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"Celebrating the International Year of Volunteers and UNA-Westchester's Partners"

Recognition of UNA Partner Organizations

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United Nations Association (UNA-USA)

Southern New York State Division and Westchester (NY) Chapter



Founded in 1943, before the creation of the United Nations, UNA-USA was established to raise awareness among Americans of the work and ideals of the UN and to encourage young people to become global citizens. Today, UNA-USA supports a nationwide network of volunteers, community chapters, and campus chapters, while the Westchester Chapter advances that mission locally through education, engagement, and advocacy.

20,000
NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS

120
WESTCHESTER MEMBERS

OUR HISTORY

Eleanor Roosevelt was one of UNA-USA's founders in 1943. The organization's predecessor was established that same year to support the creation of the United Nations, and UNA-USA later merged with the United Nations Foundation in 2011.

OUR REACH

UNA-USA includes 135 community chapters and 130 campus chapters nationwide. More than 20,000 volunteers support the organization's work, and 75% of members are under the age of 26.

OUR WESTCHESTER CHAPTER

The Larchmont Mamaroneck chapter dates back to 1956 and became UNA-USA Westchester in 1981. The current Westchester Chapter membership is 120 members.

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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Zeta Nu Omega Chapter, Westchester County, NY



The purpose of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order word to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life; and to be of Service to All Mankind. Zeta Nu Omega is the first graduate chapter in Westchester County, New York, chartered in 1955.

157
LOCAL MEMBERS

365,000
NATIONAL MEMBERS

OUR WORK

Our mission aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by advancing quality education, health and well-being, gender equality, economic empowerment, and reduced inequalities. Through community service, advocacy, youth development, and strategic partnerships, we promote equitable opportunities and help strengthen the communities we serve.

OUR PARTNERSHIP

Locally, Zeta Nu Omega and UNA-Westchester are connected through our shared commitment to improving the lives of Westchester County residents. This includes programming focused advancing food security, economic opportunity and empowerment, and community service to improve the well-being of individuals and families throughout Westchester County.

OUR IMPACT

Our members dedicate their time, energy, talents, and expertise to advancing our organization's mission at the local level. We rely on strong partnerships and committed volunteers to expand our reach, strengthen our programs, and increase our impact in the Westchester County community.

City of White Plains Youth Bureau

White Plains Youth Court



The White Plains Youth Bureau's mission is to provide children and youth ages 5 through 24, with the tools they need to become good citizens, and to acquire the skills needed to become competent leaders of the 21st century.

The White Plains Youth Court deters and prevent juvenile delinquency, promote restorative justice principles and facilitate healthy positive outcomes for youth and families while improving community quality of life.

253

LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

OUR WORK

The Youth Bureau provides opportunities for today's youth to apply their energies and skills thus enabling them to believe in their futures and themselves reflecting the United Nations' focus on youth empowerment, community engagement, and creating opportunities for young people.

OUR PARTNERSHIP

The White Plains Youth Bureau partners with UNA-Westchester to create youth service, leadership, and civic engagement opportunities, connecting local young people with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and broader community initiatives.

OUR IMPACT

Volunteers make it possible to provide more programs, service opportunities, and mentorship to young people. Their time, skills, and commitment help us reach more youth, support community initiatives, and create meaningful opportunities for young people to grow and contribute.

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY

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League of Women Voters Westchester



The League of Women Voters of Westchester is a nonpartisan organization whose purpose is to promote informed and active participation in government. The League neither supports nor opposes candidates or political parties. LWVW is an Inter-League Organization (ILO) and is composed of the members of the local leagues of Larchmont/Mamaroneck, New Castle, New Rochelle, Northwest Westchester, the Rivertowns, Rye/Rye Brook/Port Chester, Scarsdale, and White Plains, as well as any members-at-large residing within Westchester.

500,000

NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS

OUR WORK

The core values of the United Nations and the League of Women Voters align closely around equity, democracy, and human rights for all.

OUR PARTNERSHIP

The connection between the United Nations Association of Westchester and the League of Women Voters of Westchester stems from a shared history, aligned institutional values, and direct local programming partnerships such as UN Day.

OUR IMPACT

Our volunteers are the heartbeat of our organization and critical to our mission. As one wise League leader once said, “The success of our democracy doesn't depend on a few persons who do great things, but on many persons who do small things faithfully.”

