

Varsity Letter in Community Service Volunteer Mentor

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Brief Overview:

United Way's mission is to unite people and resources to improve people's lives in our community. Through the Varsity Letter in Community Service (VLCS) program, United Way of Olmsted County partners with high schools in Olmsted, Dodge, Fillmore, and Winona counties to recognize and reward students for their volunteer efforts in the community. High school students who volunteer 100 hours in one year can earn their school varsity letter, the same as those earned in academics, arts, athletics, etc.

Impact:

We recognize the power of young people. This role provides the opportunity to encourage students to make our local communities stronger through volunteering, while fostering the students' desire for life-long community engagement through positive community service and intentional reflection.

Key Responsibilities:

- Become a VLCS mentor, liaison, and point of contact for local [public and private] high schools, nonprofits and other organizations who serve community high school students.
- Raise VLCS awareness and engagement among students and community members.
- Encourage and support interested high school students as they pursue a Varsity Letter in Community Service; Connect students with the resources they need to be successful.

Time Commitment:

- The Varsity Letter in Community Service program year runs from March 1st – February 28/29th
- The number of hours you'll spend is flexible based on needs of students and time of year

Desired Qualifications:

- Passion for volunteering, giving and/or advocating to ensure youth can reach their full potential.
- Excellent communication and relationship-building skills.
- Enthusiasm and positivity about becoming a community contact and resource.

If you are interested in becoming a VLCS Mentor, connect directly with:

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