

LABOR AND UNITED WAY

PARTNERS IN ADVANCING THE COMMON GOOD



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AFL-CIO United Way Partnership



“The AFL-CIO-United Way Partnership brings together the caring power of more than 12.5 million working families and their communities to advance the common good. Our shared vision of a just society-- where all people have the opportunity to achieve their human potential through a quality public education, a sufficient and stable income, and healthy lives--drives our work. None of us is strong enough or powerful enough to accomplish these goals on our own. That’s why now, more than ever, we LIVE UNITED.”

— RICHARD L. TRUMKA, PRESIDENT, AFL-CIO

THE AFL-CIO: THE LABOR MOVEMENT'S NETWORK

The AFL-CIO is an organization of people who work. It is the umbrella federation for U.S. unions, with 56 unions representing 12.5 million working men and women. The AFL-CIO helps lead a movement for social and economic justice in America and the world.

The AFL-CIO includes 50 state federations and more than 400 local labor councils, which are umbrella groups that include many unions in the area. They're the heart of the movement, partnering with state and community organizations—including many United Ways—and conducting state, local and national campaigns to improve life for working families.

GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.

Millions of union members engage with United Way by *giving* generously to the annual United Way Campaign, by *advocating* with United Way for local, state, and national policies that benefit working families and their communities, and by *volunteering* in communities across the country.

COMMUNITY SERVICES NETWORK

More than 160 full-time staff serve as liaisons between their United Ways and their local labor councils across the country. Liaisons perform a variety of functions. They connect unions and their members to the annual campaign and other resource development efforts. They also connect volunteers with projects that help young children enter school better prepared to succeed, families to build brighter, more financially stable futures, and all to lead healthier lives. Liaisons help United Ways mobilize union members and their communities in support of public policies of mutual interest at the local, state and national level. Most recently, liaisons have begun connecting their United Ways to labor councils and unions who are working on various impact areas, including workforce development, access to health care and other core areas of interest to the United Way.

A directory of Labor Liaisons is available at

<https://online.unitedway.org/groups/labor-participation>

“The Labor movement and the United Way movement have a long history of partnership and dedication to community. We not only have a passion for improving lives but we have a shared commitment to bringing people, organizations and resources together to create opportunities for a better life for all.”

– BRIAN A. GALLAGHER
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