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United Way of St. Clair County Receives Top Rating from Charity Navigator

United Way of St. Clair County (UWSCC) recently received the esteemed 4-star rating for demonstrating strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. This award was bestowed to the organization by Charity Navigator, the largest evaluator of U.S. charities. Charity Navigator has been evaluating charities with an objective, numbers-based rating system since 2001. There are currently 9,158 charities rated on their website. According to Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org), "Our ratings show givers how efficiently we believe a charity will use their support today, how well it has sustained its programs and services over time and their level of commitment to good governance, best practices and openness with information." Four stars is the highest possible rating obtainable.

This 4-star achievement is a collective effort of all the volunteers and staff throughout UWSCC's 95 years of service. Financial health, accountability, and transparency have always been high priorities of the organization as evidenced by their three pillars: Local, **Accountable**, Volunteer-Driven. UWSCC has held a 3-star rating since their first Charity Navigator assessment in 2015. Executive Director Doug Dolph exclaimed, "We are very pleased to be recognized as a 4-star charity! This demonstrates the commitment of our volunteers and staff to provide accountable, transparent services to St. Clair County."

Please visit www.charitynavigator.org to view UWSCC's rating profile. For additional information on UWSCC's accountability and transparency, visit www.uwstclair.org/Accountable.

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Notes to editors: Please see the enclosed letter from Charity Navigator for supporting information on our 4-star award achievement. Also enclosed is our certificate to be used as a photo in publication.

About United Way of St. Clair County

The United Way of St. Clair County was founded in 1924. Its mission is to mobilize the community of St. Clair County to raise funds and resources to meet identified human service needs with the highest level of accountability and community involvement. For more information, visit www.uwstclair.org.