



United Way
of St. Clair County

LIVE UNITED

Our Mission

To mobilize the community of St. Clair County to raise funds and/or resources to meet identified human service needs with the highest level of accountability and community involvement.

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Monday - Friday | 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Vision Statement

United Way of St. Clair County will be a leader to help the community identify and address human care problems.

It will accomplish this by:

- Identifying critical and emerging human service needs through qualified assessments.
- Generating financial resources in a manner which is responsive to both donor and community needs.
- Managing and allocating resources for maximum efficiency and accountability.
- Responding appropriately to existing needs with an emphasis on preventive measures whenever possible.
- Promoting volunteerism and leadership development to support the human services network.



United Way
of St. Clair County

2023-24
Annual
Report

UNITED in
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Letter from the President & Executive Director

It has been a privilege to serve as president of United Way of St. Clair County. The organization's mission and the dedication of its volunteers, staff, and contributors resonate deeply with my personal beliefs and values. Together, we are making a significant impact on our operations and outcomes, and I am grateful for your collective efforts.

This year has been a testament to our resilience and adaptability. Despite the challenges, we remained steadfast in our mission. We met the economic shift by downsizing staffing, and the United Way office relied on volunteer support to respond to direct requests for emergency needs and medical supplies. In collaboration with several community organizations, United Way of St. Clair County prepared to address anticipated community needs. We continued leading the efforts to ensure the homeless community had solutions available. Our Citizens Review Committee (CRC) maintained the accountability process for program donations and updated their application processes.

The Campaign Cabinet, a dynamic and innovative team, has been a driving force behind our community's commitment. Their impactful presence, felt throughout the community, has reminded us all that the fall is United Way time! Through their marketing and events, we have all come to understand that our community is **United in PURPOSE**. The cabinet, comprising over 50 volunteers, has demonstrated their unwavering dedication and hard work in being present in the community and making a tangible difference in our community.

My gratitude goes out to each and every one of you- our volunteers, staff, and contributors. Your support and commitment have been instrumental in our progress.

Thank you,

Mat King
Board President

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Executive Director
Brent Gillette

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United Way of St. Clair County thanks the employers, employees, retirees, unions and organizations for your employee giving campaigns and business gifts during the 2023 United in PURPOSE Annual Campaign. Thank you leaders and employee campaign coordinators for reengaging to maintain and build a greater community through generous contributions.

Award of Excellence 75% or more employee participation with an average employee gift of \$250

The Arc of St. Clair County
Blue Water Area Chamber of Commerce
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United Way of St. Clair County

Gold Award 40% or more employee participation with an average employee gift of \$225

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Bronze Award 30% or more employee participation with an average employee gift of \$75

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Citizen's Review Committee Chair Report

The Citizens Review Committee (CRC) annually reviews proposals submitted by local affiliated organizations to reduce the need for emergency services, teach youth life skills, improve quality of life through health and advocacy, and help adults through education and training. The members of the CRC engage in serious and thoughtful discussions when reviewing applications for funding. The CRC recommended that a total of 21 programs offered by 15 organizations be supported. Health, shelter, food, and emergency services continue to be funding priorities as these needs are prevalent in our community with two new programs being introduced in 2024/25. Other services UWSCC continues to support are the Michigan Rehabilitation Services to facilitate employment for those with physical or mental disabilities, the UW Emergency Fund for unique emergency requests, and RESA's Imagination Library. This fiscal year Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home also received additional funds to cover the high cost of food they were experiencing.

The CRC revised its application form to provide clearer understanding of the goals and objectives the organizations wanted to achieve. Quarterly reports submitted by the organizations assure that they are meeting local needs and that their program goals and objectives are being fulfilled. Organizations have been invited to attend CRC meetings to better inform CRC members of the services they provide. UWSCC recognizes the increased social, health and economic needs throughout St. Clair County and the struggle many face daily and appreciates the community support in helping to alleviate those needs.



CRC Chair
Cindy Rourke

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The Arc of St. Clair County	The Harbor
Blue Water Community Action	Michigan Crossroads Council, Boy Scouts of America
Blue Water Safe Horizons	Michigan League for Public Policy
Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan	People's Clinic for Better Health
Community Enterprises of St. Clair County	Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home
Community First Health Centers	SONS (Save Our Neighborhoods & Streets)
Council on Aging, Inc., serving St. Clair County	Touchstone Services, Inc. (Blue Water Clubhouse)
Detroit Rescue Mission (Pathway Shelter)	Visiting Nurse Association / Blue Water Hospice

Program Impact & Direct Services

Teaching Youth Life Skills: Street Outreach Program • At-Risk Boy Scouting Programs • Financial Support for Disadvantaged Youth • Talented TENTH

