



COMMUNITY RESPONSE VOLUNTEER PROJECTS



ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

People across the Twin Cities are facing increased difficulties getting to work, accessing food, and meeting other basic needs for themselves and their families. When our community faces challenges, Greater Twin Cities United Way is here.

Today, tomorrow and always, we are dedicated to building a shared future where all people can thrive.

Volunteer United partners with nonprofits to ensure volunteers have the greatest impact while easing the burden on organizations - a huge relief when nonprofits are strained. By hosting a community response volunteer project, you will support our community by providing individuals and families with critical items such as food and other household essentials.

In the past few months, the 211 resource helpline has seen:

- Housing requests up 103%
- Rent assistance requests up 236%
- Food requests up 197%
- Spanish-language calls up 17x the normal volume



For questions, please contact VolunteerUnited@gtcuw.org

ON-SITE VOLUNTEER EVENT

Volunteer United will support your event in the following ways:

- Execute on-site volunteer event for your employees to assemble essential packs (see options & pricing below).
- Coordinate purchase & delivery of items, set up project, facilitate volunteer activity, complete project cleanup, and coordinate delivery to nonprofit recipient.
- Provide an educational presentation to volunteers which explains the impact they are having in the community.

Please contact VolunteerUnited@gtcuw.org to confirm your event.

2-4 weeks lead time requested from project confirmation to project date depending on pack selection(s).

Family Meal Pack (\$23.50)

1 box of pasta
1 jar of pasta sauce
1 can of green beans
1 can of corn
2 cans of chicken

Kids Snack Pack (\$6.50)

1 granola bar
1 juice box
1 fruit pouch
1 yogurt pouch
1 meat stick
1 fruit leather strip
1 napkin

Family Snack Pack (\$22)

4 meat sticks
4 trail mix
4 granola bars
4 bags of pretzels
2 bags of microwave popcorn
1 bag dried mango
2 fruit bars

Ready-to-Eat Pack (AM) (\$10.50)

2 cartons of shelf-stable milk
2 instant oatmeal packs
1 cereal box
1 applesauce pouch
2 oat bars
2 utensil packs

Ready-to-Eat Pack (PM) (\$19)

1 can chicken noodle soup
1 madras lentil pack
1 package instant white rice
1 package tuna salad with crackers
1 mac and cheese cup
1 quinoa and brown rice pack
1 can of V8 juice
4 utensil packs

School Supply Refill Pack (\$12)

2 folders
2 notebooks
1 box of crayons
1 box of colored pencils
1 box markers
1 box of pencils
4 erasers
4 glue sticks

Kids Hygiene (\$22.00)

1 toothpaste
2 toothbrushes
1 lotion
1 shampoo (3 in 1)
1 comb

Kids Dental (\$9.50)

1 toothpaste
2 toothbrushes
2 flosser packs

Adult Hygiene (\$22)

3 bars of soap
1 deodorant
1 shampoo
1 conditioner
1 nail clipper
1 comb

Adult Dental (\$10.50)

1 toothpaste
2 toothbrush
2 dental floss

A courier transportation fee will apply, amount dependent on scope of project.

Pricing valid through June 2026.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS DRIVE

Volunteer United will support your drive in the following ways:

- Consult with your planning team and provide recommendations
- Provide creative assets and templates for your promotional needs (logo, customizable promo poster and messaging)
- Coordinate date/time to receive collected packs

Steps to host your supply drive:

1. Choose which individual items or pack type(s) you will collect and set your goals (list of accepted items below)
2. Identify date/time/location for your supply drive
3. Send communications/promote supply drive
4. Host supply drive (collect items)
5. Coordinate pickup or drop-off of collected packs with United Way team (VolunteerUnited@gtcuw.org)

We are accepting the following highly requested items:

Baby Items: formula, baby food, diapers, wipes

Baking Items: flour, sugar

Canned fruits and vegetables

Canned meats

Cooking oil

Drinks: juice, coffee, tea, Pedialyte (no soda)

Feminine hygiene products

Grains: cereal, rice, pasta, lentils, oatmeal

Hygiene: shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste

Ready-to-eat foods: can chili, soup, macaroni and cheese cups

