Virtual and In-Person Community Service Resources
Fall 2020

The Center for Community Engagement (CCE) is focused primarily on virtual volunteer activities at this time. However, students are permitted to participate in COVID Careful in-person volunteer activities. The expectation is that students only engage with in-person volunteer activities through organizations that take precautions that are comparable to the university's own safety protocols.

- **volunteer.uc.edu**: Through volunteer.uc.edu, students use their UC credentials to login and connect to local volunteer opportunities that are both online and in-person. Students should use volunteer.uc.edu to track community service hours for the purpose of scholarship reporting. In addition, volunteer.uc.edu will generate a volunteer resume to help students meet their personal goals related to employment, graduate and professional school applications, organizational involvement, or other purposes.
  
  [volunteer.uc.edu](https://volunteer.uc.edu)

- **Community Conversations**: Each week the CCE office hosts community conversations with students that are interested in specific service categories (Education, Health and Wellness, Environment, Housing, etc.). Students can visit CampusLINK for more information and to register.
  
  [https://campuslink.uc.edu/organization/center-for-community-engagement/events](https://campuslink.uc.edu/organization/center-for-community-engagement/events)

- **Cincinnati Cares**: Cincinnati Cares is the region’s only public-facing search-and-discover guide to the active nonprofits in the Greater Cincinnati region. This service provides information about both in-person and virtual volunteer opportunities. Cincinnati Cares also has an option for a volunteer to fill out a form and be matched with virtual volunteering opportunities related to their skills and interests.

  [https://cincinnaticares.org/](https://cincinnaticares.org/)
  [https://cincinnaticares.org/virtual-volunteering/](https://cincinnaticares.org/virtual-volunteering/)

- **United Nations Volunteers**: The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) program contributes to peace and development through volunteerism worldwide. Online volunteering allows organizations and volunteers to team up to address sustainable development challenges – anywhere in the world, from any device.

  [https://www.onlinevolunteering.org/](https://www.onlinevolunteering.org/)

- **Catchafire Volunteers**: Catchafire strengthens the social good sector by matching students and professionals who want to donate their time with nonprofits who need
their skills. Opportunities through Catchafire are exclusively online. Each project has a timeline that can range from an hour to multiple weeks.

www.catchafire.org

- **Translators without Borders**: Translators without Borders is a non-profit working towards a world where knowledge knows no language barriers. For students fluent in more than one language, working with Translators without Borders combines language skills with humanitarian aid. Volunteers provide translations (10 million words a year) to international organizations that focus on crisis relief, health, and education.

  https://translatorswithoutborders.org

- **Crisis Text Line**: Students in the United States, Ireland and the UK can become a Crisis Text Line volunteer and offer support for those in need. If you are at least 18 and can commit to volunteering four hours each week, you can apply to be trained for free.

  https://www.crisistextline.org/become-a-volunteer/

- **Smithsonian Digital Volunteer**: Technology makes it possible for people who believe in the Smithsonian mission to make significant contributions online. "Digital Volunteers" can now take on important assignments to expand access to the Smithsonian's massive collections, and can participate in a variety of research programs. Some roles require special knowledge or skill, but many do not.

  https://www.si.edu/volunteer/DigitalVolunteers

For more information, contact the Center for Community Engagement at community.engagement@uc.edu or visit our website at uc.edu/cce