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AmeriCorps and United Way Help Organize Volunteers for Flood Relief Efforts

In March, catastrophic statewide flooding swept across Nebraska, leaving a lasting, historic impact on the state's people, businesses and landscape. But the unselfish dedication, tremendous commitment and generosity from volunteers have all contributed to keeping alive the miracle of the human spirit in this difficult time.

As we transition from responding to immediate needs to addressing the extensive challenges of recovery, volunteers are needed to help put communities back on their feet.

United Way of the Midlands, in conjunction with AmeriCorps Disaster Response Teams, is partnering with voluntary and faith-based organizations to host statewide flood relief volunteer opportunities. These opportunities will be listed on United Way of the Midlands' Get Connected Volunteer Platform at <https://uwmidlands.galaxydigital.com/>.

These opportunities, which include recovery projects and services, can also be found by calling United Way of the Midlands' 2-1-1 Helpline. 2-1-1 can assist callers in more than 100 languages using their Tele-interpreter service.

Individual and Group Volunteering

For current information regarding individual or group volunteering, please dial 2-1-1 and press 6 to learn about flood relief volunteer opportunities. If calling from outside Nebraska, please call 402-444-6666 before pressing 6. An operator will be available to assist you weekdays from 7 am to 8 pm and Saturdays 8 am to 5 pm. Volunteer opportunities will also be posted on <https://uwmidlands.galaxydigital.com/>

Organizations Requesting Volunteers

For organizations looking for volunteers or those interested in hosting volunteer opportunities, please contact the 2-1-1 AmeriCorps Volunteer Coordination Team at 402-235-8262 weekdays from 7 am to 8 pm and Saturdays from 8 am to 5 pm or by email at nebraskafloodresponse2019@gmail.com.

About United Way of the Midlands

Thanks to donors, volunteers and community partners, United Way of the Midlands (UWM) is not only focused on addressing our community's human needs today; it is focused on what can be and what should be. It is building on today's strong partnerships to create even more comprehensive human service efforts tomorrow, so our community can solve some of the root causes of poverty. UWM is community-based, community-focused. Thanks to those who share their strength, UWM is COMMUNITY STRONG. Please visit UnitedWayMidlands.org for more information.

About AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps is a network of national service programs improving lives and fostering civic engagement. Members commit their time to address critical community needs like increasing academic achievement, mentoring youth, fighting poverty, sustaining national parks, preparing for disasters, and more. AmeriCorps Disaster Response Teams are programs that have a heightened focus and commitment to disaster response and recovery work.