



United Way Volunteer Opportunities

Citizens Review Panel

United Way funding is allocated to a network of member agencies that provide vital programs and services in our community. The strength of this process lies in the panels where volunteers work on committees, supported by United Way professionals, to review agency submissions, assess their performance and make funding recommendations to the Board of Directors. The estimated time commitment is approximately 20-25 hours over a period of 6-8 weeks from mid-January to mid-March.

Community Impact Panel

Community Impact Panel Volunteers review Grant applications in the fall of each year, and make funding recommendations on behalf of the United Way and the City of Kingston. Volunteers have the opportunity to learn about community needs and develop expertise and understanding of current and emerging issues and trends.

Volunteer Services Advisory Committee

The United Way Volunteer Centre matches volunteers with local charities. Working in an advisory capacity, committee members assist with broadening the scope of the program, and support the not-for-profit sector to develop and enhance their capacity to address local community needs through volunteerism. The Advisory Committee works with staff, especially during National Volunteer Week, to recognize local volunteers for their contribution to community through the annual "Volunteers Grow Community" celebration event.

Success By 6 Week Committee

Each year, volunteers work with staff to coordinate United Way's fun-filled annual Success By 6 Week, held in May. Designed to heighten awareness of the importance of early years development, Success By 6 Week provides free events and activities throughout the KFL&A region for young children, their parents and caregivers to "Take the time, make the moments matter™".

Caring For Others Program

As a volunteer with United Way's Caring for Others program, individuals have the opportunity to contribute their experience and skills to teach children the art of caring and encourage good citizenship. This program, delivered to grade 4 students in classrooms throughout KFL&A, gives children the opportunity to define what "caring for others" means to them, while teaching them that they too can have an impact on their community and make a difference in the lives of others.

Youth Homelessness Committees

United Way of KFLA has been working on a plan to end youth homelessness in the region, in close collaboration with youth and a volunteer steering committee. The Youth Homelessness Steering Committee provides guidance and input into the plan. The voice of youth is integral to all plans and is provided by a Youth Council made up of local young volunteers.

Youth Employment Strategy Committee

The City of Kingston and United Way are working collaboratively with a committee to implement the Youth Employment strategy developed in 2016. The committee meets monthly and is made up of a diverse group of stakeholders, community members, agencies.

Boards of Directors

Being on a Board of Directors is a great opportunity to learn more about the not for profit sector, network with other leaders and experience collective decision making. A number of agencies are looking for volunteers to help them develop their strategic direction, policy and plans.

Next Gen Masquerade Committee

The Next Gen Masquerade is an annual “Masked” event held at the Renaissance Event Venue. The purchase of admission tickets provides patrons with access to the venue where they can enjoy music, dancing, drinks, food, and other entertainment. All marketing of the event targets the Next Gen demographic - those aged 25 to 40 - with the intention of gaining publicity, community involvement and fundraising for the United Way KFLA. The Planning Committee collaborates to promote the event, increase ticket sales, and organize decorations, logistics, and live entertainment. The planning begins in December, and wraps up at the end of February. Time commitment is about 10-20 hours per month.

Events Committees

The United Way runs a number of other events through the year. These events usually have a committee of volunteers involved in the planning and implementation as well as specific tasks on the day of the event.

For more information about volunteering and how to get involved, please contact the United Way at 613-542-2674 or uway@unitedwaykfla.ca