

UNITED WAY CARE PROJECTS

Introducing United Way of Metro Chicago's Care Projects!

Our Care Projects give your employees a chance to meet a community need without ever leaving the office—we bring the project to you! Once you select which project you'd like to do, we'll order the supplies, ship them to your office, then help to facilitate the event. Our Care Projects are educational and interactive experiences, helping volunteers to more deeply understand the issues they are addressing.

To request a Care project for your group, talk to your United Way Relationship Manager.

Literacy Kits

Access to books helps kids succeed in school. Support United Way's Education initiatives with a Literacy Kit project!

United Way's Literacy Resource Kits, or "Lit Kits," are a fun and creative project that can be hosted in your office or meeting space. Each Lit Kit includes a book and a volunteer-created prop, game, or other activity to make reading interactive and enjoyable.

Completed Lit Kits are distributed to early learning centers, after-school programs and local schools.

ESTIMATED COST
\$14–19 PER KIT

New Mom Kits

Becoming a mother is exciting and challenging enough, especially when it's a struggle to provide all the supplies your baby needs.

Our New Mom Kits provide the essentials new moms need to care for their babies— including diapers, wipes and laundry detergent—which volunteers will assemble into kits. This project can also include an additional component where volunteers make fleece tie blankets for babies to stay warm and cozy.

United Way's New Mom Kits are distributed to a variety of community agencies that serve low-income families and mothers.

ESTIMATED COST
\$20–27 PER KIT

New Job Kits

There are lots of things you need to get through the first few days of a new job, especially during that first week before a paycheck arrives.

Volunteers can help by assembling a kit that includes items to help someone transition successfully to a new job—including office supplies, an encouraging note and transit passes. Volunteers can also include additional materials that help new employees succeed at their own workplace. It can be a great team-building experience when volunteers work together to determine the best advice to offer new employees anywhere.

Finished kits are distributed to workforce development programs supported under United Way's Income strategy.

ESTIMATED COST
\$11–16 PER KIT

Hygiene Kits

Self-care is an important part of feeling safe and healthy, and personal hygiene items go a long way in addressing these needs.

By assembling our Hygiene Kits, volunteers ensure that individuals have everyday items we may often take for granted. These kits include soap, shampoo, dental and skin care items, and even Band-Aids, all packaged in a drawstring bag. The included items are based on lists created by our community partners, so you can be sure that these kits are meeting real needs.

Completed kits have an immense impact because they are distributed in many different settings, such as a domestic violence shelter, a temporary residence center, or even at a local childcare center.

ESTIMATED COST
\$6–9 PER KIT

Depending on the needs of our partners, other kit options may also be available.

Check in with United Way to see if there are any other current needs.

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