

**GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.** October 12, 2021

## Advancing Equity Conversation: Public Education and Parenting



**October 19** - Join us for the first of four **quarterly series of community conversations** aimed at exploring how individuals can shift themselves, their workplace, and relationships to advance racial equity and disrupt the impact of racism where and when it shows up.

This month's conversation is hosted by [ChangeWorks, LLC](#) and features parents of children enrolled in public schools-- Yen Azzaro, Alisha Spencer, and Xan Morgan-- and then move into facilitated breakout groups.

Details:

When: Tuesday October 19th from 12 – 1:30 pm

Where: Via Zoom

[RSVP for the 1st conversation.](#)

## EVENTS

### Emerging Philanthropists Cornhole Tournament

**October 13-** Fall has arrived and that means one thing: the Emerging Philanthropists Cornhole Tournament is here! The Tournament takes place on Wednesday, October 13th from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Townies Brewery (2350 W Liberty Rd, Ann Arbor, MI). Come out for a night filled with games, prizes, food, and much, much more! [Learn more and register today!](#)

Teams can register for \$60 while spectators can register for just \$10. Each registration comes with one



drink ticket. Additional food and refreshments are available for purchase from Townies Brewery.

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## Volunteer Management Hybrid Conference

**October 20-** Join us for this year's fully virtual Volunteer Management Hybrid Conference on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Real Impact for the Real World, hosted by ALIVE. This event will consist of four 20 minute presentations, smaller groups discussions, followed by a moderated discussion with the other presenters. [Learn more and register today.](#)

## NEWS



### United Way of Washtenaw County Expands Free Tax Preparation Program with New Partnership

Under the new partnership with Capital Area United Way, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) will become a year-round service and has the goal of increasing the number of clients served.

[Read more about VITA and their impact on the community.](#)

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



### VITA Volunteers Needed!

United Way of Washtenaw County's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, or VITA, program is seeking volunteers! VITA is an IRS program administered by partner organizations throughout the United States that provides free, high-quality tax preparation services for low to moderate income households making \$57,000 or less. As a volunteer, you provide an invaluable service to your community.

No experience? No problem! Our comprehensive training process will give you the skills and knowledge necessary.

[Learn more about this opportunity.](#)

[Sign up today!](#)

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### Community Townhall: Poverty, Racism, and Trauma Recording Now Available

Thank you to all who attended United Way of Washtenaw County's Community Townhall: Poverty, Racism, and



Trauma live stream event! The conversation started by this event doesn't end here. Build your equity muscle and keep the conversation going on social media. Our agenda for change begins with you.

Watch a recording of the live event with this [link](#) at any time.

Community resources that were shared during the Townhall can be found [here](#).

A big thank you again to our sponsors- Comcast and Washtenaw Community College. And thank you again to our 2021 Pacesetter Campaigns.



## EQUITY



### Equity Work isn't Over

Just because our Equity Challenge has ended, doesn't mean the work is over. In order to make real, long lasting change, we all need to

continue our personal growth in order to strengthen our communities as a whole. This month, we encourage you to keep up with your self-guided learning journey by examining the history and impacts of racism and how it shapes people's lived experience in Washtenaw County.

[Resource on building your equity muscle.](#)

## ADVOCACY

### Show Your Support for the Universal Giving Pandemic Response and Recovery Act (S. 618, H.R. 1704)

Bipartisan legislation was introduced in the House and Senate that would expand the temporary charitable deduction originally passed as part of the CARES Act. The Universal Giving Pandemic Response and Recovery Act (S.618/H.R.1704) increases the deduction cap for taxpayers who do not itemize to one-third of the standard deduction, or about \$4,000 for individuals and \$8,000 for joint filers. It also extends the deduction through 2022 and includes gifts to donor-advised funds.

As nonprofits continue to respond to the devastation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, this legislation can open the doors for additional resources to flow into communities that desperately need them. Take Action. Please tell your members of Congress to co-sponsor S.618/H.R.1704 by [clicking here](#).

## LOCAL LIVES CHANGED



## Washtenaw United: Community Action Network Building Equity And Opportunity

The Washtenaw County-based Community Action Network (CAN) is taking a neighborhood approach to help those most in need and to build better and more equitable futures. CAN executive director Derrick Miller joined WEMU's David Fair to discuss the successes to date and the work that remains to be done.

[Listen to the interview.](#)

GIVE TODAY AT [UWGIVE.ORG](https://www.uwgive.org).

### MORE RESOURCES

**[2-1-1](#)** - United Way's free and confidential service, which is available 24/7 and provides information about health and human service resources available. Call 2-1-1 from any phone or visit [2-1-1 online](#) to live chat, email, or search the database.

**[Child Tax Credit](#)** - Families are now receiving up to \$300 per child every month in tax credits. United Way for Southeastern Michigan curated [this resource](#) to learn more about how to check your tax filing status and get help filing.

STAY CONNECTED!

