



# Unite & Inspire

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

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### U&I Board Message

We are honored to share that Unite & Inspire has been chosen by the prestigious TATA Group for their Global ProEngage Volunteer Program beginning January 2024.

We launched Spring 2024 Internship Project - Community Needs Health Assessment with a focus on North Richmond community, furthering our mission to make a difference in the community. We are also pleased to announce that nominations for the U&I Board have been received and voted on. We will be introducing the new board members at our upcoming 5th Annual event on April 13, 2024.

### Black History Month

Every February, Black History Month is observed to celebrate the significant achievements, contributions, and history of African Americans. In this celebration, our volunteers created engaging activities such as games for children, followed by food and refreshments indoors.



### NMDP Donor Drive

National Marrow Donor Program, is a nonprofit organization that focuses on connecting patients needing bone marrow or stem cell transplants with potential donors. U&I high school volunteers lead younger volunteers in making cheek swab kits, which support this life-saving mission and help increase the donor registry.



### Community Volunteering Activities

#### Books Between Kids



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 with partners. These trained volunteers, under the guidance of our mentors, taught TinkerCAD—an engineering design software—to kids with special needs.

#### Clothed By Faith



Clothed By Faith is a nonprofit organization that creates a package of weeks' worth of clothes, our volunteers at U&I donated clothes and participated in a clothing drive to support the creation of these packages.

#### Dream League



#### Gardening



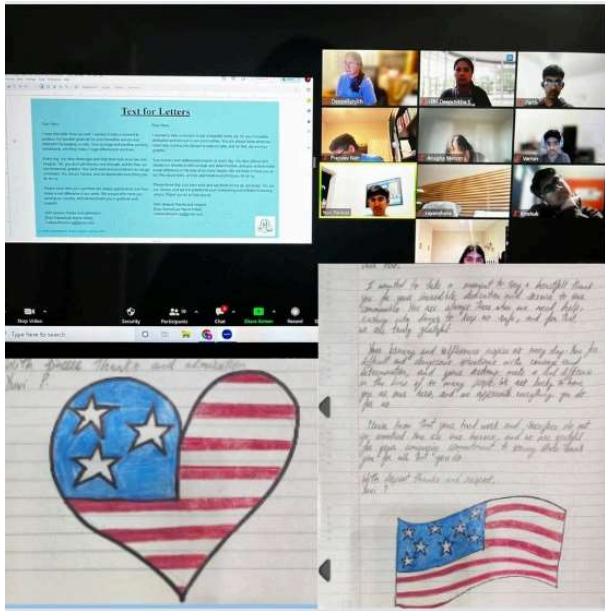


Angels, within the context of community support, volunteer their time and efforts to aid others, including school students, peer athletes, and often siblings or relatives of players. Our U&I volunteers acted like angels and assisted players during games, enabling parents and guardians to fully enjoy the experience of watching and cheering on their athletes. Paired with players for each game, Angels often develop lasting connections throughout the Dream League season, providing consistent support. Regardless of their baseball skills, these dedicated volunteers create a secure and encouraging environment for all involved.

U&I volunteers play an essential role in ensuring that our gardens are healthy and thriving to meet our mission of growing fresh produce for those in our community who lack access to healthy options in their neighborhoods.

### Heartfelt Letters

### Houston Food Bank



Operation Gratitude is a non-profit organization whose mission is to forge strong bonds between Americans and their Military and First Responder to help those less fortunate. Heroes through volunteer service projects, acts of gratitude, and meaningful engagements in communities nationwide our dedicated volunteers at U&I wrote heartfelt letters with meaningful and creative artwork.

Our youth volunteers sorted non-perishable food donations at the Houston Food Bank in an effort to help those less fortunate.

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