Holiday Volunteering

Dublin community members celebrate many holidays this time of year, often with a focus on giving back. With school breaks and family gatherings, it can be an excellent time to volunteer together. Here are a few tips and resources to get you started.

- Volunteering is primarily about meeting real needs in your community. Before collecting donations or showing up to volunteer, check with the organization to make sure you are targeting the right needs and following their procedures.
- Keep your commitment, knowing that your organization is counting on you to be there.
- Ask how you can continue to support the organization in 2026!



Find Your Project

- **Engage civically** with your City and assist with winter community events, like the upcoming Tree Lighting Ceremony or volunteer for the Dec. 7 MLK Civic Service Series.
- View opportunities with **local nonprofits** under "How to Give Back All Year-Round" here. Food pantries are especially experiencing an increased need at this time.
- Many faith-based organizations organize volunteer projects and have specialized volunteer needs this time of year. Check with your local place of worship to see how you can help.
- Senior living communities always appreciate extra cheer. Volunteers often lead activities, deliver small gifts and notes of kindness or assist with onsite decorating and other facility needs. Reach out to the facility staff first to determine their current needs. If you need help connecting, let us know at volunteer@dublin.oh.us.
- **Projects for younger kids!** In addition to the <u>Dec. 5 Kids In Dublin Service project</u>, Seeds of Caring is an excellent organization that offers "anywhere" projects for families to do at home. Check them out here!
- Make time to **check in with neighbors**, especially elderly and vulnerable ones. Shovel a driveway, drop off cookies or help to combat loneliness by stopping in for a visit. Even short interactions can help spread joy and create a sense of belonging.

Your volunteer spirit shines bright in Dublin! Thank you for your ongoing commitment to keep our community strong, kind and connected.



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