

## **United Way Volunteer Action Center**

United Way of Southwestern Indiana operates the Volunteer Action Center (VAC) to help strengthen the nonprofit sector and connect individuals to meaningful volunteer opportunities year-round. Any 501c3 is eligible to list volunteer needs with United Way VAC.

VAC lists a selection of local needs in the Evansville Courier and Press in the weekly You Can Help column, which runs each Sunday. VAC also coordinates community volunteer efforts, such as the annual United Way Day of Caring, Youth Week of Caring, the Business Volunteer network, Online Volunteer Database and Volunteer Opportunities Guide.

Those interested in volunteering can call United Way VAC at 812)421-2801 or 2-1-1.

## **What is United Way 2-1-1**

2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember phone number that connects people with important health and human services and volunteer opportunities.

People looking for help can have trouble navigating a complicated web of service providers and programs. Sometimes not knowing where to begin is the barrier that keeps people from finding the help they need. All calls are free, confidential, and are answered by trained and caring information and referral specialists.

Using comprehensive database created to serve clients, 2-1-1 information and referral specialists are also well-equipped to help individuals connect with organizations that need volunteers.

Note: Above was taken from the United Neighborhoods of Evansville (UNOE) October, 2009 newsletter.