



UNITED WAY
Northern Shenandoah Valley

Day of Caring 2025: Project Ideas for Nonprofits

Facilities & Grounds Projects

- Landscaping (weeding, mulching, planting)
- Pressure washing walkways or fences
- Exterior painting (trim, porches, doors)
- Interior touch-up painting
- Playground clean-up or repair
- Fence building or minor repairs
- Outdoor furniture construction (picnic tables, benches)
- Trash/debris removal from outdoor spaces
- Window washing (interior & exterior)

Indoor Organization & Refresh

- Sorting and organizing donated items
- Cleaning and reorganizing storage rooms
- Assembling hygiene or snack kits
- Deep-cleaning high-traffic areas
- Decorating or creating bulletin boards
- Assembling and labeling emergency preparedness kits

Program Support & Engagement

- Reading to kids or seniors
- Hosting a one-day activity (crafts, games, STEM)
- Organizing an educational workshop
- Creating "birthday boxes" or celebration kits for clients
- Creating literacy or activity kits
- Hosting a donation drive in advance and assembling on-site

Administrative & Professional Services

- Creating social media content or scheduling posts
- Website audit or updates
- Grant research or template editing
- Designing brochures or flyers
- Data entry or database cleanup
- Strategic brainstorming (board members or professionals only)

Creative & Custom Projects

- Painting a mural with community members
- Creating thank-you or encouragement cards for clients or volunteers
- Building a photo booth or banner wall for events
- Recording short testimonial videos for your organization
- Hosting a "client care day" with pampering stations

Light Repair or Build Projects

- Fixing leaky faucets or simple plumbing
- Repairing shelving or cabinetry
- Hanging signage or artwork
- Assembling furniture or large storage systems
- Installing weather stripping or caulk

Pro Tip: Encourage agencies to dream big but stay manageable. Projects should be well-scoped, clearly explained, and preferably achievable in a 3–6 hour time block.