

## [Volunteering pays dividends...](#)

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving, wherever and however you celebrated. This month's tip is a message of gratitude for the many volunteers that help our nonprofit make a BIG, positive impact on people's lives all across the nation, all year long.

Our professional and disaster survivor volunteers donate their time and expertise (often behind the scenes) so UP can be an effective advocate where policyholders need a strong voice and a reliable source of resiliency and recovery support in disaster-prone regions.

Talented and generous volunteers greatly enhance UP staff's capacity to show up, deliver services, and make every donated and grant-funded dollar go an extra long way helping people successfully navigate financial and life challenges.

### **Special thanks to our *extra* special volunteer corps...**



UP has many disaster survivor volunteers who've served for 15+ years. Ken Klein, Renee Van Heel and Karen Reimus (pictured above) are among them.



Attorney John Ellison and his Reed Smith, LLP colleagues across the country have donated thousands of pro bono hours over three decades helping UP successfully advocate for policyholders.



Special thanks to Covington Burling LLP's David Goodwin (2nd fr left) for inspiring so many of his colleagues to regularly donate their expertise at our insurance help clinics for disaster survivors and by drafting UP amicus briefs.



Volunteer Corey Locke helping a homeowner review her policy for adequate protection.

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### **Holiday gift giving guidance...**

Tech journalist Jen Jolley volunteered her time and expertise to support United Policyholders' virtual fundraiser last month. In this video, Jen talks about the importance of UP's work and shares some of her favorite items. Perhaps it will help you with your holiday shopping this year!

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### **Giving on Giving Tuesday**

Today is Giving Tuesday, a national day that celebrates generosity. Consider making a donation to support UP's disaster resilience and recovery and consumer advocacy work. If you can't give, you can still help by sharing our resources with a friend, relative or co-worker who may need our unique guidance.

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- [Hurricane Ian – Insurance and Recovery Library](#)
- [California – Insurance Shopping Help Webinar](#)
- [Survivors Speak: Taking Care of Yourself After a Loss](#)

[Give to UP this Giving Tuesday](#)

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