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Addressing Poverty, Racism, and Trauma in our Community

COMMUNITY TOWNHALL

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND
12:00 P.M.

REGISTER AT
[UWGIVE.ORG/COMMUNITYTOWNHALL2021](https://uwgive.org/communitytownhall2021)

United Way
of Washtenaw County

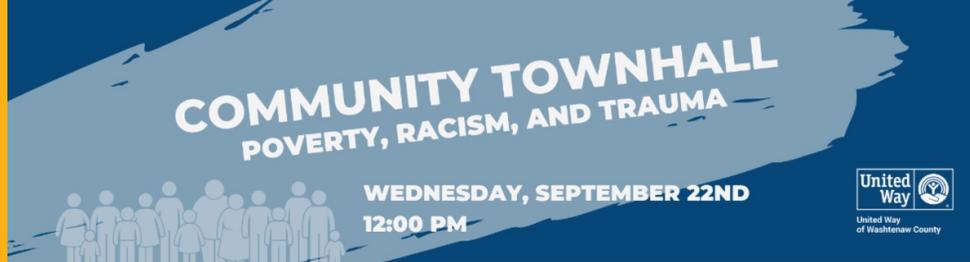


What's one hope you have for Washtenaw County's future? We want to hear from you. As we envision an equitable community where opportunity is not limited and every member reaches their full potential, we are asking all community members to be a part of the solution. Join us for our restructured Campaign Kick-Off, a virtual Community Townhall on Wednesday, September 22nd at 12 pm.

The Community Townhall: Poverty, Racism, and Trauma is a discussion between subject matter experts on the impacts that poverty, racism, and trauma have had on our community. These are the root causes of many of the issues we see today.

We will also be joined by representatives from both the private and public sectors that work with our community. Through their stories, we will explore the root causes of Racism, Poverty, and Trauma in Washtenaw County and learn collectively how to be a part of the solution. We are #UnitedforEquity.

[Register today.](https://uwgive.org/communitytownhall2021)



Community Townhall - Fighting Poverty, Racism, and Trauma: September 22nd

Join us for our restructured Campaign Kick-Off, a virtual Community Townhall on Wednesday, September 22nd at 12 pm. Listen to local experts who will share updates on Poverty, Racism, and Trauma how they differentially shape our community and neighborhoods. [Learn more and register today.](#)

Cornhole Tournament presented by the Emerging Philanthropists: October 13th



Join us the Emerging Philanthropists for our 4th annual Cornhole Tournament on Wednesday, October 13th at 5:00 pm. This year's tournament will be held at Townies Brewery (2350 W Liberty St, Ann Arbor, MI 48103).

Come out for a night filled with games, prizes, food, and much, much more! [Learn more and register today!](#)

NEWS



Americorp Member Postings

United Way of Washtenaw County is seeking two Americorp Members to join our staff! Americorp members commit to one year of service and will help support and expand United Way's financial capability efforts. Americorp members will work to combat poverty and empower our community through supporting the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. There are two positions available, one as a general program assistant, and one as a marketing and communications assistant. Members receive a stipend of \$19,000 for their year of service. [Find position descriptions on our website](#), and then [submit an application](#).

[Read more about AmeriCorp Benefits and Eligibility.](#)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Parkridge SummerFest and Joe Dulin Day

United Way of Washtenaw County staff members had a blast sharing information



with community members about our direct programs and services. From our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program to our 211 call center, United Way of Washtenaw County is here for our neighbors.

EQUITY



Washtenaw United: Recapping UWWC's Summer 2021 Equity Challenge aired on WEMU89.1. Listen to this informative interview with Rich Chang, Board Chair, United Way Washtenaw County, as he discusses the success of the challenge and lessons learned.

The fourth and latest 21-Day Equity Challenge in Washtenaw County is complete. The challenge seeks to create awareness about inequity, injustice, and both overt and systemic racism. Rich Chang is CEO of the Ann Arbor-based software firm NewFoundry and serves as Board Chair of

the United Way of Washtenaw County. He joined WEMU's David Fair to recap the latest challenge and the future it seeks to build.

[Listen to the interview.](#)

LOCAL GRANTS AWARDED

Transportation Relief Fund

UWWC recognizes that local human service organizations that elected to continue delivering essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic incurred unanticipated transportation costs associated with meeting community needs. In response, and with the support of Toyota, UWWC established a Nonprofit Transportation Relief Fund to support the local human service nonprofits and community groups working with populations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Quick facts:

- \$40,000: Total of grants awarded
- 3: Number of grants awarded
- 100%: Funding explicitly serving communities and people of color
- 75%: Grant dollars to agencies led by people of color
- 790: Number of youth and adults positively impacted
- 100%: Funding to Ypsilanti/Eastern Washtenaw County

[Read more about the fund's overview and highlights.](#)

[Read grantee stories of impact.](#)

[Read Mlive article about grant](#)

LOCAL LIVES CHANGED



Washtenaw United: Growing Towards Educational Equity By Building Trust

When you have to worry about food, housing, and transportation, education can fall away on the list of priorities. Add in a healthy mistrust of a system known for systemic and institutionalized racism, and the barriers to success only grow. Knocking down those walls and building a better future is the goal of a group of "Trusted Parent Advisors." The group of seven women have been knocking on doors for four years and are having a great deal of success. WEMU's David Fair found out more about the program in his conversation with Washtenaw Intermediate School District community engagement specialist and parent liaison Colleen Klus.

[Listen to the interview.](#)

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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!

