## Ways to Become Engaged:



## **Change Starts Here**

## **ITEM COLLECTIONS:**

Even more individuals in our community are struggling and in need of assistance to access essential items such as food and cleaning or hygiene products. Work with your team to collect much-needed items. See the list of current needs below: All of these items can easily be purchased and donated by your team and United Way can help to distribute them through community partners that are reaching those in need.

Unless otherwise noted, please contact Lauren Mussenden at Imussenden@uwaydelaware.org to learn more

**Delaware County Diaper Bank** – Diapers (all sizes) and baby wipes

**United Way Resource Center** – Please contact the Resource Center to learn about the unique needs each month. The Resource Center is home to a Food Pantry, Diaper Bank, and Free Store, and the community needs vary from month to month.

**Food and Fuel Assistance** – Kroger, Meijer, or gas gift cards

Girls on the Run – Running shoes

**Human Trafficking Coalition**— Full-size women's toiletry items (shampoo, soap, body wash, lotion, etc.) and new underwear

Holiday Wish List – United Way of Delaware County and the Women's Leadership Network sponsor foster children, young adults, and kids in need during the holiday season. The list will be available in November 2023. Please contact Gina Grote at <a href="mailto:ggrote@uwaydelaware.org">ggrote@uwaydelaware.org</a> for more information.

TreeHouse Young Adult Transitional Living Home- Needs will vary for this program. Monthly needs can be household cleaning supplies, food items, or toiletries. Please contact Mario Martin at <a href="mailto:mmartin@uwaydelaware.org">mmartin@uwaydelaware.org</a> to learn of the current needs.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Team Building and Group Opportunities:** We can offer a customized volunteer experience based on your team's strengths and passions. If you are interested in team volunteering opportunities, please contact Lauren Mussenden, at <a href="mailto:lmussenden@uwaydelaware.org">lmussenden@uwaydelaware.org</a> for more information.

**Opportunities at TreeHouse:** We operate the Young Adult Transitional Living home and program. Volunteer opportunities vary from mentoring and coaching a young adult, or teaching a special interest or life skills courses, such as cooking or gardening. We are also in need of volunteers available to stay overnight at the home if staffing emergencies arise. Please contact Mario Martin, at <a href="mmartin@uwaydelaware.org"><u>mmartin@uwaydelaware.org</u></a> to learn more.

**Opportunities during afterschool programming at Strengthening Families:** There are recurring volunteer opportunities, such as a STEM club advisor, inventory specialist at Kay's Shop, and overseeing other afterschool activities. Please contact Lauren Mussenden, at <a href="mailto:lmussenden@uwaydelaware.org">lmussenden@uwaydelaware.org</a> for more information.