH COUNCIL

Contact: [Thomas B. Gates](#) (937) 325-6449

Website: <http://www.tecumsehCouncilbsa.org/>

Help shape young lives by leading local activities as a Den Leader, Scoutmaster, or Merit Badge Counselor. Assist with one-time special events such as the Pinewood Derby, or fundraisers such as the annual Popcorn or Chocolate Sales.



## CARING KITCHEN

Contact: [Tara Jordan](#) (937) 653-8443

Website: <https://www.caringkitchen.org/>

Urbana-based homeless shelter and soup kitchen that serves as overflow for Logan County residents. Volunteers may serve meals, assist with intake, tutoring, sorting donations.



## DISCOVERY RIDERS

Contact: [Lindsay Jackson](#) (937) 935-6545

Website: <https://www.discoveryriders.org/volunteer>

Therapeutic horse riding center help students learn life skills while working with horses. Assist riders with their lessons. Working in the barn cleaning and caring for horses. Others enjoy helping in the office with filing and record keeping and fundraisers.



## GREATER RIVERSIDE AREA COMMUNITY ENCOURAGERS (G.R.A.C.E.)

Contact: [Darlene Roll](#) (419) 371-5515

Assemble meals in backpacks for Riverside Schools students to take home on the weekends.



## GREEN HILLS COMMUNITY / UNIVERSAL HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE

Contact: [Rebecca Marker-Smith](#) (937) 650-7146

Website: <http://www.greenhillscommunity.org/get-involved.html>

Provide respite care for caregivers by visiting with hospice patients. Bingo caller. Meals assistant. Sunday worship assistant. Activities. Camp Braveheart grief camp for youth. Make cards/notes for residents.

# VOLUNTEERING WITH UNITED WAY FUNDED AGENCIES

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## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Contact: [Kathleen Bow](#)

(937) 539-0275

Website: <https://www.habitatforhumanityloganco.org/volunteer>

Help a homeless family by pitching in to build a new home. Assist by working in the Re-Store, assisting with donations of furniture, household items, etc.



## LIFECARE ALLIANCE

Contact: [Stephanie Hughes](#)

(614) 278-3130

Website: <https://www.lifecarealliance.org/volunteer/>

Deliver Meals-on-Wheels to homebound neighbors during lunch time. Each route lasts approximately an hour and delivers meals to 12-15 clients. Individuals or groups would Adopt-A-Route, serving anytime between one day a month to five days a week.



## LOGAN COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH

Contact: [Drew Shick](#) or [Aaron Pool](#)

(937) 843-9283 or (937) 593-1449

Website: <https://www.co.logan.oh.us/590/Neighborhood-Outreach-Centers>

Help with homework, play games, or other mentoring-type activities at the three youth centers open after school and during the summer.



## LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES - OUR DAILY BREAD AND THRIFT STORE

Contact: [Kim Collum](#)

(937) 592-9914

Website: [www.becomebettertogether.org](http://www.becomebettertogether.org)

Help prepare and serve daily meals at the soup kitchen. Sort donations for the Thrift Store. Help assemble and distribute Christmas baskets for adopt-a-family (seasonal).



## MARY RUTAN HOSPITAL

Contact: [Christie Barns](#)

(937) 599-7005

Website: <https://www.maryrutan.org/careers/volunteer-opportunities/>

Staff the front desk, operate the gift shop and snack bar, assist with hospitality.



## RECOVERY ZONE

Contact: [Kathy Zeller](#)

(937) 593-9391

Website: <https://www.recoveryzonelcc.org/>

Assist or lead support groups and activities for those in recovery from mental health and addiction. Meal preparation.

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## SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK

Contact: [Kurt Heltman](#)

(937) 325-8715

Website: <https://www.theshfb.org/get-involved>

Help staff a mobile pantry food distribution in Logan County by loading food boxes into cars. Sort and pack food on-site at their Springfield warehouse.



## TCN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - SOTERIA HOUSE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER

Contact: [Debbie Brownlee](#)

(937) 593-5777

Website: <https://www.tcn.org/domestic-violence>

Assist with sorting donations and other activities supporting victims of domestic violence.



## WARM CLOTHES FOR KIDS

Contact: [Tammy Gump](#)

(937) 441-9158

Assist with clothes shopping for children at Walmart when the program administers their clothing vouchers during the fall (seasonal).



## YMCA OF CENTRAL OHIO

Contact: [Jeff Radde](#)

(937) 592-9622

Website: <https://ymcacolumbus.org/locations/hilliker>

Aquatics, lifeguard, coaching, referees, instructors, office help and more at the Hilliker YMCA. Camp volunteer and activities at Camp Willson.

**“SIMPLY STEP UP! EVERYONE IS EXTREMELY BUSY. BUT WE CAN ALL FIND A LITTLE TIME TO SUPPORT OTHERS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE EXIST EVERYWHERE IN LOGAN COUNTY. PRIORITIZE YOUR TIME AND MAKE SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY A FAMILY ACTIVITY. IF YOU DO NOT KNOW WHERE TO START, CONTACT UNITED WAY FOR IDEAS.”**

**—Rob Underwood, United Way Board Member**

**THE ENERGY THAT IS INVESTED IN POSITIVE EFFORTS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY IS A WIN FOR EVERYONE. ASK. BE AWARE. TAKE A RISK. VOLUNTEERS ARE AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF A HEALTHY COMMUNITY.**

**— Annette Deao, United Way Board Member**

# VOLUNTEERING WITH OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS



## ADRIEL

Contact: [Kyrstin Marshall](#) (937) 465-0010

Website: <https://www.adriel.org/how-you-can-help/volunteer>

Sort donations. Assist with fundraising events. Assemble totes with hygiene supplies. Help with foster care appreciation events.



