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Action Item: Hold a Supply Drive Project Backpack

Do you remember how excited you were on the first day of school every year? New clothes, new shoes, and a new backpack full of supplies.

Project Backpack aims to make sure that ALL kids start school ready to go by providing free backpacks and supplies to students in need.

Learn how YOU can help **here.**

Staff Transitions: Saying a Fond Farewell to Christina

L-R UWE Staff Elissa Kojzarek, Lynne Bosley, and Christina Pearson

Submitted by Lynne Bosley and Elissa Kojzarek

If you have ever called or visited our office, the first person you were likely to encounter was our Office Manager, Christina Pearson. After 10 years, the time has come for Christina to move on in her career, and while all of us at United Way wish her well, we are truly losing a member of the family.

Over the past decade, Christina has accomplished so much and been an incredible asset to United Way of Elgin. We will very much miss her fabulous organizational skills, superb mastery of our complex database, and her attention to the hundreds of small details that kept the office running smoothly day in and day out. But most of all, we will simply miss our good friend. The UWE Board of Directors joins us in wishing Christina much joy and success as she embarks on her new adventure.

Summer Lunch Sites and A Volunteer Opportunity

Most children LOVE summer because there is NO SCHOOL. But for children who rely on free or reduced lunches, summer can be an uncertain time. That's why the Northern Illinois Food Bank's Summer Meal Program is providing 10 lunch sites throughout the Elgin area where children under 18 can get a free lunch. You can find the Elgin sites listed **here**, and learn more about the program **here**. You can also text **FOODIL** to **877877** to find a meal site near you.

Additionally, the food bank will deploy their Mobile Pantry in Elgin several times this summer. The mobile pantry allows families to access food resources at a convenient location near their neighborhood. The food bank is looking for volunteers to help set up and tear down the mobile pantry sites and assist with food distributions. You can view volunteer dates and

how to sign up **here!**

Help Students EXPLORE Their Future!

Need future workers? Future workers need YOU! Alignment Collaborative for Education (ACE) is currently seeking participants for **EXPLORE 2017: A School District U-46 Community, Curriculum & Career Expo** on October 14, 2017.

If you are interested in learning more about participating in the Expo, ACE is hosting two informational meetings: Tuesday, June 13 from 9-10:30 AM at Advocate Sherman Hospital and Thursday, June 22 from 3-4:30 PM at the Bartlett Public Library. You can attend either meeting. Please RSVP **here.**

Agency 101: PADS of Elgin

In an effort to keep our donors and friends more up-to-date on United Way of Elgin's work, we're introducing you to the programs your gifts help support. Our hope is that you'll take pride in knowing that your one gift to United Way of Elgin helps people in each of our 23 partner programs.

United Way of Elgin and PADS of Elgin have been partners in homeless care for decades. PADS provides a safe environment for men, women, and children. They provide shelter, food, and case management services to get to the root of homelessness and facilitate client growth towards self-sufficiency. At PADS, homeless doesn't have to mean hopeless.

Learn more about how PADS of Elgin serves our homeless community and how you can help **here.**

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