

United Communities of America

Local Starter Kit

People First. Community Always. Opportunity For All.

A practical guide for starting local UCA momentum with a small group, one useful project, and a repeatable rhythm of service.

1	Gather a core group
2	Choose one local need
3	Invite neighbors and partners
4	Serve, document, and repeat

1. First Meeting Agenda

Use this for a 45 to 60 minute first conversation. Keep it simple, practical, and focused on one action people can understand.

- Welcome and purpose: why stronger local community matters.
- Read the UCA principles out loud.
- Ask: what is one visible local need we can help with in the next 30 days?
- Choose one first project with a clear owner and date.
- List neighbors, businesses, schools, and groups to invite.
- Set the next meeting or service date before leaving.

2. First Project Checklist

- Pick a project that is useful, visible, and achievable.
- Name one person responsible for coordination.
- Confirm date, time, place, supplies, and backup plan.
- Invite local partners with a specific ask.
- Take photos only when appropriate and respectful.
- Thank people publicly and document what worked.
- Schedule the next action within two weeks.

3. Sample Outreach Language

Neighbor invite: We are starting a simple local effort through United Communities of America to help neighbors know one another, serve locally, support local businesses, and create opportunity. We are beginning with one practical project and would love for you to join the first conversation.

Local business invite: UCA is built around people first, community always, and opportunity for all. We are inviting local businesses to be visible partners in practical community-building work. Would you be open to a short conversation about a first local project?

4. Founding Principles

- Know your neighbors.
- Support local businesses whenever possible.
- Volunteer your time and talents.
- Create opportunities for others.
- Reinvest in your community.
- Treat people with dignity and respect.

- Leave your community better than you found it.

5. Chapter Starter Notes

A UCA community does not need to begin large. It should begin honestly. The first goal is to create a small rhythm of trust, service, documentation, and invitation.

Founding interest

Someone has raised their hand in a location and wants to explore local UCA activity.

Forming chapter

A small group is organizing a first practical project or meeting.

Active chapter

Local leadership, repeatable service, public alignment with UCA principles, and visible local participation are present.

6. What To Send Back To UCA

- Community name and location.
- Names of initial organizers or point of contact.
- First project idea and expected date.
- Local partners invited or interested.
- Photos or notes from completed projects, when appropriate.
- Questions or support needed for the next step.

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