



**UNITED WAY**  
Greater Houston

**ONSITE VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITIES**

## **FULL SERVICE**

For onsite full-service projects, United Way of Greater Houston manages all coordination from start to finish including ordering, shipping, and set-up of needed supplies. United Way is onsite at the project to welcome the group, help manage packing and assembly of kits, assist with clean-up, and deliver the completed kits to those in need.

## **UNITED WAY BOOK BUDDIES / LITERACY KITS**

Volunteers will put together literacy kits that include a book and literacy aids. The centerpiece of the kit is an interactive character puppet that kids can then use while reading the designated book. Kids who have fun while learning are more likely to retain the information and cultivate excitement for reading!

Samples shown below:



include a book, character puppet, an activity book, an inspirational wristband, a pencil, and an eraser.

**PRICE PER KIT: \$9.00**

Each kit takes about 20-40 min to complete. Each volunteer will be able to make 2.5 kits



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## UNITED WAY KITCHEN ESSENTIAL KITS

Volunteers will create Kitchen Essential kits for the community. The host company can select an issue area for the kits to benefit- women and families in domestic violence shelters, families struggling with basics needs, or individuals and families facing homelessness.

Volunteers will use fabric markers to decorate dish towels, and once complete, assemble the kit. Finally, volunteers will write a note of encouragement to the individual or family who will receive the Kit.



### Kits Include:

- One hand decorated dish towel
- One green dish towel
- Can opener
- Spatula
- Mixing spoon
- Personalized notecard branded for sponsoring company
- Gift bag

## PRICE PER KIT: \$15.00

Each kit takes about 30-40 minutes to complete. United Way can create a specific quote based on a target volunteer count and length of project.

Campaign Year  
2026-2027



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## **BEAR ESSENTIALS HYGIENE KIT**

Volunteers will assemble Bear Essentials Hygiene Kits to provide an essentials kit for individuals in need of hygiene supplies. These kits are designed to support hygiene options for individuals.



Kits Include:

- Washcloth Bear
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Hand & Body Lotion
- Deodorant
- Shampoo & Body Wash
- Facial & Body Soap
- Foldable Brush/Comb

**PRICE PER KIT: \$10.00**

Each kit takes about 20-30 minutes to assemble. The highlight of this kit is the Bear which is assembled by the volunteer out of the washcloth.

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## YOUTH DENTAL HYGIENE KITS

Oral hygiene is one of the most important yet overlooked issues for children. Untreated oral hygiene issues can result in cavities, pain, and infections that may lead to problems for everyday life such as eating, speaking, playing, and learning. Volunteers will create Dental Kits to promote and encourage the dental hygiene of children and youth in the community.



Kits include a toothbrush, toothpaste, character flossers, sand timer and a tooth sticker to close a bag they come in.

**PRICE PER KIT: \$4.00**

Each kit takes about 60 seconds to complete. Each volunteer will be able to make 60 kits in a session.



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## UNITED WAY CARE CARDS

Volunteers will work in a team atmosphere to create Care Cards for the community. Companies can select a client focus for the cards to benefit such as seniors, children, or veterans. Depending on the time of year, companies can also decide to have a theme for the cards such as Valentine's Day, Birthday, or Winter Holiday. Volunteers will use the card provided and materials to express their creativity and assemble a unique, thoughtful card.



Care Cards supplies include a mixture of colorful cardstock, ribbons/yarn, decorative tape, glitter pens, markers, patterned hole punches and patterned scissors & regular scissors, sequins, gemstones, stickers, and glue.

### **PRICE: \$65 FOR 25 PEOPLE PER HOUR**

Each card takes about 20 minutes to complete. Each volunteer will be able to make 2.5 Care Cards per hour.



## UNITED WAY EMERGENCY KITS

Volunteers will assemble emergency kits to provide essential supplies and resources that help individuals and families stay safe during emergencies. These kits are designed to support readiness and resiliency in the community, ensuring that households have the necessary tools to respond effectively to unexpected situations.

### EMERGENCY KIT



Kits Include:

- Flashlight with batteries
- Emergency blanket
- Matches
- First aid kit
- Wet Ones wipes
- Plastic bag
- 211 CARD
- Copy of the emergency essential kit list

**PRICE PER KIT: \$11.00**



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## **DO-IT-YOURSELF KIT PROJECTS**

Company-led kit building project using a United Way project guide; United Way can provide support in planning the project and matching with a recipient agency. To view all our DIY guides, visit <https://www.unitedwayhouston.org/materials/virtual-activities/> and scroll to the bottom section.

## **SUPPLY DRIVES**

Many United Way funded programs need a variety of in-kind donations or goods to support their clients. Items include school supplies, socks and underwear, hygiene items, pantry items, household cleaning supplies, winter coats and mittens, and more. United Way can set up a supply drive for a selected focus area. The supply drive can be entirely virtual (Amazon or similar online platform) or include in-office collection bins.