### **ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**



#### **Workplace Giving Campaign**

Support Hall County families by offering a United Way Workplace Campaign to your employees. 54% of our neighbors struggle to make ends meet. You can be part of the solution by coming together to support health, education, and financial stability initiatives that will insure a better life. Studies show that companies that engage in volunteer activities and Workplace Campaigns have higher retention rates.

#### **Volunteer Programs**

Improve employee morale and visibility and meet social responsibility goals while making positive change happen! Volunteer opportunities range from Week of Caring community projects to year-round individualized volunteer matching through our online volunteer portal.

#### **Corporate Sponsorships**

Leverage your marketing dollars by financially sponsoring United Way of Hall County. Yearround and event-specific sponsorships are available and range from \$500 - \$10,000. All sponsorships come with benefits corresponding to the level your choose.

#### **Community Issues**

Stay on top of the latest data and research on what is going on in our community. United Way of Hall County can provide critical information about Hall County's needs in the areas of Health, Education, and Financial Stability. Our staff is available to present this data so that you can learn how to best support the local community.

#### Young Leaders Society (YLS)

Join young professionals in engaging, educating, and empowering to create lasting change in Hall County. Through volunteer service, social mixers, and educational opportunities to advance positive community change, YLS brings individuals ages 21 through 40 together to connect, serve, and lead.

#### **Leadership Giving Circle**

The United Way of Hall County Leadership Giving Circle is a group of passionate business and community leaders who exemplify commitment and caring through their philanthropic nature, and are change agents in Hall County. The Leadership Giving Circle comprises of households who give \$1,000 or more to United Way per year and offers Grow your personal and professional sphere of influence by participating in exclusive networking events, education programs and volunteer opportunities

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



**United Way of Hall County** 

#### WHAT IS UNITED WAY OF HALL COUNTY?

Formed in 1948 as The Community Chest by a group of local businessmen, United Way of Hall County is a local, nonprofit organization whose mission is to unite people organizations and resources to improve lives in our community through a focus on education, financial stability and health.

We create opportunities for a better life for everyone in Hall County, Georgia. We are all connected and interdependent; the idea that we all win when a child succeeds in school, when families are financially stable and when people are healthy. It is less about helping one person at a time and more about making sure the systems are in place to help everyone in our community.

We focus on the basic things that we all need for a good life: education, good health, and financial stability. We research the needs of our community, bring the right people and ideas together, leverage contributions and invest in programs that have proven results.

#### WHY THE FOCUS ON EDUCATION, FINANCIAL STABILITY, AND HEALTH?

Education, financial stability, and health are the building blocks of a good life. By supporting programs that address these areas, United Way is working towards creating the best possible life for everyone in Hall County.

**EDUCATION** - United Way of Hall County believes that learning begins at birth and continues throughout life. **Our aspiration is that all residents of Hall County will have opportunities to learn which will help them achieve their full potential.** Education has many forms and is not limited to a classroom environment from kindergarten through high school. United Way of Hall County invests in programs that support early learning, the well-being of school-aged children and adolescents, and Basic literacy and comprehension development skills.

**FINANCIAL STABILITY** - United Way of Hall County believes that many families and individuals face obstacles to achieving financial stability and independence. **Our aspiration is that all residents of Hall County have opportunities to meet their basic needs and achieve self-sufficiency.** United Way of Hall County supports families as they actively pursue stability and independence by investing in resources providing food, shelter, and clothing, addressing barriers to self-sufficiency, and promoting financial security.

**HEALTH** - Whether it is an individual or family without health insurance, a victim of abuse or someone struggling with mental illness or an addiction, United Way of Hall County believes in improving everyone's health and safety. **Our aspiration is that all residents of Hall County are healthy and safe.** We promote health and safety by investing in efforts to break the cycle of domestic violence, abuse, and neglect, improving access to primary medical, behavioral and dental care, and prevention of and intervention in unsafe or unhealthy behaviors.

#### WHO DECIDES WHAT UNITED WAY WILL BE INVOLVED IN?

United Way is a volunteer-led organization in all of its functions; board of directors, committee structure, annual fundraising campaign, and investment of resources in identified areas of priorities. The responsibility entrusted to these individuals is great, and the decisions they make are of significant importance to our community, requiring teamwork, communication, and a shared commitment to fulfilling United Way's mission. A trained, professional staff supports the board and other volunteers in the day-today operations.

#### WHAT DOES "LIVE UNITED" MEAN?

"Live United" is an invitation for all people to give, advocate and volunteer as we work to create opportunities for a better life for all.

The challenges our community faces are greater than any one organization can address alone. It will take all of us contributing financial resources, lending our voice, and giving our time to create a good life for everyone. We all succeed when a child succeeds in school. We all are better when families are healthy and self-sufficient. We all win when we **Live United**.

#### WHY IS UNITED WAY'S WORK IMPORTANT?

One single agency can not solve our community's problems alone, especially in these tough economic times. That is why United Way of Hall County is so important. **By working together, United, we are providing individuals and families with support for food, utilities, shelter, counseling, child care, medical care and a long list of vital services that make a vast safety net for our community.** 

#### WHY SHOULD I GIVE TO UNITED WAY OF HALL COUNTY?

**We have one mission that drives everything we do and that is to improve lives in our community** – to help create the best life possible for all. When people are educated, have sufficient income to support themselves and their families, and are healthy, it strengthens the entire community. By funding programs in these areas, we are making an investment that helps the community as a whole, not just the recipients of the services.

