



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.



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2021-22  
Annual  
Report







## Letter from the President & Executive Director

Thank you to our volunteers and staff for adapting to another "Covid Campaign". While in 2020 we all knew the guidelines, 2021 brought us more challenges, navigating whether we could make face to face meetings again, or virtual meetings. This upcoming year we will work on rebuilding personal, face to face visits with those companies that we were not able to get in front of. Being a part of United Way has been a rewarding experience because of the many supporters we consider our friends and the backing to advance United Way.

These past two years have been tough on organizations like the United Way of St. Clair County and despite the challenges we have all faced, we survived and thrived. The United Way is a tremendous organization that provides many organizations with opportunities to help those in need in our communities. Volunteer committees continued to lead United Way by maintaining best practices and incorporating new ideas. We were able to team up with many local businesses and organizations to have some very successful fundraisers.

- United Way continues to maintain the contactless Medical Loan Closet for the needs of our neighbors.
- The Finance Committee assessed economic indicators to prepare for recovery.
- The Finance Committee was instrumental in determining grants and resources to assure financial stability.
- The Citizens Review Committee (CRC) responded to Emergency Requests and maintained and grew their committee.
- Campaign volunteers embraced guideline requirements and creative fundraising events, because of the reduction of traditional face-to-face employee presentations.
- Campaign volunteers learned how to incorporate a blended approach for future Campaigns and attract new supporters.

As the year comes to a close, we reflect on the positive changes our United Way implemented. Within our Annual Report, you will see more highlights from our volunteer leaders along with recognizing our supporters. Moving forward, we remain positive our United Way will recover and grow both our volunteer base and campaign. Working together we can achieve so much and the future will be bright for all.

Thank you to all our friends for your support,

**Thelma Castillo**  
Board President

**Brent Gillette**  
Executive Director



**Executive Director  
Brent Gillette**

**Professional Staff**  
Julie Ganhs, Ops./IT  
Lisa Motte, Resource Devel.  
Mary Paquette, 2-1-1  
Sophia Von Bulow, Finance



Marilyn Abernathy  
Stacey Aldred  
Dena Alderdyce  
Leann Allen  
Todd A. Ambrose  
Thomas Anderson  
Nathaniel Armstrong  
Anita Ashford  
Joe Backlas  
Paul & Tami Bailey  
Kathryn M. Baker  
Michael Baranowski  
Jeremy Barnes  
Daniel Barthel  
Jim & Lea Bier  
Danielle Boulrier  
Nancy Bourdeau  
Gregory F. Brengman  
Dr. John Brooks  
Danielle Brunk  
Kim Burdick  
David Bushaw  
Phillip Callahan  
Judy A. Callender  
Thelma Castillo  
Mark Chesney  
Simon Combs  
Scott & Wendy Crawford  
Robert Crawford  
Richard & Helen Cummings  
Sally A. Currie  
Kristine Curtis  
Stacey Cutler  
Julie A. Davis  
Breanna Day  
Andrew Day  
Chad & Jessica Deaner  
Angela DeLaere  
Charles & Marva Dickson  
Steve Disser  
Douglas A. Dolph  
Ann W. Durand  
Timothy Elsholz  
Kim Elsner  
Joe Falk  
Mara Mae Farmer  
Karen Farr  
Randall S. Fernandez  
Joshua Fisher  
William Francek  
Stefan P. Francek

Mark Frasier  
Bill & Janice Fritz & Family  
Julie & Zach Ganhs  
Rodney George  
Patricia Giangrande  
Bill Gilmer  
Steven Gorzen  
Rob & Carol Gunn  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hale  
Brian D. Hallum  
Jim & Julie Harrison  
Gregory J. Hayes  
Bill & Barb Heinen  
Mark Herr  
Steven & Julie Hill  
Scot Hoskins  
Elia Hussain  
Senea & Zack's Mom  
Melinda K. Johnson  
Jerry Johnson  
Jim & Renee Jones  
Christina Kastner  
Chuck & Gail Kelly  
Gabriel Killion  
Susan King  
Anthony King  
Debra L. Knapp  
Chad & Michele Koglin  
Theresa J. Koss  
William Kost  
Jose Kottoor  
Kirk & Sheryl Kramer  
Dan Krauskopf  
Cori Krohn  
Amanda Kuberski  
Jessica Kuyda  
Kevin Lashore  
Philip J. Lenn  
Michelle M. Levin  
Timothy Liberty  
Donna & William Lill  
Bernard Losekamp  
Joseph Majeske  
Michael & Helen McCartan  
Patrick & Mary Gale McPharlin  
Barry & Sally Meier  
Angela Mierendorff  
Paul Milletics  
Cathy Mills  
Heather S. Mills  
Bill Miltko  
James Moore  
Carol E. Moore  
Justin Morren  
Michael & Lisa Motte  
Martin Nichols

