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## **BE A PART OF “WHAT MATTERS.” UNITED WAY INVITES THE PUBLIC TO VOLUNTEER DURING DAYS OF CARING.**

In 1993, the United Way of Clarksville-Montgomery County launched the first Day of Caring for our community. The goal was to show people in the community how their contributions work on “what matters” for all of us, to learn how the partner agencies of United Way affect people’s lives, and to demonstrate how their support through volunteering and contributing makes a positive impact on community problems. Those Day of Caring volunteers accomplished many things including; cleaning and painting, working with disadvantaged children, delivering meals, and building wheel-chair ramps, just to name a few. That first Day of Caring was a resounding success because our local business leaders allowed their employees to take a half day, or even a full day, off with pay so their employees could volunteer their time working at any one of United Way’s partner agencies.

Last year, over 240 volunteers from all walks of life in our community participated in Days of Caring. Through their efforts, important work was accomplished, but, more importantly they became actively engaged in our community and learned what an important role volunteers and non-profit organizations play in the strength and environment in our community every day.

### **Some examples of what volunteers accomplished during Days of Caring last year:**

- Volunteers installed a new sink and flooring and painted the bathroom for the Girl Scouts.
- Meals for home-bound seniors were prepared, packaged, and delivered
- Food was stocked and arranged and meals prepared and served at The Salvation Army
- Volunteers worked with the clients at the Adult Day Care program
- Seniors at the Senior Citizens Center were helped with dance and creative writing classes, and with recreational activities like bingo and shuffleboard
- The disaster truck and health and safety equipment at the American Red Cross got inventoried and worked on
- The grounds of the Safehouse Domestic Violence shelter were landscaped
- Volunteers read to the children at the local Head Start sites

This year, the United Way of the Greater Clarksville Region is again reaching out to encourage the public to get involved in “what matters” in our community by participating in the

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now five-day event, Days of Caring. This year's Days of Caring event is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>. To thank and recognize volunteers, United Way will provide them with a commemorative t-shirt to wear during their volunteer time and will wrap up the Days of Caring with the annual United Way Volunteer Recognition and Campaign Kick-off celebration on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at Beachaven Winery.

Volunteer Sign-up sheets and release forms for Days of Caring are available online at [www.unitedwayofclarksville.org](http://www.unitedwayofclarksville.org), or at the United Way office, 1300 Madison Street, through August 29<sup>th</sup>. Any materials and/or supplies necessary to complete the assigned tasks will be provided by the participating agencies. For more information about Days of Caring, see the website or call the United Way office at (931) 647-4291.

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