UC Staff, Faculty Volunteers Give Back in a Big Way

UC Serves was conceived of as a way for staff and faculty to feel involved and interconnected, not just with their coworkers, but with the broader Cincinnati community. Diverse sites such as Habitat for Humanity, Our Daily Bread, and the Ronald McDonald House of Greater Cincinnati allowed participants to engage in every type of volunteerism, from building houses to working with children.

This was the third year of UC Serves, and 2016 brought more volunteers and service sites than any prior event. We had more than 350 volunteers from all three campuses across 40+ service sites.

This report highlights some of our scope, impact, and responses!

**Highlights**

- More than **350** UC Staff and Faculty Participants
- **2154** volunteer hours logged at **43** service sites
- **$11,000** in-kind donations from local businesses and participating organizations supported this event

**UC Serves and Employee Satisfaction**

Events like UC Serves not only benefit our community partners, they increase employee satisfaction and connection! UC Serves provides faculty and staff a way to meet new colleagues, learn about offices and projects outside their everyday responsibilities, and dedicate themselves to a shared project for the day.

- **92%** of participating staff and faculty said UC Serves enhanced “my sense of connection to other UC Staff members”
- **80%** of participants felt that UC Serves showed that “the university administration is invested in my personal development”
- **85%** of participants felt that UC serves enhanced their connection to the University.
- **98%** of participants are likely to participate again!
By the Numbers

In its third year, UC Serves has generated a remarkable amount of employee interest and involvement. Compare 2016 to the numbers from 2015!

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98% of participants would participate in future UC Serves events
100% of community partners would participate in future UC Serves events

Testimonials

Participants
“It was incredible. I had to chance to build upon relationships with my colleagues who volunteered at the same location as well as developed new relationships.”

“It was GREAT!”

“FANTASTIC opportunity to connect with the Cincinnati community.”

“Very proud to be able to volunteer.”

Community Partners
“The volunteers were upbeat and ready to get their hands dirty. I loved their enthusiasm and desire to work and make a difference.”

“They all had a positive attitude about the opportunity to serve our Veteran patients [which] our patients always appreciate.”

“Everyone [showed] up with a smile on their face and had a very upbeat personality. They all seemed happy and excited for the chance to come to our center and make a difference for us.”