

## Kishwaukee United Way Day of Caring Project Ideas

**Project Priorities:** Create projects that will result in meaningful activity for volunteers. All projects should:

- ◆ *Be simple and straightforward to accomplish*
- ◆ *Be low cost, but with a tangible result at the end*
- ◆ *Educate the volunteers about your mission and programs*

### **Arts & Crafts**

- ◆ Paint a mural
- ◆ Create bulletin board
- ◆ Teach crafts
- ◆ Paint T-shirts
- ◆ Art projects with youth

### **Building**

- ◆ Build shelves, bookcases, picnic tables
- ◆ Repair porch/window screens
- ◆ Build wheelchair ramp

### **Computer Assistance**

- ◆ Create newsletter template
- ◆ Provide technical support
- ◆ Data entry

### **Program Focused (Youth, Seniors)**

- ◆ Read to children
- ◆ Play bingo and sponsor a cake and ice cream party at a nursing home
- ◆ Deliver Meals on Wheels

### **Landscaping/Gardening**

- ◆ Weed, trim trees, plant flowers
- ◆ Mow a senior's yard
- ◆ Pot flowers for clients to keep

### **Cleaning**

- ◆ Clean office areas or windows
- ◆ Sort & organize display areas
- ◆ Wash walls and baseboards
- ◆ Wash vehicles
- ◆ Pressure wash siding or clean gutters
- ◆ Clean out storage shed or garage

### **Painting**

- ◆ Paint a porch or window sills
- ◆ Paint an interior room
- ◆ Paint an office or office bathroom
- ◆ Paint the exterior of a senior's home

### **Miscellaneous**

- ◆ Prepare a mailing for agency
- ◆ Manicures for seniors or young girls
- ◆ Office help
- ◆ Assemble hygiene kits for emergencies
- ◆ Install carbon dioxide or smoke/fire detectors
- ◆ Sort food/clothing in a food bank
- ◆ Distribute flyers or posters for an event

### **Agency Responsibilities:**

Communicate how many people you need for your project.  
 Provide on-site supervision of the project.  
 Provide all project materials.  
 Provide meals and/or water (as appropriate).

### **Kishwaukee United Way DAY OF CARING Responsibility:**

Coordinate and provide the labor for the project.