

How Can I Help?

The United Way of Nevada County has many volunteer opportunities:

Board Member

The Board of Directors develops policies, procedures and regulations and makes decisions that govern the operations of the United Way of Nevada County. Board members monitor the performance of the Agency, its campaign and related activities, its finances and investments, its community programs, its relationships with member agencies and the performance of the Executive Director. The UWNC's Board is a "working board"; board members do more than meet monthly, for example participating in standing and ad-hoc committees or volunteering at events. In fact, as a Board Member you most likely will perform the function of at least one of the volunteer opportunities below based upon your personal skills and interests.

Campaign Associate

The United Way of Nevada County's primary funding source is payroll giving campaigns by which employees of an organization can pledge contributions through paycheck deductions. As a campaign associate, you would work with the UWNC Executive Director and members of the Board to plan and implement UWNC activities to grow and facilitate payroll giving campaigns at local, regional and national organizations. This may include developing campaign kits, contacting and interacting with representatives of businesses for coordination of their campaign, implementing project management tools and providing status reports and updates.

Citizen Review Team Member

Citizen Review Teams (CRT) assist in the assessment of non-profit agencies that apply for partnership and funding from the United Way of Nevada County. As a CRT member you will visit four to five non-profit agencies in April. During these visits, you hear about their service to the community, tour their facility and learn more about how they operate through a question and answer session. At the end of the visit, you fill out a questionnaire on a variety of topics, such as the value of the service the agency provides to our community, the effectiveness of the service and the efficiency of the agency. The team leader then reports the findings to the United Way Board of Directors. This is an essential part of the community investment process. It is also a wonderful way to learn more about the Health and Human Service non-profit agencies in Nevada County.

Day of Action

Every year in May, the United Way of Nevada County sponsors a day where business groups, student teams and individual volunteers do a project for one of the local non-profit agencies. Last year, for example, one team erected a storage shed, another split wood and another performed gardening. You can build your own team if you want or just let us know you are interested and we will hook you up with other individuals to make it a team effort.

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Individual Donor Outreach

The United Way of Nevada County's second largest funding source is contributions from individuals, like you. As an Individual Donor Outreach volunteer, you would work with the UWNC Executive Director and members of Board to facilitate and grow individual contributions. This may include participating in or leading team activities to develop new outreach methods or tools, assisting in the execution of outreach projects and helping to implement modern donor information management systems.

Special Events Coordinator

Throughout the year, the United Way of Nevada County runs events both for fund raising and to benefit other non-profits in the county. Our standing events are 1) Day of Action, 2) BBQ Battle and 3) Nevada City Foreign Car and Motorcycle Show. A Special Events Coordinator designs, manages and implements one or more of these events in coordination with the UWNC Directors and staff and other volunteers.

Youth Can Do

Youth Can Do is a volunteer-run collaboration among school principals, teachers, youth leaders, United Way of Nevada County volunteers and students. It is a program where teenage groups are given the opportunity to participate in serving the community. Last year projects were done around the community in local parks, the fair grounds and at the homeless shelter. The students are involved with planning, organizing and implementing the projects. The Leader of Youth Can Do is also available to speak with student clubs about "How to Make a Difference in our Community".

Other

The United Way of Nevada County always welcomes volunteer participation either on a one-time basis or on a regular basis where your talent and time can make a difference in the lives of the people of Nevada County. For example, you can

- √ help out at one of our events, such as the BBQ Battle or Nevada City Foreign Car Show
- √ help with one of our quarterly newsletter mailings
- √ assist at the office once a week
- √ or put your idea here: _____