Donna Niester  
Scott Nill  
William & Ann Marie Oldford  
Tony & Marcia Paladino  
Mary & Ralph Paquette  
Dr. Sarah Pasia  
Patrick Pawlowski  
Nathan Pentico  
Terrence Peterson  
Brian Pierce  
Jennie Posey  
Ryan & Tina Quinn  
Michelle Ratkov  
Cindyourke  
Susan M. Russell  
Beth Ryan  
Patti Samar & Dale Hemmila  
Justin & Kristin Sears  
Karen & Maxim Shafik  
Jason M Shafraan  
Michelle Shepley  
Megan Simmons  
Tommy Skinner  
Erica Smith  
Bryce Smith  
Jeffery Smith  
Rebekah Smith, RN  
Kimberly C. Spears  
Lonnie & Mike Stevens  
Buzz Suuppi  
Kathleen Swantek  
Binyam Taddese  
Mary & Edward Taylor  
Alonzo Thomas  
Brian M. Thomas  
Julian S. Torello  
Susan M. Trzasko  
Catherine Turkus  
Mike Turnbull  
William & Julie Veal  
Tracy Vincent  
Emily Vinckier Pierce  
Butch & Sophia Von Bulow  
Chris Voss  
Matthew & Emily Wallace  
Leann Warner  
Shaina Warner  
George Watson  
Monika Weaver  
Cynthia L. Willey-King, LMSW  
Sharon K. Wilton  
Kimberly Young  
Lawrence Zimmer  
Roxann E. Zmolik

**Every Day Hero**  
(\$365-499)

Kurtis Almanza  
Kristen Ayotte  
Peter Babcock  
Michael Bacheller  
Michelle Bailes  
Jorja Baldwin  
Lisa Beedon  
Ivan Benedict  
Dr. & Mrs. David R. Bolla  
Jenny Brackenbury  
Scott J. Bradley  
Laurie Breuier  
John Britton  
Greg Brown  
Patti Bundy  
Todd Burch  
Sandra Clark  
Michelle Clark  
Michael Clark  
Nick Clark  
David & Terri Clarkson  
Caroline Corby  
Kurt Craven  
Jessica Curtiss  
John-Paul Cutcher  
Hon. Daniel & Therese Damman  
Tracy DeCaussin  
Chris & Bonnie DiNardo  
Kevin Dooley  
Keshiaann M. Evans  
Linda E. Flickinger  
Aaron Foote  
Laura Frank  
Robert & Sandy Funk  
Cam Gild  
Dr. & Mrs. Ralph Gillhooley  
James & Becky Gorinac  
Gayle Graham  
Jessica Graham  
Jim & Jyme Hager  
Rick & Tonya Hallett  
Barbara K. Hanneke  
Edward Harder  
D J Hill  
Jeremy Hunger  
Jacob Hunter  
Tracie Kern  
Jennifer King-Elsner  
John & Ketha Knuth  
Eileen Koppinger  
Darlene Kramp

Susan Kuhn  
Michelle Landrum  
Dan Landschout  
Bailey Lewis  
Dennis Loxton  
Charlene MacRae  
Ran y Mattock  
Duane & Joyce McCallister  
Patrick McCormick  
David & Amy Miles  
Jessica Moeller  
Tammy Morris  
Barry Mugridge  
Michelle Nesbitt  
John O' Bryant  
Joanna Olmstead  
Anne Orlando-Brewer  
Greg Owens  
Lorinda Parent  
Kimberly A. Pauly  
Kami Peters  
Randy Poor  
Jake Prevost  
Stacy Priehs  
Billy Pruett  
Edward J. Quain  
Nichole Rawson  
Stacey Redfield  
Lisa & Clayton Renno  
Caitlin Reynolds  
James R. Richmond  
Alice Rieves  
Kenneth Rowley  
Pedro S. Sanchez  
Kenneth Schalte  
Larry Schoben  
Timothy Schrader  
Patty Shine  
Patricia J. Simons  
Amy Smith  
John W Spencer  
Trish Spencer  
Jean Gibson Sturtridge  
Ann & Tom Thornton  
Wendy Turner  
Anthony M. Ward  
Jim & Debbie Watson  
Scott Webb  
Doug Wendell  
Justin Westmiller  
David C. Whipple  
Tim & Mary Wight  
Rob & Vonda Willey  
Blaine Wilson  
Mary Wittliff  
Faith Wormsbacher



**Campaign Leader**  
**Marc Simone**

## Campaign Leader Report

This year marked our second campaign that required us to navigate around several pandemic obstacles. Our dedicated volunteers and staff were creative and successful in getting people together to focus on the United Way campaign.

