

**LIVE UNITED**



**United Way  
of Olmsted County**

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## **VARSITY LETTER IN COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **Volunteer Mentor Resource Guide**

*Making real change requires people to come together to support one another.*

When you volunteer through United Way, you're joining 1.5 million people who are giving back so others can get ahead. Use your time and talent to create social change where you work or live – join our global community of game changers.

[-https://www.unitedway.org/our-impact/work/volunteering](https://www.unitedway.org/our-impact/work/volunteering)

#### **United Way of Olmsted County Overview**

**Learn about our mission, vision, credo, guiding principles and history:**

<https://www.uwolmsted.org/about-us>

*\*Also included on page 2*

**How UWOC hopes to recognize the power of young people in our community:**

- [Trabian Shorters: Define People by Their Aspirations, Not Their Challenges - YouTube](#)
- [Trabian Shorters: The Power of Narrative - YouTube](#)

#### **VLCS Program Overview**

**Review UWOC's Varsity Letter in Community Service webpage:**

[VOLUNTEER | United Way of Olmsted County \(uwolmsted.org\)](#)

*\*Click on the Varsity Letter in Community Service tab*

**Watch this video that showcases the value students feel they're getting from the VLCS experience:**

<https://youtu.be/tnYRGDwbX-Q>

From United Way of Northern New Jersey

#### **Volunteerism**

**Peruse what types of Volunteer Opportunities are available on Get Connected:**

<https://volunteer.uwolmsted.org/>

Video: [Signing Up to Volunteer on a Connect Site](#) (3 min)

**Explore United Way Worldwide Volunteering webpage:**

<https://www.unitedway.org/our-impact/work/volunteering>

#### **VLCS Contacts**

**Connect with Sonja for materials and program specifics:**

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Sonja is the Impact Program Coordinator with United Way of Olmsted County

**Connect with Joyce for wisdom and guidance:**

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Joyce is a former educator and dedicated VLCS Facilitator & Mentor based out of Stewartville High School

# UNITED WAY OF OLMSTED COUNTY



## OUR MISSION

Uniting people and resources to improve people’s lives in our community.

## OUR VISION

To be an agent of community change that inspires hope, creates opportunity, and champions people in need.

## OUR CREDO

United Way of Olmsted County unites people and resources to improve lives in the community with a focus on **education**, **health**, and **financial stability** – the building blocks for a good quality of life. We do this by convening the community to address key issues, collaborating to achieve a measurable impact, and connecting human and financial resources to achieve our mission.

We invite you to join the movement. **Give. Advocate. Volunteer.**

## OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We Live United for universal success and prosperity in SE Minnesota.

To that end, we work with public, private, and nonprofit partners to improve lives and empower every family to succeed by uniting around education, health, and financial stability - the cornerstone of a strong, equitable community.

### INTEGRITY

We maintain and strengthen the trust of our customers (donors, partners and the community). We serve in all our actions. Our actions are honest and open in every regard.

### EQUITY

We value the intentional inclusion of everyone in our community. We strive to dismantle systemic, institutional, and historical barriers based on race, gender, sexual orientation, and other identities so they no longer determine socioeconomic, education and health outcomes.

### EXCELLENCE

Our efforts exceed our customers’ expectations. We lead our peers in every performance measure.

### ACCOUNTABILITY

We establish and demonstrate with every opportunity the highest standards of stewardship.

### LEADERSHIP

We participate in solving problems facing our community by mobilizing resources for collective action. Our leadership gives direction to the community in the pursuit of optimizing our community’s well-being.