



# Unite & Inspire

## U&I... to make an impact!

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### U&I Board Message

Unite & Inspire represents unity and inspiration achieved through inclusive ways of working with a primary goal: instill community service and civic engagement among our volunteers. Our core areas of focus encompass children and seniors, special needs, and addressing the public health and medical needs of our community. Our organization has been awarded a community grant from a highly reputed foundation for the second consecutive year. We have been able to achieve this grant due to the selfless service and commitment of our volunteers.

### CITY COUNCIL

HUGE thank you to Mayor Joe Zimmerman, City Council Members Naushad Kermally Carol McCutcheon, and their team for recognizing our youth volunteer's efforts towards the City of Sugar Land and our organization's 39th State of Texas Governor's Award "Innovation in Volunteerism". We are deeply honored to get the prestigious opportunity to say the Texas and National Pledge with the Council and a chance for our youth volunteers to share their thoughts with the Council and the guests at the chambers!!



### VISTING JUDEG JULIE MATHEWS

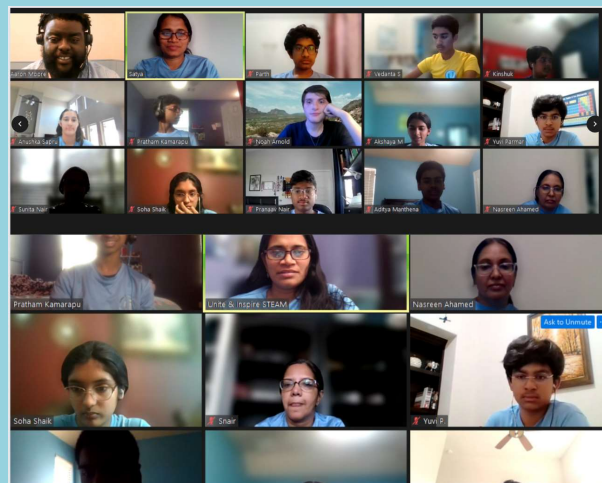
On the visit with Judge Julie Mathews, U&I Volunteers learned what goes on behind the scenes in a courtroom and what it takes to become a lawyer. In court, volunteers analyzed a real-life case with Judge Mathews which let our volunteers experience the valuable role of an attorney.



## COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES

### TEXANA WORKSHOP

Our STEAM team conducted external engineering workshops in collaboration with our longstanding partner, Texana. Volunteers were internally trained by our youth leads in order to conduct these sessions externally partners. These trained volunteers, under the guidance of our mentors, taught Tinker CAD-an engineering design software to kids with special needs.



### OPERATION GRATITUDE

U&I volunteers joined hands to beautifully decorate holiday cards just in time for the festive holiday season. Through Operation Gratitude, these cards are sent in care packages to troops, where they can write a heartfelt message to their loved ones. These cards serve as a medium for troops to keep in touch with their loved ones back at home.



### SUGARLAND PARKS & RECREATION ACTIVITY

Maintaining the cleanliness of the parks is an effective way to support the green spaces in our city. U&I volunteer's join hands to clean our city parks every weekend for it to be beautiful and clean for all to enjoy.



### GRANDPARENTS DAY

U&I volunteer's celebrated Grandparents Day creating cards and gifts for their beloved grandparents!





### BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

Volunteers engaged in the Back-to-School Supply Drive by collecting \$1200 worth of pencils, markers, notebook paper, crayons, color pencil, highlighter, glue sticks, and rulers for needy families in North Richmond.



### TOILETRY DRIVE

In collaboration with our partner the Christ Church of Sugarland, U&I volunteers helped donate new, athletic footwear and bundles of essential toiletries including shampoo, conditioner, and deodorant for needy families in the local community.



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