United Way looks at more than simply the number of people receiving services. Investments are made in programs that demonstrate measurable success in achieving our goals in Education, Financial Stability and Health.

#### I CAN'T AFFORD TO GIVE MUCH. WILL A SMALL AMOUNT DO ANY GOOD?

We know that giving is a personal decision that only you can make based on your income and other obligations. A gift of any amount is very much appreciated. We believe in the power of collective impact. Your gift added to those of thousands of other contributors, has the ability to make a great impact and change lives.

#### WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS?

Having a set amount deducted from each paycheck enables most donors to contribute far more generously than they would be able to do if they gave their entire contribution all at once. Payroll deduction offers a **convenient, effective way to stretch your charitable dollar and make a difference in our community.** 

#### DOES MY GIFT STAY LOCAL?

**.99 cents of every United Way of Hall County donor dollar stays right here in Hall County**. The other one cent pays membership fees to United Way Worldwide providing access to many membership services, Global Leadership Companies (i.e. UPS, Publix and Cargill) and use of the United Way logo and branding.

#### WHAT IS UWHC'S RELATIONSHIP WITH UNITED WAY WORLDWIDE?

United Way of Hall County is an independent, locally governed organization charted in the state of Georgia. United Way Worldwide (UWW) is a trade association that was formed to assist member United Ways. It serves as a training and service center for United Ways across the country but is not a national headquarters and has no governance or financing authority over local United Ways.

#### WHAT IS UNITED WAY OF HALL COUNTY'S OVERHEAD?

#### \$.99 of every United Way of Hall County donor dollar stays right here in Hall County. The other one percent or \$.01 of every dollar is used to pay the United Way Worldwide membership fee.

In a recent survey (Ellison Research, Non-Profit Overhead Study, 2008) Americans polled believe nonprofits spend 36% on overhead and they think non-profits SHOULD spend 22% on overhead. **The overall United Way system's administration/overhead rate in the U.S. of 12.24% remains extremely competitive with the top 100 nonprofits in the U.S.**, and is well below industry standards and recommendations (such as the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance at 35% and the Office of Personnel Management/OPM at 25%). Moreover, United Way helps other nonprofits maintain low overhead rates.

#### I WANT TO GET INVOLVED! HOW CAN I HELP?

**Become a part of it.** Live United. You can **volunteer**, you can become an **advocate**, and you can **invest** in our community by giving to United Way of Hall County. However you choose to give, you can inspire hope and create opportunities for a better tomorrow.

## COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PRIORITIES



The mission of United Way of Hall County is to unite people, organizations and resources to improve lives in our community. We live out our mission by investing in education, financial stability and health. The building blocks of a good life.

**Education** - we believe that learning begins at birth and continues throughout life. Our aspiration is that all residents of Hall County will have opportunities to learn which help them achieve their potential. **Therefore, we will invest in:** 

- 1. Early learning
- 2. The well-being of school-age children and adolescents
- 3. Basic literary and comprehension development skills

**Financial Stability -** supporting families while they actively achieve financial stability and independence. We believe families and individuals face obstacles to achieving financial stability and independence. Our aspiration is that all residents of Hall County have opportunities to meet their basic needs and self-sufficiency. **Therefore, we will invest in:** 

- 1. Resources providing food, shelter and clothing
- 2. Addressing barriers to self-sufficiency
- 3. Promotion of financial security

**Health** - improving people's physical, mental and social well-being. We believe in improving everyone's health and safety. Our aspiration is that all residents of Hall County are healthy and safe. **Therefore, we will invest in:** 

- 1. Efforts to break the cycle of domestic violence, abuse and neglect
- 2. Improving access to primary medical, behavioral and dental care
- 3. Prevention of and intervention in unsafe or unhealthy behaviors

## UWHC PROGRAMS



**One Hall: United Against Poverty** began in 2017 when United Way of Hall County conducted a Community Gap Analysis, bringing together 250 community members to identify and discuss not only the strengths but also the deficiencies of our community. With this research, they developed a "Community Game Plan", which has become the heartbeat of One Hall and their actions to address poverty from a strategic level. One Hall meetings are community-driven conversations to discuss how we can align to community goals and create an actionable plan to tackle the root cause of poverty.

One Hall consists of 6 focus areas that meet monthly: **Health, Education, Financial Stability, Mental and Behavioral Health, and Advocates for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion** 

### **One Hall Leadership**

**ONE HALL CHAIR** Sarah Bell

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The Compass Center is a community resource center helping individuals and families navigate existing services and providers throughout Gainesville and Hall County. We help clients create pathways out of poverty by improving access to, nonprofit resources, physical & mental health services, financial literacy & budgeting, children & family services, senior services and veteran services.







**Read Learn Succeed** is a United Way of Hall County initiative that is helping Hall County parents, students, and young children from birth to 5 years old achieve success in early childhood literacy. We are committed to focusing on learning from birth through critical language and reading activities appropriate for their ages to develop the literacy skills needed to start kindergarten ready to succeed. Programs include Northeast Georgia Medical Center's "Welcome to the World" book for newborns and Reach out and Read with Longstreet Clinics Pediatrics.





# **2022 FUNDED PROGRAMS**

We believe that we can do more together than we can alone. That is why we invest in programs that help non-profits meet their goals that align with our Community Game Plan to create pathways out of poverty. Because of our generous donors, we are able to fund 27 programs representing 21 non-profit organizations throughout our community.



# **Online Campaign Materials**

Scan to View Campaign Video



Scan to Hear a Compass Center Client Story



Scan for Downloadable Campaign Resources



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