

OCTOBER 2021 - DECEMBER 2021

UNITE & INSPIRE TO MAKE AN IMPACT!



An overview of our fourth quarter achievements, projects, and more!

Board Message

Unite & Inspire has come stronger together for our community helping our patrons with resources through partners. U&I, this year had a successful league of leaders emerging at different levels of organization works. U&I is happy to have supported our youth members with their college admissions, school clubs & endeavors. We are stepping into new year bringing to you all new collaborations, leadership opportunities, and enhanced opportunities to serve your communities locally and internationally, new avenues to our youth to present U&I's mission and inspire one and all!

U&I Organization Updates

- U&I completed 3 years of service in November 2021.
- We are a growing organization with 275+ Volunteers, 33 Staff Members, 7 Mentors, 25+ collaborators, and 200+ donors.
- In 2021, 5626.25 hours of service contributed towards our community.
- U&I started an amazing partnership with HW Foundation.
- U&I was honored with Top-Rated Award from Great Nonprofits
- 21 Nandanam meal sponsorships were provided in partnership with Sharon Welfare Society in India.
- CODE NINJAS sponsored U&I STEAM for the year 2021-22, including a Scholarship Award.

U&I Special Initiatives

- **Inspiration Masters** -Interactive Webinar on Public Speaking for MS and HS volunteers
- **Breast Cancer Awareness** Webinar
- **Seminar by Clinical Psychologist Dr. Lindsay** emotional & mental health during the pandemic



EVENTS ROUND UP

Food Drive in partnership with



Supply Drive for Family Promise in partnership with CCSL



Halloween Kits for Seniors at Carriage Inn Senior Center



Halo House Foundation



Candy Drive and Toy Drive in partnership with CCSL



Holiday Gift Drive & Distribution- 85 families with kids with special needs



TESTIMONIALS

Volunteer Testimonials:

Helping others through U&I connected me with people whom I never knew existed and allowed me to listen and understand their stories. I was able to empathize more and actually make a difference in the world no matter how small my actions seemed to be from my end. **(Nicole Z., HS Volunteer)**

Volunteering has helped me look for more and more opportunities to reach out and help the community. I really enjoy volunteering and believe it is an important aspect in the development of an individual. **(Soham D. HS volunteer)**

Partner Testimonials

U&I volunteers take part in The Arc of Fort Bend County Teen/Tween Social and The Arc's Teen Pals Network Program. They are a remarkable group who have a passion for serving and making an impact in their community. **-Karri Axtell, J.D., Program Director, Parent Empowerment Coach & Advocate**

U&I volunteers are a wonderful example of what a difference an act of kindness can make! Not only do our residents enjoy getting together for a shared meal, but the volunteers' smiles light up the room. **-Kathleen Fowler and Michele Schevikhoven, Halo House Foundation**

The STEAM team at Unite and Inspire has been partnering with us here at Texana Center for several semesters now offering their expertise in a variety of areas but especially dealing with technology. Each course that they have been a part of has been imbued with volunteers that embody talent, competence and proficiency. I am always so impressed with the volunteers and their patience with our population. Thank you for the poise and aptitude that we receive in each one of your partnerships! **-Aaron Moore, Texana Center**

In these trying times as our community continues to struggle with the pandemic, it would be so easy to sit back and wait for this to all be over, but not for Unite & Inspire! They are relentless servant hearts and they will not be denied helping those in need. They have donated food, school supplies, toiletries, Christmas gifts and even come to take care of our garden, so people in need get fresh vegetables. No matter what project or drive we might be doing, the children and youth of Unite & Inspire are the first ones in line asking how they can help. What an amazing blessing to be in partnership with this great group of young people and committed adults. If they could accomplish this much during 2021, y'all better hang onto your hat for when 2022 comes along! **-Renee Teel, Christ Church Sugar Land**

Monthly activities

- Books Between Kids
- HALO house Service Activity
- Texana Workshops
- STEAM Art Workshops
- Teen/Tween Respite Night & PALS Program with The Arc of Fort Bend
- UMC Community Gardening

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