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~ IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH HEALTH & ADVOCACY ~

This month, we are thrilled to announce that about \$260,000 has been allocated to our Improving Quality of Life through Health & Advocacy Impact Area! These funds will be divided among the following programs:

Program	Affiliated Organization
Mental Health Counseling	Catholic Charities of Southeastern Michigan
Ramp Construction	Community Enterprises of St. Clair County
Senior Project Fresh	Council on Aging, Inc., serving St. Clair County
People's Clinic for Better Health ~ Pharmacy Assistance	Lake Huron Foundation
Increasing Independence through Advocacy	The Arc of St. Clair County
Subsidized Home Care for Patients	Visiting Nurse Association / Blue Water Hospice
Subsidized Hospice Home Care	Visiting Nurse Association / Blue Water Hospice

United Way of St. Clair County (UWSCC) believes that physical and mental health equally affect a person's quality of life. Just as we seek a doctor's aid with our body's pains and ailments, our minds require the same care. Emotional and cognitive ailments can hinder a person's degree of enjoyment of everyday life just as severely as a major illness or injury. Education in the form of advocacy also plays an important role in the quality of life of our community. Society tends to segregate what is unknown or different from what is considered to be normal. Advocacy helps to dispel fear and break down barriers so we can all live in harmony.



~ LOOK WHAT WE DID! ~



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 us 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. 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."

SAVE THE DATE

OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday,
August 14, 2019
4:00pm - 6:00pm
Ceremony @ 4:15pm
Details to come.
Celebrate with us!



~ BUILDING BLOCKS ~ To a healthier future...



An example of the wonders that your generosity supports:

Presented by: Visiting Nurse Association / Blue Water Hospice
Hospice Home Subsidized Care . . .

to be taken home as his elderly wife was his only caregiver and not able to meet his needs in their home environment. The wife was very stressed and filled with sorrow because she wanted the best for her husband, but knew that she could not care for him. This gentleman was transferred to the Blue Water Hospice home for five days of respite care under Medicare. During those five days our social worker met with the wife, completed a financial assessment, and it was determined that this family was appropriate for the United Way of St. Clair County grant funding for room and board assistance. The patient's wife stated, 'I don't know what I would have done, but thank you all.' The patient was only with us a brief time, but the wife was able to sit with him until he passed in our peaceful home-like setting."

"Patient was in the hospital actively passing, and showing signs of anxiety and agitation. He was unable to be taken home as his elderly wife was his only caregiver and not able to meet his needs in their home environment. The wife was very stressed and filled with sorrow because she wanted the best for her husband, but knew that she could not care for him. This gentleman was transferred to the Blue Water Hospice home for five days of respite care under Medicare. During those five days our social worker met with the wife, completed a financial assessment, and it was determined that this family was appropriate for the United Way of St. Clair County grant funding for room and board assistance. The patient's wife stated, 'I don't know what I would have done, but thank you all.' The patient was only with us a brief time, but the wife was able to sit with him until he passed in our peaceful home-like setting."



According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2017, "Changes in the economy over the last several decades have increased the low-paying service economy and decreased job opportunities for ALICE households." Their data shows that 61% of Michigan workers earn \$20 or less per hour. Of those, about two-thirds only earn up to \$15 per hour.

Household Survival Budget - St. Clair, Michigan, 2017			
	Single Adult	2 Adults, 1 Infant, 1 Preschooler	
Housing		\$578	\$911
Child Care		\$0	\$1,122
Food		\$199	\$604
Transportation		\$434	\$868
Health Care		\$234	\$879
Technology		\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous		\$180	\$511
Taxes		\$303	\$650
Monthly Total		\$1,983	\$5,620
ANNUAL TOTAL		\$23,796	\$67,440
Hourly Wage		\$11.90	\$33.72

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Bureau of Labor Statistics; Internal Revenue Service; Tax Foundation; and Early Childhood Investment Corporation, 2017.

LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATION AWARDS



HOW OUR SUPPORTED PROGRAMS ARE BRIDGING THE GAP TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

Catholic Charities of Southeastern Michigan

The number of people who received mental health counseling in 2018 was 268.

Community Enterprises of St. Clair County

10 of 26 ramps constructed in 2018 were funded through United Way of St. Clair County.

Council on Aging, Inc., serving St. Clair County

1,657 Senior Project Fresh coupon voucher books were distributed to 1,070 individuals in 2018. This provided over \$33,000 in fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables to vulnerable, low income seniors as well as that same amount in increased sales for local farming families.

Lake Huron Foundation

In 2018, the People's Clinic for Better Health provided pharmacy assistance care to 488 uninsured patients and wrote 1,408 total scripts, providing quality medical care to those underserved patients who would otherwise go without.

The Arc of St. Clair County

Provided 184 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities access to independent living in St. Clair County through advocacy, assistance connecting with programs and services in 2018. Also provided 150 children and their families with advocacy, support and education on special education services to assist children in being successful in school.

Visiting Nurse Association & Blue Water Hospice

Subsidized Home Care for Patients served 93 clients and Subsidized Hospice Home Care served 10 clients in 2018.