

#### **UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?**

At United Way of Olmsted County, our mission is to serve the needs of our local community and to ignite the desire in everyone to improve this community we call home.

We're excited you're joining us.

# ACT 1

Pick up litter from a park, playground, or public space.

## ACT 2

Cook a meal for somebody.

Or volunteer at a local food pantry or kitchen.

Visit www.uwolmsted.org/volunteer

#### ACT 3

Send a letter or an email to show your gratitude to a health care worker or teacher.

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# ACT 4

Spend some time with a neighbor who may be lonely.

### ACT 5

Tell someone about a social issue that's important to you

### ACT 6

Donate a book to your local mini library.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

United Way invests 100% locally to build healthy, caring, and inclusive communities across Olmsted County.

More than 40% of seniors regularly feel lonely.

Learn more about local issues at www.uwolmsted.org/research

If you are unsure, please feel free to visit the mini library located outside the United Way building at 903 West Center Street, Rochester MN, 55902.





















Offer a neighbor, friend, or coworker some help.

## ACT 8

Write a letter or email to your state representative, city councilperson, or Senator.

# ACT 9

Make a donation to your favorite cause.

# **ACT 10**

Visit the Farmer's Market to buy healthy foods from a local farmer.

Learn why connections matter at www.uwolmsted.org

Visit www.uwolmsted.org/advocate to find out more.

Visit www.uwolmsted.org/give to find out more.

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## **DID YOU KNOW?**

20% of Olmsted County residents say they feel they live in a neighborhood where people don't know each other.

### **ACT 11**

Read a book to child.

# **ACT 12**

Ask someone how they are doing. Really mean it.

### **ACT 13**

If you're eligible to vote, make sure your voter registration is up to date.

How can you help bring your neighborhood together?

42% of Olmsted County third graders do not read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade.

Nearly 1 in 3 Olmsted County residents are at risk of depression.

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Volunteer at a local nonprofit.

# **ACT 15**

¡Hola! Salaam alaykum! Xin chào!

Introduce yourself to a neighbor who speaks a different language than you.

# **ACT 16**

Dispose of unused prescriptions safely at a prescription drug takeback box.

#### **ACT 17**

Donate toiletries to a local shelter.

A box is located at the Olmsted County Adult Detention Center

Nearly 500 people experience homelessness in Southeast Minnesota on any given night.

Find volunteer opportunities at www.volunteer.uwolmsted.org







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#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

An act of local love can take many forms. Through United Way you can mobilize people to address a local issue, collaborate with a network of partners to solve a problem, or give financially to support our community programs.

#### **ACT 18**

Make a statement: wear a tshirt or post a yard sign supporting an organization or cause you care about.

# **ACT 19**

Learn when Homeless Day on the Hill is this year - put it on your calendar!

#### **ACT 20**

Visit the library and check out a book by a Native American author.

Many communities celebrate Indigenous People's Day each October.

It's all local love!



























Rake leaves for an elderly neighbor.

## **ACT 22**

Explore a Born Learning Trail with a child.

#### **ACT 23**

Wildcard!

### **ACT 24**

Donate school supplies to give kids a running start to reach their full potential in school.

Born Learning Trails are located at Silver Lake Park and the Rochester-Olmsted Recreation Area.

Create your own act of local love.

Find out how at www.uwolmsted.org/rs

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### **DID YOU KNOW?**

15% of youth in Olmsted County feel that adults in the community do not care about them.

# **ACT 25**

Watch a movie about someone's life in another country.

# **ACT 26**

Take the Be Counted Pledge and ensure that Olmsted County is fully represented on the 2020 Census.

# **DID YOU KNOW?**

United Way 211 is a comprehensive information and referral service available by phone, text, and online that connects individuals across Minnesota to health and human services information and resources.

How can you help improve the life of a child in our community?

Visit www.uwolmsted.org/advocate to find out more.

Just dial 211!



























Bring food to your local little food pantries.

Little food pantries are located outside the YMCA and near Snappy Stop off Broadway South.

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THANK YOU!







**ACT 29** 

Attend a multi-cultural or LGBTQIA

event to celebrate Olmsted County's

Contact the Rochester Public Library

diverse communities.

for more information.







Donate needed clothes or supplies

to a Full-Service Community School.

Visit www.uwolmsted.org/education



We want to inspire acts of local love throughout Olmsted County.

Watch our Local Love in Action video, read full interviews, and join our 30 Day Challenge at: UWolmsted.org/ShowYourLocalLove

Activate, then participate! Go to UWolmsted.org/ShowYourLocalLove to activate your deck and join the movement. It's simple as that!

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# **ACT 28**

Create a welcome package for newly arrived immigrants or refugees.

Connect with Catholic Charities for more information and age-appropriate ideas.











to find out more.

**ACT 30** 



# **ACT SMALL. DREAM BIG!**

You have made our community better through your acts of local love.

What now? Play it forward! Pass this deck on to somebody else, or distribute the next card to encourage others to take the challenge.

Or go to uwolmsted.org/get-involved to continue improving our community!





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I've just completed 30 Acts of Local Love.

Now I'm challenging you to unleash your local love!













