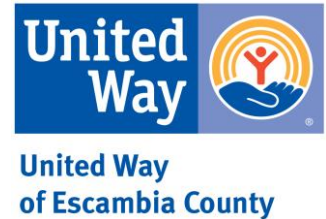


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**UNITED WAY OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY LAUNCHES NEW VOLUNTEER PLATFORM**

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United Way of Escambia County is excited to announce a new community-wide online volunteer platform - Get Connected by Galaxy Digital. Get Connected offers any and all nonprofit organizations, faith-based groups, and health and human service agencies the opportunity to utilize the site to recruit volunteers and to post service opportunities unique to their respective needs, at no cost.

Joining Get Connected will allow organizations to create and manage their own volunteer portal and link it directly to their website for a seamless look and user experience. Users are able to brand their own pages and customize what information and opportunities they share with the public, as well as what information they may want to collect from volunteers.

By uniting community-wide volunteerism efforts, and listing all community and agency needs in one central location, United Way of Escambia County's Get Connected is streamlining the volunteer recruitment process and increasing the capacity of organizations that utilize this service.

**For Volunteers:**

- All volunteer opportunities are listed in one central location
- Users can view and RSVP to any fundraisers or special events happening in the community
- Volunteers can log all of their hours on this site even if they serve with multiple organizations
- Users may select specific causes or interests to personalize what opportunities they see

To join Get Connected and begin exploring volunteer opportunities across the community, please visit <https://unitedwayescambia.galaxydigital.com/>. For any other questions, contact United Way of Escambia County's Volunteer Center at [volunteer@unitedwayescambia.org](mailto:volunteer@unitedwayescambia.org) or 850-434-3157.

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*By living core values of serving the community with Integrity, Leadership, Inclusiveness, Volunteerism and Excellence (I LIVE), United Way of Escambia County is working to meet a mission of uniting our community and leveraging resources to improve lives.*

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