Corporate Volunteering: Fall Menu

Fall is here, and we are full of fun and engaging volunteer ideas! Being 100% Virtual-Volunteering, we’ve learned a thing or two and created our Fall Menu of volunteering opportunities with this in mind.

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- **Back-to-School**: School is all virtual this Fall, and we have geared up! Drawing on experience from this previous Spring, we learned how to best support distance learning, and even witnessed an overall increase in GPAs for the children staying in our shelters! You can help! Join our Backpack Drive. Click this link for information and to join: [www.lifemoves.org/volunteers/backpackdrive/](http://www.lifemoves.org/volunteers/backpackdrive/)

- **Veterans**: Did you know 1-in-5 of our clients is a Veteran? Honor this deserving group on Veterans Day, November 11th. Schedule an interactive and virtual learning session that will educate participants about what it means to be a Veteran without a home. Or, show your appreciation by purchasing a meal for one of our shelters with a large Veteran population.

- **Celebrate the Election**: Election Day is November 3rd. Share your patriotism and encourage clients to vote with a Voting Day Party! Your team will provide decorations and purchase a meal for shelter residents to share.

- **Join the Ride to End Homelessness**: Join this year’s virtual cycling and run/walk hosted by the Menlo Bike Club from October 5th – 11th. [Click here](#) for more information.

Practice Makes Perfect.
Here are a few things we find to be working well in the Virtual Volunteering world...

1. **Focus on a theme**: Deep dive into a specific area by hosting a virtual learning session. We package video with first-hand experts together to create an interactive session that will educate and inspire.

   Deep Dive Into...
   - Veteran Services
   - Education Programs
   - Employment and Housing Programs
   - LGBTQ+ Welcoming Shelter
   - COVID-19 Response Efforts

2. **Team Bond over Philanthropy**: BYOB&B (bring your own blanket and beverage). One of our most popular activities just got more exciting! We will share best practices on ways to make this a social event that works remotely. We’ll even pop into your party to provide a LifeMoves overview, answer questions, and explain how blankets make a difference for our clients.

3. **Provide a Meal**: COVID-19 has been hard on our meal program. Pool your resources and provide a meal to a shelter. Or, even easier, do what PwC did: in honor of Employee Giving Week, PwC fundraised to purchase meals from African-American owned establishments, then donated those meals to LifeMoves shelters.

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