

UNITED WAY VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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When she's not sifting through spreadsheets in her audit department at KPMG, Sara Clancy lends her leadership skills to a good cause. As chair of United Way's Young Leaders United (YLU) affinity group, Sara leads the team of philanthropic young adults through volunteer projects and planning for fundraising events.

Her energy and commitment to United Way of Metro Chicago's mission made her a natural fit to serve at the helm. Since Sara joined four years ago, she's served on YLU's membership development committee and as co-chair. Though her position has changed, her objective has stayed consistent—she hopes to make a positive difference in the lives of families across the Chicago region.

"I really like United Way's Neighborhood Network [Initiative] and the way it works with multiple organizations to bring about a key change that the neighborhoods are focused on," Sara said. "The biggest reason why I joined was because I feel that United Way has the biggest potential to make a large impact.

In her tenure, Sara's had the opportunity to be a part of the change she hopes to see in the Chicago region. She's volunteered with her fellow YLU members to improve community gardens, paint local schools and served as a practice partner for English-as-a-Second-Language students, an opportunity that made a lasting impression.

She also helps coordinate YLU's signature event, IGNITE. The festive, mid-winter party has benefited United Way's AmeriCorps volunteers and their work in the 10 Neighborhood Networks for the past two years.

"It's been a great opportunity to see something that's outside of my normal day-to-day," Sara said. "I find it's a fulfilling way to get connected to the community in ways that you don't get to in your normal life.

And it's totally doable no matter what line of work you're in or whatever your passion is." ■



Sara Clancy (far right)

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