The Links, Incorporated
Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service
Westchester County (NY) Chapter

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Greater Hudson Valley (NY) Chapter, Westchester County (NY) Chapter

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Westchester County (NY) Chapter

The Links, Incorporated is an international, not-for-profit corporation, established in 1946. It is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations committed to enriching, sustaining, and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other people of African ancestry. We endeavor to uplift all individuals and families in the communities we serve.

Members: National 17,000+
Greater Hudson Valley (NY): 44
Westchester County (NY): 45

OUR WORK

The Westchester County (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated advances UN values through education, youth empowerment, global citizenship, health, and community service. Students are invited to special events and learning activities and are encouraged to become involved in international affairs Programs which align with SDGs, including: 1 (No Poverty) 4 (Quality Education), 5 (Gender Equality), 10 (Reduced Inequalities), and 17 (Partnerships).

OUR PARTNERSHIP

The Westchester County (NY) Chapter co-sponsors UN Day, the Annual Meeting and works to continue to expand awareness, understanding, and rationale for global integration of the SDGs. The Links International Foreign Affairs and Business Empowerment for Youth (L.I.F.E.) Program further supports partnership with UNA Westchester by engaging UNA members as panelists, connecting students to UNA youth opportunities and participation in membership drives.

OUR IMPACT

Volunteers support every program by staffing committees across 5 areas of focus: Services to Youth, National Trends, International Trends, The Arts, and Health and Human Services. Members mentor youth, run health initiatives, fund scholarships, and build community partnerships. Their time, skills, and dues turn the chapter's mission into direct, lasting impact across Westchester County.

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Mary T. Clark Center at Manhattanville University

United Nations Program



The Clark Center, and the United Nations Program in particular, works to promote global justice and civic engagement amongst our students and, most importantly, our Clark Scholars. Our Clark Scholars, who volunteer to make the important work happen, assist our community partners, especially the UNA-USA Westchester Chapter and its fabulous President, Marcia Brewster.

340
ANNUAL VOLUNTEERS

OUR WORK

At the Clark Center, we have the privilege of running the UN Program, where we take students to tour the UN and organize and moderate the Global Justice and Civic Engagement speaker series.

OUR PARTNERSHIP

Through the UN Program, we have the honor of partnering with the UNA Westchester Chapter. Both organizations work together to increase global awareness amongst students and other members of our Westchester County community.

OUR IMPACT

Volunteers matter because they are the very heart of our efforts to serve the greater community. Volunteers take the time to address the concerns of our community partners, and they allow us to promote social justice and human rights, values that the UN holds so dear.

MERCY UNIVERSITY

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Mercy University IRDP

School of Social and Behavioral Science



The International Relations and Diplomacy Program's Model UN Program, Dobbs Ferry, New York

Model United Nations (Model UN) lets students represent countries, research global challenges and negotiate shared solutions. Mercy's program builds diplomatic skills and understanding of the UN's work.

These skills prepare students to contribute through civic engagement and community service.

PREPARING STUDENTS TO SERVE

Strengthening community programs while students build confidence, teamwork and connections beyond campus.

OUR WORK

Model UN develops informed global citizens who practice cooperation and consider different perspectives. It advances understanding of peace, human rights and the Sustainable Development Goals.

OUR PARTNERSHIP

Mercy University's IDRP and UNA-Westchester share a longstanding partnership rooted in global awareness and community engagement. Their educational programs support UNA's mission to inform and engage the public in the work and ideals of the United Nations.

OUR IMPACT

The 2026 observance invites students to put global learning into local action. Volunteering strengthens community programs while students build confidence, teamwork and connections beyond campus.

Photo: Mercy University, National Model United Nations, Washington, D.C., November 2025

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Mount Vernon Youth Bureau

Westchester County – Mount Vernon, NY



Since 1965, the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau has served families and youth by providing them with quality programs, transformative services, and viable resources. Our mission is to lead Mount Vernon's youth ages 6-24 to self-sufficiency through Exposure, Education, and Empowerment.

30
LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

OUR WORK

The Youth Bureau advances all 17 UN SDGs by exposing youth 6–24 to global issues, educating them through STEM, civic and career programs, and empowering them as agents of change building self-sufficiency while combating poverty, hunger, and protecting people and planet.