Improving Quality of Life through Health & Advocacy: Mental Health Counseling • Pharmacy Assistance • Advocacy Services • Special Care Services • Hospice Care • Quality Leadership/Training

Helping Adults through Education/Training: Employment Skills Training • Vocational Evaluation & Job Placement

Reducing the Need for Emergency Services: Carolyn's Place • Wings Emergency Program • Pathway Shelter • Youth Day & Educational Program • Shelter Support Staff • Senior Housing Program • Direct Food Assistance

Community Initiatives & Collaborations: 2-1-1 • Community Dental Center • Community Services Coordinating Body • Imagination Library • Prescription Discount Program • Vocational Rehabilitation

UWSCC Direct Services: Medical Loan Closet • Emergency Need/Ramp Assistance • Cancer Assistance • Children with Disabilities Services • Dental Assistance • Community Center



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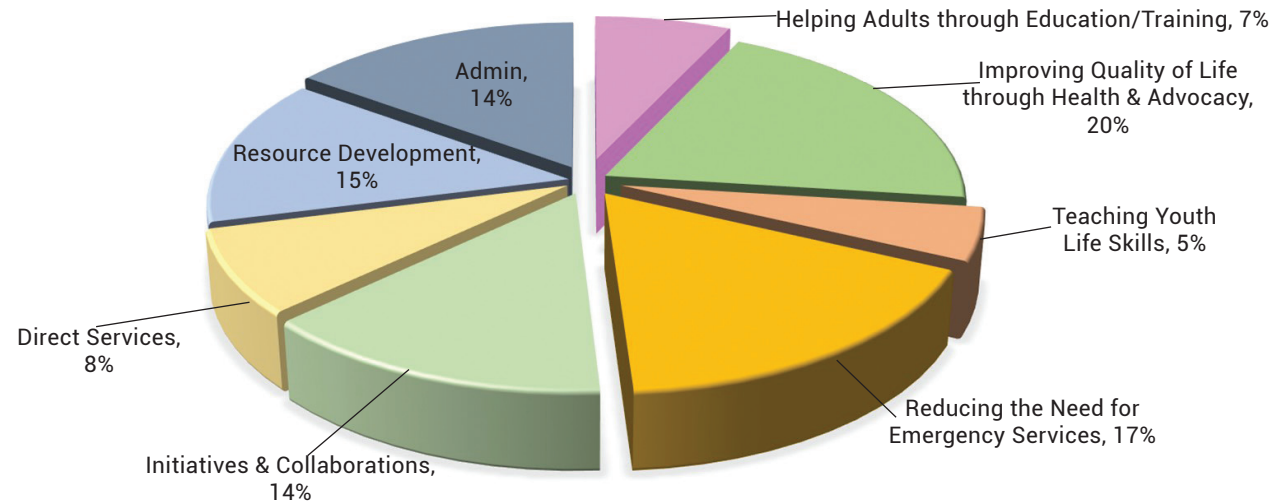
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Financial Report

April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024

United Way of St. Clair County Financial Analysis

2023/24 Revenue of \$1,053,821 Inclusive of Campaign, Interest & Miscellaneous Contributions



Please note: The funds reported in this document are pre-audit.

An additional \$45,000 in Dental Services provided by My Community Dental Center

Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP)

United Way of St. Clair County is the Local Board Administrator for Federally Funded EFSP

Phase 41 (Federal) Funding \$61,437

Emergency Food + Shelter Services: \$60,208 (98%) + Admin: \$1,229 (2%)

Organizations Receiving EFSP Funding:

Blue Water Community Food Depot • Blue Water Safe Horizons • The C3 Connection, Inc. •
Detroit Rescue Mission (Pathway Shelter) • Downriver Helping Hands, Inc. • The Harbor •
Harbor Impact Ministries • Mid City Nutrition • The Salvation Army •
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(Campaigns Over \$15,000)



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Campaign Co-Leader Report

The 2023 Campaign season kicked off strong. The cabinet volunteers United in PURPOSE to offer a Day of Caring and participated in positive community engagements. The community was motivated through several special fundraising activities, such as the first annual Road Rally, Agency Expo, raffles, bowling benefits and the 4th Annual Youth Run United. Our dedicated volunteers were successful in offering the community opportunities to make a difference through the United Way Campaign.

The positive result of this year's Campaign was through the hard work of our cabinet volunteers and staff.

We are very proud to lead the Campaign and are thankful to our volunteers that have such a deep and passionate concern for our community. Thank you to all contributors for making it possible to help our neighbors in St. Clair County.



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