# **Volunteer Center Network**

Virtual Meeting NOTES

**Wednesday, October 27th | 9 AM**

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MEETING RECORDING: <https://youtu.be/huBbIUyafus>

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1. **Welcome**
2. **Campaign & Day of Caring Overview** 
   1. 465 volunteers; 38 projects; 24 local nonprofit agencies; 2,300 volunteer hours
   2. 16 Day of Caring Mini-Grants were awarded ($8,912)
   3. 200+ community members gathered to kick-off United Way's 2021 Campaign to continue to support local nonprofit agencies, community impact initiatives, and more!
   4. Agency Feedback:
      1. Survey Results (14 agencies participated):
         1. Favorites: Mini grants; virtual acts of kindness; corporate involvement; volunteer matching shirts
         2. No tangible items were reported to be collected on that day; this will be a topic for discussion for next year
3. **Discussion: Holiday Needs | “Holiday Needs” section on the Volunteer Center like last year?** 
   1. Feedback:
      1. Horizon4Girls: Will need volunteers for poinsettia delivery and they will be partnering with JMKAC for holiday craft again. Asking for gift cards for kids.
      2. Safe Harbor: Working from their virtual opportunities last year to bringing back opportunity for shopping and donating items in-person this year for their clients; need gift wrappers and also people to help deliver/set-up trees at businesses.
      3. Above & Beyond Children’s Museum: They are hosting various holiday events that will need volunteers for. Volunteers receive a family pass for 4 to enjoy the museum.
      4. Making Spirits Bright: Needs volunteer truck drivers!
      5. Sheboygan County Historical Museum: Hosting their in-person program again! Need volunteers to help keep that program running through the holiday season.
      6. Question: who else is doing a Giving Tree? Looking for a list so that agencies can share with donors in case they want to give items that don’t work for that specific agency. Please let Katelyn know and she will get that list out to the VCN for reference.
   2. \*\*Decision to keep Holiday Needs a section on the Volunteer Center.   
      Please add your items by Nov. 12th to be featured in News Paper articles, on the radio and other marketing materials for the Holiday Needs Campaign. Full listing will be available online at: <https://volunteersheboygan.galaxydigital.com/aem/general/>
4. **AmeriCorps VISTA Program potential**
   1. University Wisconsin of Green Bay is applying for the AmeriCorps VISTA Program. This program would allow them to better facilitate volunteer opportunities for students at their Green Bay, Manitowoc, and Sheboygan locations.
   2. Question: What volunteer needs do you have currently that could be filled by this program?
      1. Feedback:
         1. Horizon4Girls: Always need mentors and tutors at H4G
         2. Great Marriages: Need mentor couples (married 15+ years, go through training) and Volunteer to coordinate our Resource Library
         3. Generations: Landscaping projects done
         4. Junior Achievement: Need approx. 150 volunteers in Spring/Fall to partner with a class (K-12) and teach JA curriculum. Volunteer would go into class 5-6 times, 30-45 min, usually once a week but can be flexible with volunteer/teachers schedules.
         5. Big Brothers Big Sisters: In dire need of volunteer mentors; could also do with help interacting at community events such as the farmer's market to help recruit volunteers
         6. Project Angel Hugs: Looking for groups to do crafts as well.
         7. Food Bank: Help with Holiday Lights Run/Walk. Must be 14 years old to help.
         8. Meals On Wheels: harvesting, kitchen help; depending on timing graphic design/communications
         9. Safe Harbor: Short term opportunities like cleaning and organizing in shelter space, but struggle to fill long term (minimum commitment of 1 year) such as answering their 24/7 crisis line. This opportunity requires a great deal of training and time before being able to volunteer.
         10. Literacy Council: Looking for volunteer tutors age 18+ but that is also a long-term commitment with required training.
         11. Idea: journalism student to write stories
5. **Quick Updates:** 
   1. Volunteer Fair at North High School (Thursday, October 28th)
      1. Highlights: 250 students will be attending in the morning; Fair is open to the public for both the morning and evening shift; Email Katelyn with questions or more details for the event: [katelyn@uwofsc.org](mailto:katelyn@uwofsc.org)
      2. Question: Will students have their phones on them? Agencies are looking to create QR codes for more volunteer information and wanted to double check. The answer is Yes, they can use their phones 😊
   2. Spirit of Sheboygan County Awards Nominations open Thursday, October 28th; watch for information via email and online.
   3. Radio & Digital Sign – Sign-ups available thru 2021   
      **-Radio Spots:**[**Click here to reserve your spot.**](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f44aea72fa6f85-2021) **-Reserve the Digital Outdoor Sign:**[**Click here to reserve your time slot for the digital sign.**](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f44aea72fa6f85-united)[**Click here for information regarding the sign limitations.**](https://uwofsc.org/assets/Uploads/Digital-Sign-Instructions.docx)
   4. Torke Coffee Available (9 boxes); Email Katelyn if interested ([katelyn@uwofsc.org](mailto:katelyn@uwofsc.org))
      1. Coffee is to be used internally for staff, clients, and/or volunteers. Coffee is not for fundraising purposes (such as raffles).
      2. Torke Cups; if you also need cups Jenni from Junior Achievement has some. Reach out to her directly at
   5. 2022 Meeting Date(s): January 26, June 22, September 28 (\*Additional special meetings as needed, such as Day of Caring prep July)
6. **Adjourn**

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