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Newsletter

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~ HAPPY NEW YEAR! ~

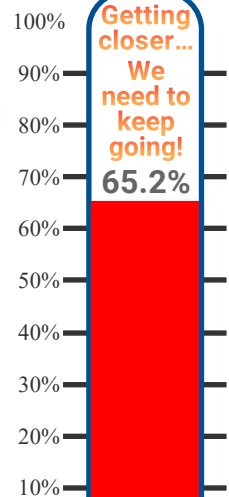
We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and new year celebration! As we reflect on this past year and look forward to the coming months, our hopeful wishes for the community include:

- improved health ~ diminished level of illness
- higher employment rate ~ no pandemic-forced business closures
- more people served ~ fewer struggling to meet their needs
- greater joy ~ less sorrow

YOU can help make the last two reality by helping us reach our Community Campaign goal! Time is running out ~ **Donate Today!**



15,000 People



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

~ CAMPAIGN CORNER ~

These dedicated volunteers have been busy bees; raising funds for community needs!

F.I.R.E. Division:

Cathy Mills, TCF Bank; Marcus Capalbo, TCF Bank; Emily Vinckier Pierce, State Farm Insurance; Wendy Smith, TCF Bank; Maggie Toole, DeLacy Real Estate; Chris Voss, Liberty Title

Generosity in the face of adversity is apparent in businesses in the FIRE Division as many have increased their gifts by more than 10% this year! Creative FUNdraising has been a bit more difficult this year, with so many people working remotely. TCF Bank was determined to do what they could and their staff enjoyed a Jeans Day for United Way. Over the summer, Woman's Life Insurance Society also joined in on some FUNdraising and partnered with Suzanne's for an outdoor fashion show. On top of helping to develop and promote the event and sell tickets, they also provided a matching grant of \$500!

Thank You

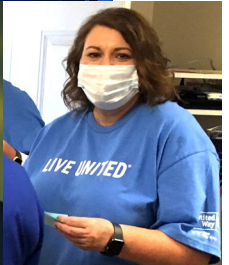
Education Division:

Cindy Rourke, Retiree

This is a year for trying new things and that is exactly what the Education Division did. With the hopes of reaching more educators and staff directly and enticing them to learn about our organization and how we serve the community, the division sent out five weekly emails sharing interesting stats and opportunities to give. At the end, they were given the chance to win one of two prizes ~ a \$150 gift card or a \$100 gift card. How to win? Learn about UWSCC from the emails and be the first or second person to answer 8/9 questions correct on a pop quiz. What an exciting incentive!

We would like to give a shout-out to Yale Public Schools. Economic difficulties did not put a damper on their employee giving campaign, their contributions increased this year! You are admirable!

Now it is time for our plea for help. There is a lot of untapped potential within the education community throughout St. Clair County. Please let us know if you can help us better connect with the educators and staff of any of the school districts. This year's campaign has been a struggle and we need your help!



CHANGE STARTS HERE!



~ Save The Date - Run United ~

Youth United is hosting a 5K and 1 Mile Walk FUNdraiser in Columbus Park on April 25, 2021! Race begins at 11:30am. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Stay tuned for details!



An example of the wonders your generosity supports:

Presented by: SONS Outreach, Talented TENTH...

We typically hire older adults to be rotation leaders for our summer Dream Camp. This year, we were unable to secure those older, experienced adults. We made the decision to give the positions to two of our newly graduated Talented TENTH alumni. Alexis, who is now a student at Central Michigan University, was given the job to head up our new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) rotation. She worked with the STEM curriculum director to develop the summer program for the elementary students and knocked it out of the park with daily hands-on experiments and demonstrations! Towona, another one of our 2019 graduates, was given the opportunity to head up our arts and crafts rotation. She spent countless volunteer hours putting together crafts and coordinated lesson plans for four age appropriate sessions with elementary students. She was one of the most well organized and effective arts and crafts leaders we have ever had. Just goes to show that if we invest in our youth and provide them opportunities to stretch out of their comfort zones, they can do amazing things. The confidence they gained from that summer experience will follow them the rest of their lives.

From our: Teaching Youth Life Skills Impact Area



! Look what is going on sale soon... !

ST. PATRICK'S DAY RAFFLE

\$2 per ticket

TOP PRIZES INCLUDE

* Wadhams Getaway

KOA Resort Lodge Stay & Sawmill City Tickets with Calming Effects Health Spa, Restaurants, and Shopping Gift Cards and Gifts

* Explore St. Clair

Mannina's Wine House and Chocolate Harbor Gift Baskets and more!

* Explore Fort Gratiot

Lighthouse Family Membership with Restaurant Gift Cards Galore and Gifts

* Foursome Golf Extravaganza

Black River Country Club, Marysville Golf Course, Port Huron Elks Lodge #343, St. Clair Golf Club, and Solitude Links

* SC4 Apparel & Gifts

* Coffee Lovers Gift Basket

* Charcoal Grill with Offset Smoker

* Lottery Tickets

Drawing: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 @ 9:30am

at United Way of St. Clair County, 1723 Military Street, Port Huron, MI

Proceeds to benefit United Way of St. Clair County. Must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Need not be present to win.

Medical Loan Closet Update

* New Contactless Exchanges *

Drop-off Items: Mondays & Thursdays In Carriage House

Pick-up Items: Monday - Friday (Call Ahead) By Office's Employee Door



8AM - 4PM

Full Details: uwstclair.org/MedicalLoanCloset or call: 810.985.8169

Please Join Us!
2020 Community Campaign Celebration
January 28th @ 1:00pm
Zoom Video Conference
 It is time to celebrate YOU!
 First 100 registered will receive an *interactive and delicious Party Pack!*



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.