OUR PARTNERSHIP

The MVYB connects with youth and students' organizations through educational programming, volunteerism, leadership initiatives, and community awards.

OUR IMPACT

Volunteering matters because it extends nonprofit workforce reach and adds billions in economic value. Unpaid service builds trust as authentic ambassadors. For volunteers, it improves physical and mental health, reduces stress, grows careers, expands networks, and combats loneliness through social connection.

NCNW
Westchester Section
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

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National Council of Negro Women (NCNW)

Westchester County Section



NCNW is an organization of organizations including 400+ campus and community-based sections and 38 national women's organizations that enlightens, inspires, and connects 3 million women and men. Our mission is to lead, advocate for, and empower women, families and communities of African descent. NCNW programs focus on critical concerns promoting education; encourages entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and economic stability; education on health and promotes access to technology, civic engagement and advocates for public policy and social justice.

56
LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

11,000
NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS

OUR WORK

NCNW Founder Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune was in as the UN was founded. We support the global initiatives locally, expose students to the UN via workshops and tours. We also participate in the Commission on the Status of Women.

OUR PARTNERSHIP

The NCNW, Westchester has maintained a strong relationship with UNA Westchester for several decades. We participate in UN Day, Women's History Month activities and Youth Leadership workshops.

OUR IMPACT

Our volunteer members are the heart of NCNW. They support operations, perform community service, and work to help achieve our national and local initiatives. They provide leadership and ideas that keep NCNW relevant. Volunteers are the hands, voice and face of the organization, which helps expand our reach and impact.

Rotary New Rochelle

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Rotary Club of New Rochelle



The Rotary Club of New Rochelle serves the community in New Rochelle and beyond promoting fellowship, service, and practical support to those in need through partnerships.

1,160
DISTRICT 7230 VOLUNTEERS

263,000
NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS

OUR WORK

Rotary was instrumental in the founding of the United Nations in 1945. Rotary's seven focus areas support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

OUR PARTNERSHIP

Rotary Club members have regularly participated in UNA-USA Westchester activities, and Rotary International partners with UN agencies around the world.

OUR IMPACT

Rotary at all levels relies entirely on volunteers committed to SERVICE ABOVE SELF.

Westchester Women's Agenda



WWA advocates for access, rights, and progress for women in Westchester County.

WWA works to ensure that the County provides women with access, rights, opportunities, and advancement regardless of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

45+
NONPROFIT PARTNERS

100+
VOLUNTEERS

OUR WORK

WWA advocacy priorities align with key UN Sustainable Development Goals and seeks to:

- Safeguard immigrants
- Protect and defend targeted women (LGBTQ, Pregnant, Muslim, Asian, Jewish, others)
- Combat poverty
- Advance affordable housing
- Promote affordable, accessible childcare

OUR PARTNERSHIP

WWA is proud that UNA Westchester is a member of our feminist, anti-racist coalition. The educational and advocacy programs of UNA Westchester enrich our membership. Their tireless work to advance CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women) on the State and local levels aligns with our goals.

OUR IMPACT

For over 30 years, WWA has been an all-volunteer organization. It is the passion and talents of our volunteers that enable us to function. From running Zoom meetings, to hosting community events, from giving public testimony at government meetings, to holding rallies to pass important legislation, WWA members give their time and energy to advocate for women. The volunteer spirit allows us to succeed.

Volunteer New York
CONNECT. SERVE. GROW.

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Volunteer New York!



Volunteer New York!'s mission is to mobilize the community to address its greatest challenges.

We envision a community that is vibrant, resilient, and equitable and see volunteerism and civic engagement as important strategies to achieve this vision.

40,000
VOLUNTEERS

OUR WORK

Volunteer New York! provides pathways for people to reduce poverty, improve education, promote good health, reduce inequalities, protect the environment, and more. Volunteers tackle local challenges that are being addressed globally through the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

OUR PARTNERSHIP

Volunteer New York! and UNA-Westchester both believe in the power of people. We promote civic participation by connecting people with meaningful opportunities to create positive change.

OUR IMPACT

Volunteers strengthen communities by bringing people together to address local needs and create meaningful change. By bridging differences, they show how individual actions matter and demonstrate that collective efforts can grow into broader, large-scale systemic change.