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## Newsletter

United Way of St. Clair County

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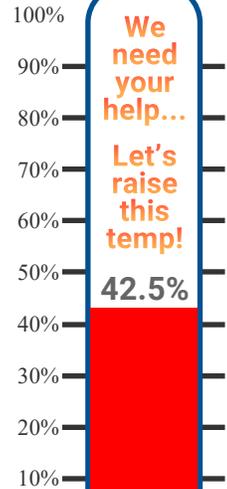
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### ~ THANKFUL FOR YOU! ~

We are thankful for the love and compassion that drives this community! We love being a pillar of hope and support for St. Clair County and appreciate the trust and generosity you share with us day after day!



### 15,000 People



\* Percentage illustrated is a recent snapshot of funds received. This amount increases daily.

### ~ CAMPAIGN CORNER ~

We are so thankful to all of our dedicated and passionate volunteers! Here are a few of these amazing people.



#### Manufacturing Division:

- Marc Simone, SEMCO Energy
- Joe Falk, SEMCO Energy
- Jon Holden, All Star Services, Inc.

- Jim Karl, DTE Energy
- Gary Olmstead, Biewer Lumber
- James Watson, Watson Bros Company



### ~ A HEART-WARMING TALE FROM PTM & MTI ~

PTM and MTI have wonderful, giving people and we wanted to give them the opportunity to help the community. When I thought about the task of doing a campaign safely during a pandemic, two things were paramount: the need is urgent and essential and a good plan is needed to meet the challenge ahead! We decided to make it a competition because we ALL need to have some fun ~ especially in 2020! Donna Kuhr, our President and CEO, generously donated some fun giveaways to reward our givers. Also, just as last year, Donna is furnishing a dollar-for-dollar corporate match!

So things are different this year. Our campaign is a week-long occasion, not just a day. We enlisted several coordinators' help to quickly collect donations in multiple locations; avoiding lines and social distancing materials for our givers to help themselves. We created huge, interactive walls in each plant so everyone could put their own names up and see the daily prizes, along with the progress to our goals. We have made announcements and sent daily emails with fun progress reports and the next day's prize offerings; letting the spirit of competition flow. Throughout our campaign week, we kept with the theme that we are all in this together and we want to "Live United." Our version of the slogan has been "Giving United is Living United!" We are not done, but we will reach our goal because as I humbly tally the donations and see the generosity of our entire team I see the win and just can't wait to announce it and thank EVERYONE!

One giver brought a lump to my throat as I think of their caring and generous actions. Dennis, of our Quality Department working at MTI, asked if the United Way was a good organization. When told about our UW by his coordinator Colleen, this Ultimate Giver put down \$500.00! When asked if he was sure and why he gave so much, Dennis simply replied, "I had extra money and wanted to help those in need during these tough times. It is the time of year to help others, so that is what I did." Aristotle once said,

To give away money is an easy matter and in any man's power. But to decide to whom to give it and how large and when, and for what purpose and how, is neither in every man's power nor an easy matter.

Thank you all for choosing our United Way to help your neighbors! I want to thank Donna Kuhr for enabling this campaign and generously matching our associates' contributions, our coordinators: Colette, Colleen, Lisa and Lynn, every single giver, and our United Way for the good they will do with every donation they receive. ~ Denise Horvath, ECC





## ~ FUNdraisers ~



Thank you to all of the volunteers, sponsors, participants, and businesses who have been making our FUNdraisers a success! We are so thankful for your generosity and support of our mission!

### SMALL BUSINESS GIVING SATURDAYS

brought to you by: Downtown Port Huron

A percentage of your purchases will be donated by the stores below to make this **a season of hope** for those who need it most!

Amplify your holiday giving by shopping local every Saturday during the holiday season.

**Change Starts with YOU.**

**Change Starts Here.**

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Are you ready to do some local shopping? It's almost time for us to help each other again... You support the shop, they support us, we support the community's most vulnerable residents, and we all have a stronger, healthier, and happier place to live, work, and play!

#### Participating Shops:

- Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>: Red Kettle Coffee Roasters District 43
- Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>: Main Street Ensemble
- Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>: Everything Classic Antique
- Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>: MI Passion
- Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>: Suzanne's Fashions



### An example of the wonders your generosity supports:

Presented by: Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, Pathway Shelter ...

A homeless, unemployed mother with five children who lived in a shelter for homeless children had exhausted her children's time limit for staying in the shelter. Our staff was able to clear space overnight to receive her five children so they could live with her at our facility. Thereafter, we helped the mother secure two jobs; and with those jobs, she was able to successfully move into permanent housing. While the children were in residence and the mother began her jobs, we helped the children to maintain enrollment in school and work on site with tutors.



From our:  
**Reducing the Need for Emergency Services**  
Impact Area



Thank you, Michele, for all of the masks you have made for us to give away!



Every time someone gives, another's life gets better.  
**Change Starts With YOU!**

### ~ Tickets Are On Sale! ~

It's that time of year again! Tickets can be purchased from our office or website.

For full details and to purchase:

[www.uwstclair.org/FreighterTripRaffle](http://www.uwstclair.org/FreighterTripRaffle)

\$10.00 ~ cash, check, money order  
\$10.50 ~ credit card

**Give \$20.20 in 2020**



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United Way of St. Clair County's Mission is... 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.