

QUICK PLAYS FOR NONPROFIT VOLUNTEER HOSTS

Huddle Up! helps you create more meaningful volunteer experiences by adding simple moments of connection and reflection. *Huddle Up!* is designed to be flexible — start small and build over time.

Why It Matters for Your Organization

- Helps volunteers understand your mission
- Increases engagement during projects
- Strengthens relationships with corporate partners
- Encourages repeat volunteers

How It Works

- **Before:** Prepare and set expectations
- **During:** Connect tasks to mission
- **After:** Facilitate reflection



GAME PLAN

Before Volunteers Arrive, prepare your team experience:

- What do you want volunteers to understand?
- What impact will their work have?
- How will you communicate expectations?

Opening Kickoff (2 minutes):

“Today’s project supports...”

During the Game:

Connect tasks to impact...Because of this work...”

After the Game Reflection:

- What surprised you?
- What did you learn?
- Why does this matter?

END ZONE INSIGHTS TO CAPTURE VOLUNTEER IMPACT

Look beyond outputs: Instead of only tracking outputs, consider:

- Did volunteers understand your mission?
- Did they ask questions or show curiosity?
- Did they express interest in returning?

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Download the full **Huddle Up Playbook** to access tools, messaging templates, and outcome measurement ideas; and contact Heart of Illinois United Way to support your next team volunteer experience:

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