

## What is a VIP?

United Way is partnering with the Columbus Municipal School District and seeking individuals interested in becoming classroom VIPs! Your role will be to assist students with academic needs, reflect the qualities of a positive role model, provide emotional support and assist in developing basic learning skills.

*"As a school district, we know that it takes a collective effort to ensure that all students have the chance to succeed. The United Way VIP program is an essential key element that directly impacts the lives of our students and community." Dr. Philip W.V. Hickman, Superintendent CMSD*

We are looking for individuals that can volunteer 1 to 5 days per week for 4 to 20 hours per week. (Mornings).

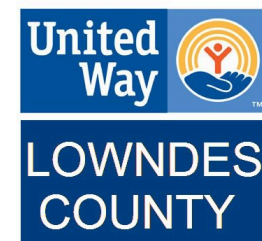
*"One of the top priorities of United Way of Lowndes County is alignment of resources to provide support for Childhood Success in Education," Danny Avery, Executive Director United Way of Lowndes County*

**We all have  
a hero  
in our heart.**



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## VIP's Needed United Way Classroom VIP (Volunteer Impact Partner)



## Volunteer Impact Partners

**Mission:** VIPs will help children in the community develop the academic and life skills that are critical to their development and future successes.

**Goal:** Each school will have VIPs that will tutor and mentor children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. Community churches will support the VIP program by enlisting volunteers, providing transportation if needed, and purchasing school lunches for VIPs that volunteer 4 or more hours a day.

**Definition:** VIPs are 40 years old or older, in good physical health, and will volunteer to work 4-20 hours a week with Elementary children within the Columbus Municipal School District .

## VIP's Role:

### Activities included are:

- Reflecting the qualities of a positive role model
- Providing emotional support and assistance in developing basic learning skills
- Reading to children

### Activities included are not:

- Serving in staff roles
- Performing clerical or custodial functions
- Serving as babysitters
- Acting as substitute teachers, teacher's aides, group leaders or similar positions
- Supervising children or staff
- Disciplining or punishing children in any way

## Frequently asked questions:

### Can I choose the school I volunteer in?

Absolutely! When you fill out the application, please tell us which school you would prefer.

### Do I have to teach skills?

No. The VIP program is designed to develop positive relationships with students. VIPs are role models, mentors, and share a genuine interest in improving the lives of children.

### How do I Apply or learn more?

Simply by calling Ms. Renee Sanders at Volunteer Columbus - her number is on the reverse!

