

ECL @ Illinois 2026 Program Overview

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Attend or view March 3 “Finding Your Why” Session
- Attend at least 3 of 4 remaining seminars and capstone
- Participate in team project and presentation
- Record 12 total volunteer hours (group opportunities will be available)

SCHEDULE (all seminars begin at 11:30am, lunch will be provided)

- Tuesday, March 3, and Seminar #1: Finding Your Why
- Tuesday, April 7, ECL Kickoff and Seminar #2: The Role of Nonprofits in the Community
- Tuesday, April 28, Seminar #3: How to be an Effective Volunteer
- Tuesday, May 12, Seminar #4: Fundraising for Impact
- Tuesday, May 19, Seminar #5: Leadership and Accountability in the Community
- **Thursday**, June 11, Capstone and Graduation (location and time TBD)

TEAM DISCOVERY with UWCC LOCAL PARTNER AGENCY

- Meeting with Executive Director or Agency Leader (team Project Manager coordinates)
- Volunteer experience
- Capstone Presentation: Report out to cohort
 - 6 – 8-minute presentation about organization mission, structure, programs, and summary of volunteer experience
 - One-page summary of presentation with each team member’s personal testimonial

GROUP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, April 25, 6 – 9am, Illinois Marathon Hydration Station

Thursday, May 7, morning and evening shifts, United Way’s Power of the Purse

Dates TBD: Born Learning Trail Painting Maintenance, Bottom Line Diaper Bank Re-Pack