

# ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR

For more information about dates, times and locations, visit [uway.org/events](http://uway.org/events).  
\*See back for details

## SUMMER

MRC Volunteer Recruitment\*

CD Training: June 12, July 11,  
August 16

Storytellers Training: May 22,  
June 17, July 22, August 8

YLS Learning with Leaders: July

YLS A Night for the Books:  
August 16

## FALL

Blueprint for Leadership  
Nominations Open\*

Fall for WIP: September

YLS Learning with Leaders

YLS Truck or Treat: October

United for the Future: October 22

Hunger and Homelessness  
Awareness Week: November 16-  
24\*

## WINTER

VITA Volunteer Recruitment\*  
(MyFreeTaxes.com)

Giving Tuesday: December 3

WIP Leadership Breakfast:  
December

Point in Time Count for  
Homelessness: January

YLS & Tocqueville Oyster Roast:  
January

Public Policy Day at the State  
House

Driving Down Main, Part Deux:  
February 10-11

Humanitarian of the Year Dinner  
and Award Ceremony: February 20

## SPRING

YLS Learning with Leaders

YLS Cocktails and Conversations:  
March

Volunteer Week: April

YLS Be a Book Bunny: April/May\*

WIP Power of the Purse: May

CEO Breakfast

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## MIDLANDS READING CONSORTIUM

Our Midlands Reading Consortium (MRC) program is a volunteer tutoring initiative targeting pre-kindergarten through second-grade students. Tutors focus on improving language skills and reading proficiency. This program is aimed at closing the achievement gap and ensuring that all students perform at grade level. MRC is currently active in more than 20 schools across six districts in the Midlands.

## CAFFEINATED CONVERSATIONS

Caffeinated Conversations is a quarterly networking series that serves to bring together community and business leaders in an informal setting as we highlight the benefits of collective impact, how workplace engagements can help improve and sustain workforce environments and why so many volunteers from different industries actively support our mission.

## BLUEPRINT FOR LEADERSHIP

Blueprint for Leadership is a professional development course held every spring targeting future community leaders. This unique program prepares diverse groups of individuals for volunteer service in the nonprofit sector such as service on a board or committee. The goal is to help participants develop leadership skills, nonprofit governance expertise and knowledge of the community.

## HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS WEEK

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is nationally recognized and occurs every year the week before Thanksgiving. We partner with other local nonprofits to provide local activities and meals around the Midlands to help raise awareness about hunger and homelessness in our community.

## TAX ASSISTANCE

Our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is committed to providing free tax preparation services to taxpayers who make their living at a certain income level. Participants can file their taxes for free at MyFreeTaxes.com or in-person with an IRS-certified volunteer income tax preparer.

## YLS BOOK BUNNY

Our goal for our YLS Book Bunny program is to encourage early reading habits and build home libraries for students in low-income households. We ask local companies to assist us by filling tote bags with two new, age-appropriate books and other goodies for children served by our Midlands Reading Consortium. Totes are delivered to the MRC students at the end of the school year to motivate children to engage in summer reading.