## BELLEFONTAINE JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT

Contact: [Kris Myers](#) (937) 592-3475

Website: <https://bellefontaineoh.myrec.com/>

Park landscaping / maintenance projects. Coaching youth sports and other activities.



## BELLEFONTAINE ROTARY CLUB

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/BellefontaineRotaryClub/>

Civic organization with many service opportunities and activities to get involved. Meets Mondays at Noon at the Hilliker YMCA in Bellefontaine.



## GIRL SCOUTS OF WESTERN OHIO

Contact: [Lissa Brown](#) (888) 350-5090

Website: <https://www.gsw.org/en/for-volunteers/why-volunteer.html>

Be the troop leader or camp volunteer, or series facilitator that supports her every week—the one that watches her smile get bigger as she grows more confident. Or work with other adults to provide the behind-the-scenes support that makes it possible.



## HOLLAND THEATRE

Contact: [Jason Vogel](#) (937) 592-9002

Website: <http://thehollandtheatre.org>

Help with productions and shows. Maintenance and restoration projects.



## LOGAN COUNTY HOUSING COALITION

Contact: [Pastor Larry Novak](#) (937) 592-7699

Working to solve issues across the housing spectrum, from homelessness, rent and utility assistance, tenant / landlord rights, affordable housing, and more. Meets on the 2nd Thursday of every odd month at 8:30 a.m. at the First Lutheran Church.



## INDIAN LAKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Contact: [Amber Fagan](#) (937) 843-5392

Website: <https://www.visitindianlakeohio.com/>

Help staff the many Chamber-supported events throughout the year.

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## INDIAN LAKE STATE PARK

Contact: [Renee Metzger](#)

(937) 205-8738

Website: <https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/buy-and-apply/support-odnr/volunteer-odnr/volunteer-osp>

Help with programs, special events, trail maintenance, litter control, beach clean-up, and more.



## KIWANIS CLUB OF BELLEFONTAINE

Contact: [Dave Woods](#)

(937) 597-2800

Website: [https://www.facebook.com/kiwanisbellefontaine/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/kiwanisbellefontaine/?ref=page_internal)

Civic organization with many service opportunities and activities to get involved. Meets Thursdays at Noon, at The Syndicate.



## LOGAN ACRES

Contact: [Lorraine Fischio](#)

(937) 599-7066

Website: <https://www.loganacres.com>

Numerous volunteer opportunities are available on our campus. From calling bingo to reading a book or simply visiting with a resident there are numerous talents that you may have that would put a smile on one of our residents.



## LOGAN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Contact: [Ben Vollrath](#)

(937) 599-5121

Website: <http://www.logancountyohio.com>

Help staff the many Chamber-supported events throughout the year.



## LOGAN COUNTY COALITION FOR ONGOING RECOVERY EFFORTS (C.O.R.E.)

Contact: [Sarah Ferguson](#)

(937) 465-1045

Website: <https://www.logancountycore.com>

Join the fight against substance abuse in Logan County by participating on one or more Strategy Teams of community leaders addressing the issue of drugs in our community. Includes prevention, recovery events, and support for treatment programs.



## LOGAN COUNTY HISTORY CENTER

Contact: [Todd McCormick](#)

(937) 593-7557

Website: <https://www.loganhistory.org>

Give museum tours, help with special events, and more.



## LOGAN COUNTY LIBRARIES

Contact: [Beverly Arlequeeuw](#)

(937) 599-4189

Website: <http://logancountylibraries.org>

Call for more information.

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## NEW PATH PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

Contact: [Emily Berry](#)

(937) 592-7734

Website: <https://www.newpathprc.com/want-to-help.php>

Work with clients, teach classes, mentor young and soon-to-be mothers, office and event help.



## OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Contact: [Stephanie Knight](#)

(937) 599-4227

Website: <https://logan.osu.edu>

Become a 4-H advisor. Become a Master Gardener. Volunteers are an important component of the OSU Extension system. The Master Gardeners' knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm have become essential to Extension education of consumer horticulture in the state of Ohio.



## SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION

Contact: [Ceci Yelton](#)

(937) 465-1045

Website: <https://www.mhdas.org/suicide-prevention-coalition.html>

Meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 3:00 p.m. and plans prevention and awareness events in both Logan and Champaign Counties.



## WEST LIBERTY LIONS CLUB

Website: [www.westlibertylions.org](http://www.westlibertylions.org)

Civic organization. Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 6:45 p.m. at the West Liberty Church of Christ. Plans several large community events throughout the year and maintains Lions Park.



## SCHOOLS

Contact: Your Neighborhood School

Schools have countless volunteer opportunities, from Parent Teacher Organizations, tutoring in the classrooms, helping with sports and after-school activities.



## CHURCHES

Contact: The church of your choice

Churches have countless ministry and outreach opportunities, such as catechists for Sunday school and faith-building, food pantries, and special events.

**WANT TO SEE YOUR ORGANIZATION / ON-GOING VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY LISTED HERE?**

**CONTACT UNITED WAY AT (937) 592-2886 OR [DAVE@UWLOGAN.ORG](mailto:dave@uwlogan.org)**