The success of this year's campaign was through the hard work of our fantastic cabinet volunteers and staff. This energetic group expertly navigated the county, engaged our businesses and community leaders, and created a sense of excitement around this year's campaign. They brought positive attention to United Way at events such as the Fireman's Ball in Marine City, Rotary meetings throughout the county, and a bowling fundraiser in Algonac, just to name a few.

Through this group's hard work, we raised \$1,000,937 to help our friends and neighbors in St. Clair County. I am very proud to have been a part of this Campaign and am thankful to our volunteers that have such a deep and passionate concern for our community.

## 2021 Campaign Cabinet Chairpersons

Riley Alley  
Kathryn Baker  
Tracy DeCaussin  
Bill Gilmer  
James Harrison  
Carter Hitesman  
Cori Krohn  
Cathy Mills  
Gary Olmstead  
Jennie Posey  
Buzz Suoppi  
Sharon Wilton  
James Watson

## 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 34 programs offered by 28 organizations be supported. Health, shelter, food, and emergency services continue to be funding priorities. The UWSCC continues to support the 211 (call for help) services, Michigan Vocational and Rehabilitation to facilitate employment, and the UW Emergency Fund for unique emergency requests. This past year, the CRC also oversaw the review of applications submitted by local entities needing additional assistance with COVID related expenses such as the homebound vaccine clinic. Three requests for funding were approved.

The CRC regularly reviews reports submitted by the organizations to assure that they have met local needs and that their program performance indicators have been fulfilled. When possible, organizations have attended CRC Zoom meetings to better acquaint CRC members with the services they provide.

The on-going changes and the increased social, health and economic needs throughout St. Clair County emphasized the struggle many face on a daily basis.



**CRC Chair**  
**Cindy Rourke**

## Leadership Organizations & Foundations (Campaigns over \$15,000)



Rourke Family Charitable Foundation



Stebbins Family Foundation



## Individual Leadership Contributors



**Captains**  
(\$5,000+)

Donald Fredendall  
Katherine D. Holth  
Joseph & Vivan Martin Estate  
James & Geraldine Schmidt  
Steve & Sandy Warsinske



**First Mates**  
(\$2,500-4,999)

Mark Bessette  
David Betts  
Robert & Paula Cleland  
Tom & Sue DeFauw  
Ann L. Forster  
Dr. Asif Iqbal

Gary & Susan Leroy  
Colleen Starring  
Mark & Caryn VanderHeuvel  
*1 Anonymous*



**Wheelsmen**  
(\$1,000-2,499)

Tim J. Biewer  
Mary I. Brown  
April Ede Bynum  
Mike Caza  
Tamara Czarnecki  
Colleen DeLong  
Duke Dunn  
Teddy Edie  
Mark Edmonson  
Don & Bonnie Fletcher  
Daniel J Forsyth  
Brent M. Gillette  
Barbara E. Gorte  
Jennifer R. Grimley-Smith

Margaret E. Guillaumin  
Karry Hepting  
Ryan J. Houck  
Valorie Hudgens  
Ann Hunt  
Jim & Deb Johnson  
Marshall & Shelley Kamer  
John Kendrick  
Tom & Doreen Kephart  
Roy & Debra Klecha  
Hon. Cynthia A. Lane  
J.S. Lewandoski  
Tim & Cathy Lozen  
Tim Lubbers  
Jim & Terry MacMillan  
Patti Manley & Tom Frantz  
Chris & Wendy Martin  
Melanie McCoy  
Dr. Annette Mercatante  
Mark Meyers  
Autumn F. Mlynarski  
Nancy Molnar  
Kimberly Moore & Jasen Kruger

Mark Moses  
Danny & Jodi Negin  
Doug O'Rourke  
Gary & Joanie Olmstead  
Jane Penzien  
Milton & Elizabeth Ploghoft  
Jonathan Post  
William C. Rogers  
Markus & Jean Schulz  
John Shaw  
Marc & Christine Simone  
Colleen Smith  
Gregory W. Stroh  
Jeffrey S. Thomson  
Lynn Vinson  
Keith W. Walker  
James C. Watson  
Bill & Jo Ann Westrick  
Brenda Wheatley  
Sue & Dan Wilhelm, MD  
Mary E. Wirick  
Scott L. Wirick  
Michael Wood

