

**Hemenway United Methodist Church Soup  
at Six Soup Kitchen**

[www.solidprint.com/soupatsix](http://www.solidprint.com/soupatsix)

**Interfaith Action of Evanston Soup Kitchen**

[www.interfaithactionofevanston.org](http://www.interfaithactionofevanston.org)

**15<sup>th</sup> MEU – Marine Expeditionary Unit**

[www.15thmeu.marines.mil](http://www.15thmeu.marines.mil)

**New Hope Recovery Center**

[www.new-hope-recovery.com](http://www.new-hope-recovery.com)

**Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care**

[www.rainbowhospice.org](http://www.rainbowhospice.org)

**Meals on Wheels**

<http://www.mealsonwheelschicago.org>

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

**Adopt-A-Highway**

[www.adoptahighway.com](http://www.adoptahighway.com)

**Alzheimer’s Association**

[www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)

**American Red Cross Volunteers**

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

**American Cancer Society**

[www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

**Boys and Girls Clubs of America**

[bgca.org](http://bgca.org)

**Communities in Schools**

[www.communitiesinschools.org](http://www.communitiesinschools.org)

**Feeding America**

[www.feedingamerica.org](http://www.feedingamerica.org)

**Habitat for Humanity**

[www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org)

**The Humane Society**

[www.humanesociety.org](http://www.humanesociety.org)

**Make-A-Wish Foundation**

[www.wish.org](http://www.wish.org)

**Nature Conservatory**

[www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org)

**Salvation Army**

[www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org)

**USA on Watch**

[USAonWatch.org](http://USAonWatch.org)

**Vietnam Veterans of America**

[www.vva.org](http://www.vva.org)

**Tips for Requesting In-Kind Donations**

*Donations are the best way to keep costs down while still having an impactful community event. It can be intimidating to reach out to an organization to ask for a donation for the first time, but there’s no*

*need to feel intimidated! Many businesses are more than willing to donate extra supplies. In fact, many larger businesses have a certain donation allotment built into their monthly budget so that they can*



*donate regularly within their community. To make the contact process easier for you, a sample donation letter is provided within the toolkit appendices. (See Appendix D: Letter Examples). However, here are a few tips for navigating the process:*

- ~ Network with your friends and family. If they work at a commercial business, they are a direct line of contact for you to get donations.
- ~ Think bigger! A company may be unwilling to donate tangible supplies, but they may have giftcards to donate! They may also be willing to provide you with discounts on big-ticket items or bulk purchases.
- ~ If at first you don't succeed, try, try again! Do not be afraid to request a donation from the same business more than once, even if they turned you down the first time. Sometimes donation allowances are met early in the month. Do not assume that "no" the

first time means "no" every time, unless the business explicitly states that they do not offer donations.

- ~ Tell donating businesses about any opportunities for publicity! If a local news station or journalist is recording your community activity, be sure to tell the donating organization of the positive press they will receive.
- ~ Make sure to send a thank you to the business for their donation! A thank you note and pictures of the event are often appreciated. Other ways to show appreciation include listing the donating business as a sponsor in any publications about your volunteer club. Also, if a particular individual from the donating business went the extra mile to help you out, be sure when writing a thank you to the business that you specifically mention the individual's name when expressing your gratitude.

