The INSPIRATION to fuel our mission and our work....

"I continue to receive many of our volunteers through Giving DuPage and am very grateful for the work you do in promoting volunteer experiences throughout the County."
— Advancement Coordinator, DuPage County Visitor Services

"Good morning! I wanted to thank you for providing me with a few volunteer opportunities available involving children. I have volunteered with Almost Home Kids and I am looking into Teen Parent Connection and Catholic Charities. I am also talking with DuPage Children’s Museum this week. Thanks again for the head start into something rewarding for me."
— A volunteer who used the Volunteer Portal

“Our supplies have arrived for next week’s Spirit to Serve All Hotel Community Service Project in association with Associate Appreciation Week. We will be working with the Mexican Cultural Center of DuPage to produce part of their Mosaic Mural they are making in the community, for summer festivals. Fernando was a great guy and so appreciative — thanks for the connection!"
— GM at Westin Lombard, after getting connected to a group volunteer project

"Thank you to Giving DuPage for their incredible reach to nonprofits and volunteers throughout DuPage County. By listing our available office furniture on their Giving DuPage online portal, all of our furniture has been repurposed by other nonprofits and community organizations."
— Deputy DuPage County Attorney, office moves

“Thank you for brokering this connection. We had an absolutely delightful interview with WDCB on Tuesday. It was pet visit day, so there was a lot of activity in the center.”
— Hinsdale Adult Day Services board member

“I just wanted to thank you for all the efforts in planning the conference today. I thought it went very well. The venue, format and presentations were really great I will definitely fill out the survey for you but wanted to thank you right away. Job well done! Please pass this along to the WSCF crew as I know this was a group effort.”
— Exec Director from Robert Crown Center for Health Education

“I just wanted to thank you and your staff for putting on such a lovely event today. It was so nice to be able to bring some volunteers to that today. I only wish we could have brought all of our volunteers. I look forward to making this a tradition and recognizing more volunteers in this way in the future.”
— DuPage Animal Services after honoring some of their volunteers at Volapalooza

The Giving DuPage Board presents the 2019 Annual Report to share some of our proudest accomplishments. The report contains positive highlights from the year and a few notes of inspiration along the way.

This is a great glimpse into the work of Giving DuPage but it’s impossible to capture the many hands, hearts and people who make our work possible. We invite you to visit the Giving DuPage website ‘Partners’ page, as we recognize every partner – sponsor, board or committee member, volunteer and in-kind donor. Your tremendous generosity of time, energy, and support make the following impact a reality. We know you are with us every step of the way!
PROGRAMS TO MOBILIZE VOLUNTEERS — Our central role is to connect YOUR purpose and passion to LOCAL causes for meaningful COMMUNITY impact.

The Volunteer Portal is a website dedicated to volunteering in DuPage County, featuring 400 local organizations and over 800 volunteer & in-kind donation needs.

- Connected 1,096 volunteers via the Portal in 2019, an average of 6 volunteers a day.
- 1,238 new volunteers signed up at the Volunteer Portal in 2019.
- Biggest year to date and a 31% increase in connections from the year before.

The Portal website has been live since 2006 and has generated 11,232 volunteer and civic connections. givingdupage.org/volunteer

PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE GIVING — Giving DuPage also PROMOTES GIVING BACK through a fundraiser event and ways to donate items to local organizations.

- Giving DuPage started a 5K fundraiser event — called the DuPage Human Race — to help local nonprofit organizations host their own 5K event without dedicating their own time and resources.
  - This DuPage Human Race raised over $112,000 for 55 local charities in 2019.
  - In 6 years, 11,808 people have participated in the DuPage Human Race and have helped to raise $743,000 for 146 local nonprofit organizations.

- Giving DuPage shares donation information from groups & companies who wish to donate large quantities of items to our local nonprofit community. In 2018, Giving DuPage facilitated 5 large donations of office supplies and furniture within our nonprofit network.
- Giving DuPage staff and volunteers conducted 27 outreach programs and presentations, reaching 710 people, groups and businesses about volunteering and giving back in DuPage County.

PROGRAMS TO BUILD CAPACITY — Giving DuPage continues to BUILD CAPACITY for our nonprofit community through training and education programs.

- In our continued partnership with the NIU Civic Leadership Academy, 70 nonprofit professionals participated in 6 nonprofit courses, with a total of 455 nonprofit participants enrolled since 2015.
- The Giving DuPage Executive Director Network, a leadership training series, had an average of 20 Nonprofit Executive Directors participating every quarter.
- Giving DuPage held our 2nd Nonprofit Conference, in partnership with the West Suburban Philanthropic Network - 250 attendees participated in the full-day conference with local, statewide and national experts as speakers.

PROGRAMS TO INSPIRE COMMUNITY — We strive to INSPIRE our community to give generously of their time, skills, experience and resources to support the work of our DuPage nonprofit community.

- Giving DuPage proudly hosts Volapalooza, a countywide volunteer celebration event to honor the work of these everyday heroes. This year, we honored 168 volunteers from 41 different organizations and companies. An event that reminds us of the tremendous generosity of our community!
- We continued our wonderful partnership with WCBC Radio and the “doing good” segment of their “First Light” Show. Ten nonprofit organizations were featured as they created awareness for their cause in interviews and shared their volunteer needs.

The #1 volunteer need for nonprofit organizations is to find qualified, committed people to serve as board members. The Giving DuPage Board Match Program recruited, matched and placed 5 candidates to serve on nonprofit boards and committees in 2019.