*8 Anonymous*

## Citizen's Review Committee

Linda Bruckner  
Mary Brown  
Sharon Bryant  
Lynnette Clouse  
Tamara Czarnecki

Bill Heinen  
Jennifer King-Elsner  
Dan Krauskopf  
Timothy Lubbers  
Duane McCallister

Deena Reynolds  
Brook Schmidt  
Kathy Sheldon  
Haran Stanley  
Buzz Suoppi

Matthew M. Wallace  
Jo Ann Westrick  
Cynthia Willey-King, LMSW

## Volunteers Represented from the Following Businesses

A special thanks to these companies for supporting your employees to volunteer.

AFL-CIO, CLC  
Allstate Insurance  
Amerifirst Home Mtge.  
The Arc of St. Clair County  
Beacon Wealth Group  
Biewer Lumber  
Blue Water Area Chamber of Commerce  
Blue Water Children's Health Care  
Blue Water Development Housing  
Building Trades  
ChoiceOne Bank  
Coldwell Banker Professionals  
County of St. Clair

Council on Aging, Inc., serving St. Clair County  
Country Style Market Place  
Dept. of Health & Human Services  
Domtar Industries, Inc.  
DTE Energy  
Eastern Michigan Bank  
Economic Development Alliance  
Farm Bureau Insurance  
Fifth Third Bank  
Fort Gratiot Charter Twp.  
Genisys Credit Union  
Huntington Bank  
Kebony North America

Lake Huron Medical Center  
Liberty Title  
McBride - Manley & Company, P.C.  
McLaren Port Huron  
Meijer  
Michigan Mutual, Inc.  
MSU Extension Office  
Northstar Bank  
The Plan Firm  
Port Huron Schools  
Professional Counseling Center  
SEMCO ENERGY Gas Company  
St. Clair Chrysler Jeep Dodge RAM

St. Clair County Community College  
St. Clair County Health Department  
St. Clair County RESA  
State Farm Insurance  
Top Shelf HR  
United Parcel Service  
Utility Workers of America  
Vinculum Care  
Wallace Law Firm  
Watson Bros Company  
Woman's Life Insurance Society





**Treasurer  
Patti Manley**



### Finance Committee

- Larry Dent\*
- Robert Funk\*
- Danny Negin
- Jessica Simon
- Mark Walker
- Matt Wallace
- Steve Warsinske

*\*Retired*

### Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP)

United Way of St. Clair County is the local Board Administrator for federally funded EFSP

#### Phase 39 (Federal) Funding \$50,231

Emergency Food: \$29,231 (58.17%) + Shelter Services: \$20,020 (39.84%) + Admin: \$1,000 (1.99%)

#### Phase ARPAR (Federal) Funding \$155,252

Emergency Food: \$91,919 (59.21%) + Shelter Services: \$60,268 (38.82%) + Admin: \$3,044 (1.96%)

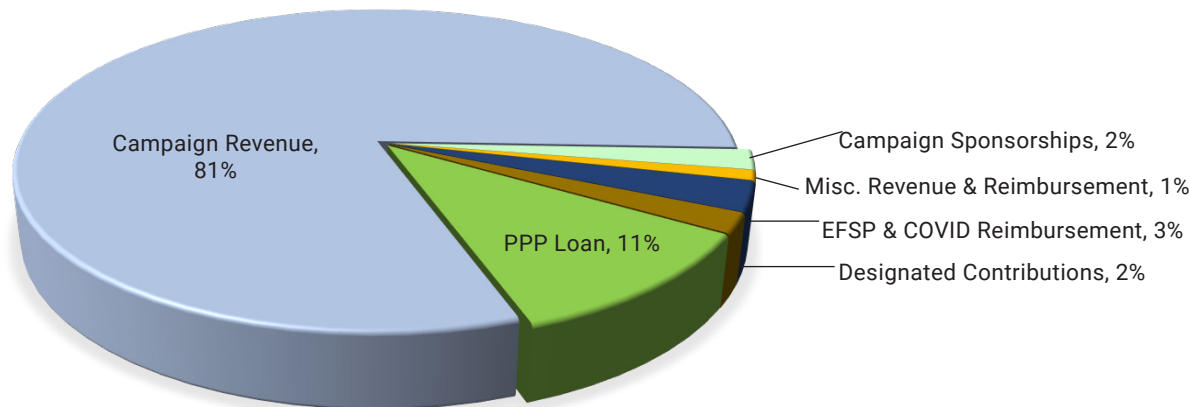
Organizations Receiving EFSP Funding:

