

BONDING OVER BOOKS

How United Way supporter Alixandra found a way to share her love of reading with children. 💎

“When I think about how I can give back to my community, I try to think of ways I can use my skills. Literacy has been so important in my life, both personally and professionally. Spending time with books is so formative. It can open up your imagination, take you on adventures and help you see the world in a way you might not otherwise be able to.

The United Way literacy camp I volunteered with is particularly important to our community. Volunteering there was such a great experience because I had an opportunity to spend time with young people who are learning to share my love of books and reading and who really want to improve their reading ability.

It’s a two-way street: In the process of helping kids with their

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reading, I learned a lot too. After spending a few hours sitting in a

classroom with kids showing me what they know I felt like I came away having learned something, too. As a volunteer, there’s always more to learn, and I get the satisfaction of knowing that I’ve been able to help someone.

Hearing from a mom about how important this program has been to her and her children means a lot to me. It’s been so affirming knowing that my donation and my volunteer work is helping both parents and children on their journey. Volunteering is also about knowing that I’m making an impact in the community for entire families. We have a culture of giving that I am proud to be part of.” -Alixandra



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