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Newsletter

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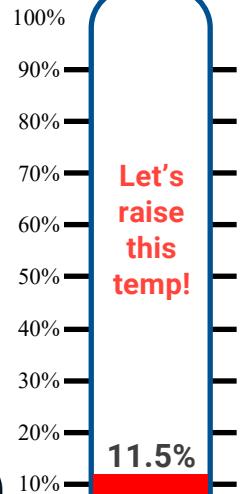
~ CHANGE IS IN THE AIR ~



This is the season of change. Leaves are changing colors and falling from the trees. Kids are back in school. Temperatures are continually getting cooler while our wardrobe is getting warmer. Birds are flying south. The list goes on...

Here at United Way, our focus is on change too. Changing lives for the better to be more precise. We are striving to raise enough funds to help 15,000 people get the support they need through community health and human service programs. Your contribution is so important this year as more and more residents are needing help due to the health pandemic we are facing. You can make a difference in your community. Join us and be the change you want to see in the world. **Change Starts Here.**

15,000 People



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



~ CAMPAIGN CABINET CORNER ~

We have some pretty amazing volunteers in our Campaign Cabinet this year! Let's meet some of them.

Government Division:

Jennie Posey, County of St. Clair • **Shannon LaBruyere**, Thrive in Change
Karry Hepting, County of St. Clair • **Misty Wojnarowicz**, Department of Human Services

The Government Division is off to a great start! The county's department heads have completed a virtual Campaign meeting. Now departments are starting to have a mix of virtual and in-person meetings with all staff for a best practice campaign. They will also be doing internal FUNdraising activities such as a raffle and a United Way t-shirt sale for First Responders! Thank you, UHY LLP Certified Public Accountants and Fletcher, Fealko, Shoudy & Francis, P.C., for being co-sponsors of the sale! Interested in buying a shirt? Contact Jennifer Posey at JPosey@stclaircounty.org with your request. Fun ideas that could be virtual or in-person!

Special Gifts Division:

Bill Gilmer, Retiree • **Steve Disser** • **Mike Caza**, Professional Counseling Center
Ed Breslin, Retiree • **Scott Crawford**, Council on Aging, Inc., serving St. Clair County
Richard Cummings, St. Clair County AFL-CIO • **Dr. Jessica Grace**, Children's Health Care
Dr. Edmond Fitzgerald, McLaren Port Huron & Lake Huron Medical Center
Roy Klecha, Retiree • **Tim Liberty**, Retiree • **Matt Turnbull**

This year, the Special Gifts Division of volunteers is larger than ever! THANK YOU for signing over 300 personalized letters for the Community Campaign. In addition to their regular mail campaign and commitment to calling residents, the division has recruited youth volunteers to enhance their efforts! The youth are planning a fun Fall activity with The Arc of St. Clair County's Inclusive Social Recreation program and brainstorming FUNdraising ideas for Spring. If you are interested in helping the team, please let us know by calling 810.985.8169. Like all United Way supporters, this group is motivated to achieve positive results!





~ FUNdraisers, Here We Come! ~

Campaign season also brings fun ways to serve the community!
Join us for these delicious opportunities:



↙ **It's Dining to Donate time again!** ↘

~ DINE @ PANDA EXPRESS ~

When: Friday, October 23, 2020
10:30am to 9:00pm

Where: 4795 24th Avenue, Fort Gratiot

Why: Panda Express will donate 20% of event sales to our 2020 Community Campaign!

How: Show the official flier or use the online code: 317023 for take-out, delivery, or drive-thru

~ DINE @ VINTAGE TAVERN ~

When: Tuesday, October 27, 2020
11am to 10:00pm

Where: 103 Michigan Street, Port Huron

Why: Vintage Tavern will donate 20% of the day's sales to our 2020 Community Campaign!

How: Simply dine-in or purchase take-out. No flier needed! Thank you, Jeff Payton!

* Official Flier *

www.uwstclair.org/EventsRafflesDeals

& on our social media pages!

Thank you, Health & Human Services Division and Professionals Division for making these delicious opportunities happen!

~ New Volunteer Videos Are Live! ~

Ready for another look into what draws people to support us and why they continue to give? Karry Hepting is the St. Clair County Administrator/Controller. Check out Karry's video in which she shares how she is involved and how we can impact the community together. Thank you, Karry! Then there's Captain Mat King from the St. Clair County Sheriff's Office sharing about his involvement with us and how you can help people get through tough times. Thank you Mat!

Look us up on YouTube: [uwstclair](https://www.youtube.com/uwstclair) or click on Karry or Mat!



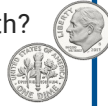
~ Think \$20.20 In 2020 ~

Looking to make a positive change in 2020?

Can you give \$20.20 this month? How about once a month?
Already giving? Could you give \$20.20 more?

Change starts with YOU.

Let's join together, amplify your impact, and create lasting change!



An example of the wonders that your generosity supports:

Presented by: Blue Water Safe Horizons, **Carolyn's Place** . . .

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

A survivor and her seven children came to Carolyn's Place shelter after fleeing her abusive husband in May. She did not have many resources available to her at the time she entered the shelter; no support system or any income. After seeking the safety of Carolyn's Place, the survivor met with the Shelter Case Manager who referred her to the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services for assistance with food benefits, medical coverage, and daycare. The Shelter Case Manager also referred her to the Housing Assessment & Resource Agency (HARA). The survivor's primary goal was to find a safe home for her and her children. With the help of HARA, the survivor was able to secure housing and the family moved into their new home in June. Upon her exit from shelter, the survivor stated, "Thank you Safe Horizons for helping me gain my independence back!"

From our:
Reducing the Need for Emergency Services
Impact Area



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.