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UNITED WAY OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS AND PROJECT SITES FOR 26th ANNUAL DAY OF CARING

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United Way of Escambia County is now recruiting volunteers and organizations in need of support for its 26th Annual Day of Caring on October 5.

Day of Caring is the largest single day of volunteerism in Northwest Florida. Each year, individuals and groups are matched with local nonprofit agencies and schools to spend the day working on various service projects. Day of Caring volunteers have the opportunity to see firsthand the needs of our community while working together to combat those issues through volunteerism.

Last year, more than 1,300 volunteers rolled up their sleeves across our community to spend time with seniors, read to students, paint, build, landscape, and more. Together, Day of Caring volunteers completed 97 projects at 68 local nonprofit agencies and schools, and donated 4,463 hours of their time for an estimated \$107,748 impact on our community.

Volunteers or organizations looking to participate in 2018's Day of Caring should register online at <http://www.unitedwayescambia.org/dayofcaring> by August 31.

Once all volunteer applications and project requests are received, a committee of United Way staff and volunteers carefully review them to match groups with preferred projects or those most appropriate based on a group's skills or size.

For more information on how to get involved, contact United Way's Volunteer Center at 850-434-3157 or by emailing volunteer@unitedwayescambia.org

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United Way of Escambia County (UWEC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every citizen in our community. UWEC has operated locally for 94 years with a vision of a community United to create better opportunities for all. By investing in programs, participating in partnerships, and leveraging resources, UWEC works to meet a mission of Uniting our community to improve lives.

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