- Blue Water Community Food Depot • Blue Water Safe Horizons • The C3 Connection, Inc. •
- Detroit Rescue Mission (Pathway Shelter) • Downriver Bread of Life Nutrition Center •
- Downriver Helping Hands, Inc. • The Harbor • Harbor Impact Ministries •
- Mid City Nutrition • The Salvation Army • SOS Marysville Food Pantry •
- St. John's United Church of Christ • Trinity United Methodist Food Pantry

## Financial Report

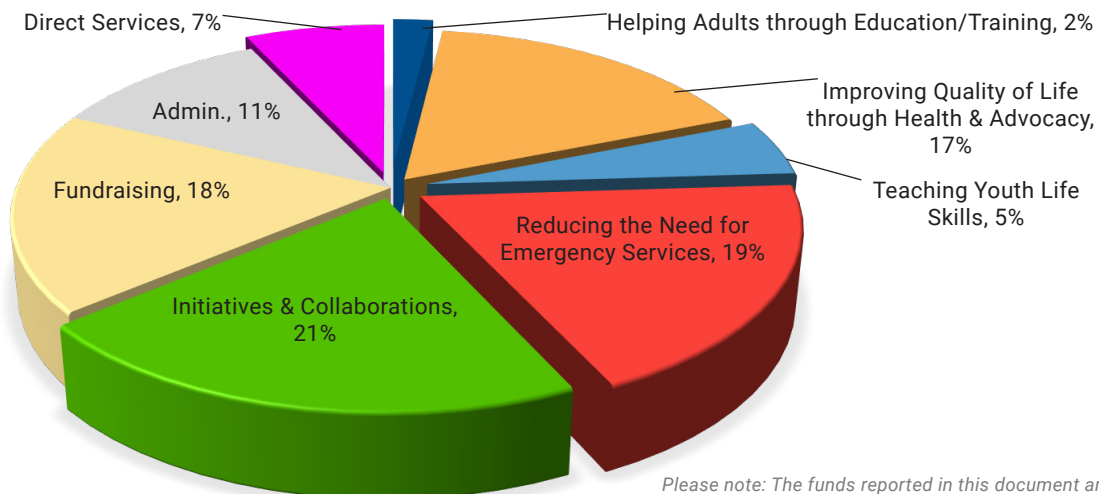
April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022

**Income & Reserves = \$1,132,000**



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

### Expenses



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

### Affiliated Organizations

- The Arc of St. Clair County
- Blue Water Community Action
- Blue Water Safe Horizons
- Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan
- Community First Health Centers
- Community Enterprises of St. Clair County
- Council on Aging, Inc., serving St. Clair County
- Detroit Rescue Mission (Pathway Shelter)
- Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan
- Goodwill Industries of St. Clair County
- The Harbor
- Harbor Impact Ministries
- Helping Hands Ministry (B-WARM)
- I.M.P.A.C.T.
- Michigan Crossroads Council, Boy Scouts of America
- Michigan League for Public Policy
- Mid City Nutrition Program
- People's Clinic for Better Health
- Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home
- SONS (Save Our Neighborhoods & Streets)
- Touchstone Services, Inc. (Blue Water Clubhouse)
- Visiting Nurse Association / Blue Water Hospice

### Program Impact & Direct Services

**Helping Adults through Education/Training:** Mental Health Clubhouse

**Improving Quality of Life through Health & Advocacy:** Mental Health Counseling • Senior Project Fresh • Ramp Construction Program • Pharmacy Assistance • Advocacy Services • Special Care Services • Hospice Program • Quality Leadership/Training

**Teaching Youth Life Skills:** Street Outreach Program • At-Risk Boy/Girl Scouting Programs • Recreation Outreach • Financial Support for Disadvantaged Youth • Talented TENTH • Inclusive Youth Social Recreation

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

**Community Initiatives & Collaborations:** 2-1-1 • Community Dental Center • CSCB • Imagination Library • My Free Taxes • Prescription Discount Program • Vocational Rehabilitation

**UWSCC Direct Services:** Medical Loan Closet • Emergency Services • Cancer Assistance • Children with Disabilities Services • Dental Assistance