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2025 Seasonal Volunteer Opportunities with BUILD!

Join BUILD to help make this season of celebrations and giving a joyous one for West Side youth. Support our Halloween Campus (October), Winter Coat Drive (November), or Holiday Giving Villages (December).

BUILD Halloween - October 31, 2025

Our Austin campus transforms for Halloween: with family-friendly games in the gym and a Spooky "Haunted Farm" maze outside. BUILD staff all get in costume and over 2,000 youth and community families come through for spooky crafts, candy, games, and fun scares!

How to help:

- Donate candy (deliver to BUILD by **Oct 28**)
- Come in costume and volunteer!

Winter Coat Drive - November 15 & 22, 2025

For West Side youth, a warm coat does more than just protect from Chicago's harsh winters–it helps you go to school, hold a job, survive a crisis, or get out of danger. Help us fit nearly 1,000 youth with the coats that will keep them healthy and safe.

How to help:

- Donate new coats - deliver to BUILD by **Nov 3**
- Donate funds for BUILD to purchase coats wholesale (starting Oct 1, donations accepted through **Dec 31**)
- Volunteer to sort & distribute coats on **Nov 15 or 22**

Holiday Giving Villages - December, 2025

Each winter, BUILD mentors transform West Side elementary schools into joyful Holiday Giving Villages–safe, welcoming spaces filled with the spirit of happy childhoods and fun.

How to help:

- Shop directly from youth wish lists and deliver to BUILD by **Dec 5**.
- Donate $50 per youth and BUILD will do the rest!
- Support a few kids, or adopt a whole school cohort.

To donate funds, scan here:

Ready to help? Have questions?

Contact Melissa Moore, melissamoore@buildchicago.org, or 773-227-2880

Thank you for helping BUILD health, safety and joy on the West Side!