Volunteer Highlights: North America

**Boulder, Colorado**
An Adopt-a-Highway event is held annually for employees to clean a two-mile stretch of highway that Lexmark employees have adopted.

Through [Foothills United Way](#), employees in Boulder, Colorado, supported the Cal-Wood Education Center by moving out firewood that is a by-product of fire mitigation from a heavily forested area. Profits gained from the sale of the firewood provide youth the opportunity to participate in the Cal-Wood environmental education and camp programs.

**Lexington, Kentucky**
The Lexmark Educational Outreach Program aims to build community with Fayette County schools by providing Lexmark volunteers for in-classroom science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) support, tutoring, mentoring, and help with science fairs and science nights. William Wells Brown Elementary and Leestown Middle School were chosen as pilot schools for the program, and volunteers have developed rapport with teachers and students alike.

Lexmark hosts the Future STEM Professionals Summit (formerly the Youth Science Summit) annually. Lexmark engineers and other invited professionals provide a day of hands-on science activities and demonstrations that helps inspire students to pursue a career in STEM.

Lexmark hosts Kentucky Governor’s Scholars who have an engineering concentration for a day-long session of lab tours and activity stations focused on real-world applications of science and technology. Students can also connect with Lexmark employees to learn more about potential career paths within the STEM fields.

Lexmark participates in a variety of events to support National Engineering Week in February, including hosting a Women in Engineering event, participating in Kentucky Science Center activities and the University of Kentucky’s E-Day. Lexmark has served as the title sponsor of UK’s engineering celebration for many years. Lexmark employees connect with kids through demonstrations and activities that share STEM concepts in exciting ways.
Lexmark supports Girls Go Tech, a Girl Scouts program focused on encouraging disadvantaged girls to become interested in science, technology, engineering and math. More than 700 girls benefited from this program in 2017. Student participation allows them to receive their science badge. Lexmark is a major sponsor for the Kentucky Science & Engineering Fair (KY-SEF). Engineers and scientists from Lexmark serve as judges during the fair and help prepare the state winners for international competition.

Lexmark Lexington holds an annual Keep America Beautiful event, cleaning the Cane Run Creek that runs through its property. The Cane Run Creek is an important tributary as it supplies fresh water to local communities. Future cleanup events may become easier as Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) approved a $40,000 grant for a joint research effort between Lexmark, the University of Kentucky, WLEX-TV, EcoGro, Ridgewater and LFUCG to study and design a system to collect the massive amount of floatable trash that is typically in the creek.

Employees are very generous in financially supporting and raising funds for United Way of the Bluegrass through events such as traditional golf and disc golf tournaments. In addition to monetary support, Lexmark employees donate their time and talent to United Way of the Bluegrass organizations through Care Day projects. Employees help the organizations with tasks that would otherwise need to be contracted out, such as cleaning, painting, organizing, gleanining fruit for the hungry, clearing flower and vegetable gardens, building fences and making repairs.

Each year, Lexmark employees volunteer to build a home in Lexington for Habitat for Humanity using materials sponsored by Lexmark.

Ontario, Canada
Lexmark Canada rolled out a new fundraiser in 2017, hosting their first Charity Hockey Tournament. The event raised over $3,900 for United Way Toronto/York Region.