

Now is the time to **THINK BIG** AND **DRIVE CHANGE.**

United Way
of Metro Chicago



➔ LIVEUNITEDchicago.org

➔ Where You Are Born Across the Chicago Region **Shapes Your Access to Equitable Opportunities**

Your zip code can predict the quality of your education; how much money you'll earn over the course of your lifetime; and even your life expectancy.

United Way's 2020 ALICE research showed that 30% or more of households in Cook, DuPage, Kane, and Lake counties had difficulty meeting their basic needs **before** the pandemic. These ALICE households earn too much to qualify for most public assistance programs but not enough to weather an emergency. This is disproportionately higher in Black and Latinx communities, and the ongoing effects of the pandemic, economic turmoil, community violence, and other challenges continue to amplify these inequities.

It doesn't have to be this way.

All people across our city and region deserve equitable opportunities for success. We are working to make that possible by meeting basic needs, such as food, shelter, and access to healthcare, and transforming neighborhoods from the inside out.

There is an opportunity for us as a community to do more together. I'm fundamentally optimistic about what's ahead of us because we're committed and we're going to keep going.

SEAN GARRETT
President and CEO,
United Way of Metro Chicago



[United Way's] investment in the Far South and specifically in the Roseland community will help us create programs such as Culinary Arts Vocational Education, designed so that each individual will have the opportunity to be empowered and to achieve their life successes.



JOYCE CHAPMAN
President,
Far South Chicago Coalition



**UNITED WAY WORKS ALONGSIDE COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO DRIVE
EQUITABLE TRANSFORMATION IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS.**



We believe a dual approach strategy is the key to building a stronger, more equitable Chicago region. **We invite you to learn more about what we're doing and join us in creating communities where all people can thrive.**

Our goal at United Way of Metro Chicago is to support and fund collective efforts—neighborhood-led coalitions—that galvanize resources, ideas, and energy so neighborhoods and our region become stronger and more equitable. We do this work through a dual approach strategy: meeting basic needs and transforming neighborhoods from the inside out.

United Way impact grants support local nonprofits that deliver high-quality programs addressing the basic needs of our neighbors, such as food, shelter, and access to healthcare.

Through the Neighborhood Network Initiative, United Way works with hundreds of agency and community partners in 13 neighborhoods across the region who live, work, and intimately know their communities' biggest challenges and greatest opportunities. We bring together people, ideas, and resources to build stronger, more equitable neighborhoods through community-based and resident-led programs.

**UNITED WAY'S
DUAL APPROACH
STRATEGY**



Continue to support our local communities in **meeting their basic immediate needs.**

Build neighborhoods to be **stronger and more equitable.**



Aspire Center in Austin



Why invest in United Way?

United Way has the relationships and experience to deliver funding and resources to and amplify the expertise of nonprofit organizations across greater Chicago. **Your gift ensures...**

- Individuals can meet their basic needs
- Neighborhood-led coalitions continue to be supported with resources and capacity building
- All people have equitable access to resources and opportunities to thrive
- Our region prospers



Your gift makes a difference!

No matter the size, your gift can make a difference in the lives of our neighbors across the Chicago region. Your gift is an investment in building a stronger, more equitable Chicago region for all people.

**\$10
PER MONTH**



A laptop for a student to access online lesson

**\$50
PER MONTH**



Up to 1,800 meals for families struggling to put food on the table

**\$100
PER MONTH**



Job readiness services for five people seeking employment

**\$200
PER MONTH**



12 primary care doctor's visits