The Giving DuPage Board is proud to present the 2016 Annual Report which touches upon a few of our proudest accomplishments. Many hearts and hands contribute to the collective impact of our work and embedded in these outcomes are invisible stories of lives that were enriched along the way. Each partner — sponsor, donor, volunteer, committee member, board member, staff member — is the necessary component to complete the whole and sustains the mission. Each achievement contains our deepest gratitude for helping Giving DuPage achieve its potential. Thank you for blessing us with your time, energy and commitment!

The DuPage Human Race 5K event grew the number of participating charities to 72 organizations, with 1,551 runners & walkers who raised a total of $92,013. Total dollars raised increased 14% from the year before. We are very proud of our five-year history of the Race, which has reached 6,828 people and raised $347,558 for 135 charity organizations as a family-friendly community event. We salute many community partners that made this event a huge success. Here’s to our event sponsors, in-kind donors and volunteers whose contributions are immeasurable.

Inspire Communities to Volunteer

The Giving DuPage team engages the community about ‘Volunteerism’ via outreach presentations by defining the local volunteer need and doing a live demonstration on how to utilize the Volunteer Portal. The team met with 27 community groups and reached 601 people at outreach programs.

Social Networking for GOOD

The Giving DuPage reach via social networks continues to grow every week. To date, we have 720 Likes on Facebook, and 1,867 Followers on Twitter, which is a 30% increase and 20% increase, respectively, from 2015. The Giving DuPage team posts nearly every single day to social networks to promote local nonprofit needs or share important resources.

Giving DuPage also began their presence on LinkedIn in 2016, to promote volunteer opportunities and nonprofit jobs posted at the Volunteer Portal. This social network also allows Giving DuPage to recruit prospective board members for the Board2 Program.

Giving DuPage celebrated 162 community volunteers across 38 nonprofit organizations — more than double the number of volunteers were honored at Volapalooza 2016 with a sellout attendance of 302 people. Sponsors and private donors bestow upon us the privilege of honoring local volunteers and their generosity is the reason Volapalooza is a event treasured for our volunteer heroes.
The end of 2016 signaled the beginning of the Giving DuPage 15-year Anniversary. Our organization was started by two local philanthropists, with tremendous support from DuPage County government. We strive every day to deliver on our mission to promote giving and volunteering countywide and feel honored to have the public’s trust in this awesome responsibility. And… If you think what we were able to accomplish together this past year was great, just wait until you see our plans for 2017. The very best in all of us is yet to come!

Mobilize Volunteers & Equip Organizations

700+
Local Volunteer & Donation Opportunities

The Giving DuPage Volunteer Portal is at the core of our mission. It’s a site that connects volunteers to 700+ local volunteer and donation opportunities.

62% More Volunteer Connections → An Average of 4.5 Volunteers Connected / Day

In 2016, Giving DuPage connected 1,625 volunteers to 350 local nonprofit organizations, representing an increase of 62% in volunteer connections from 2015. This is an average of 4.5 volunteers connected PER DAY.

2 Hours of ○ = $82,355 of Social Value

If each volunteer donated 2 hours of time (for a total of 3,250 hours), that leads to a social value of $82,355 (Independentsector.org estimates the value of each volunteer hour as $25.34 in Illinois).

In 10 years, we’ve helped over 6,500 volunteers find a way to share their time and skills with local charities who needed their support.

TOTAL # OF CONNECTIONS 6,522 | AVG/YR 593 * # AVG PER DAY

In partnership with the Daily Herald, Giving DuPage produces the Annual DuPage Giving Guide, a publication that highlights volunteer opportunities as the print version of the Volunteer Portal. The Giving Guide has a circulation of 23,375, reaching 18,375 DuPage subscribers and another 5,000 copies distributed to local libraries and at community events.

In August, Giving DuPage worked with bankers to host a Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) Workshop for 92 attendees.

The Executive Director Network provided leadership & best practices training to 62 nonprofit Executive Directors.

In total, 266 people attended a Giving DuPage training program.

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In 2016, Giving DuPage launched the Frontline Families Program with the Points of Light, which offers veterans and military families Volunteer Leadership Training to solve pressing local issues and challenges — 2 part-time and 1 full-time AmeriCorps members were brought on for a 1-year pilot program.

Giving DuPage has partnered with Northern Illinois University to offer their accredited Civic Leadership Academy courses, with the opportunity to earn a Nonprofit Certification. In 2016, we held 7 classes with 112 participants which included nonprofit staff & board members, as well local government employees.

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