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Happy New Year!

As we enter the new year, we are utilizing community wisdom to plan for a better and brighter future! In 2022, we resolve to be persistent and intentional in our equity work by advocating, learning, and continuing the community conversation.

We hope you will be part of our journey to create change, to fight poverty and help our community thrive because when we live united, the impossible becomes possible!

Here's to a bright 2022!

EVENTS



Advancing Equity Conversation

January 18th, 2022- In partnership with ChangeWorksLLC, we will be hosting the second of four quarterly themed conversations to advance our equity work. This conversation will focus on the whitewashing of history to more deeply explore the contrasts between the stories we tell about our nation and what we live out.

[Visit our website to learn more and sign up.](#)



TrustPlus Informational Sessions

January 26th, 2022- In partnership with TrustPlus, we are now providing personalized and FREE financial advice. TrustPlus coaches can work with anyone who lives or works in our County. On January 26th, we are hosting two 30-minute information sessions on to share more about this resource.

[Visit our website to learn more and RSVP.](#)

Power of the Purse

March 9, 2022- The 14th annual Power of the Purse event will be here before you know it and tickets for this free event are available now!

Connect with friends online, and join the party from the comfort of your home. The evening will be a fun-filled hour with an exciting purse auction, [honoring our Woman of the Year, Jimena Loveluck](#), surprises, and more! All proceeds go to support financial stability programs for women in Washtenaw County.



[Visit our website to get your tickets, donate a purse, or become a sponsor!](#)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Volunteer Opportunities for MLK Day

January 17th is MLK Day! There are many ways to serve and honor Dr. King within our community. Find local events and service opportunities through our [Volunteer Center](#).



Volunteer for VITA Today

Join our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers today! Our community of over 80 volunteers work to complete federal and state tax returns for low to moderate income families. Volunteer to help clients save tens of thousands in costly tax preparation fees and put over \$1.4 million of refunds into the hands of those that need it most. No experience necessary - Our comprehensive training process will give you the skills and knowledge necessary to prepare basic tax returns.

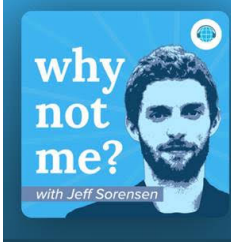
[Learn more and sign up today!](#)

Thank you to our Adopt-a-Child Sponsors and Holiday Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who supported the Adopt-a-Child event! Your contributions made a positive change in the lives of many! And thank you to for our incredible volunteers for a wonderful holiday season of volunteering. We appreciate all you do and thank you for time and talent this past holiday season. Looking forward to 2022 together!

Want to learn more about our work?

[Listen to the Optimize podcast](#) with our CEO, Pam Smith and Optimize founder, Jeff Sorenson.



NEWS



United Way of Washtenaw County has received 4-Star Rating from Charity Navigator

For the fourth consecutive year, we have achieved a 4-star rating for our strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

[Visit our website to learn more about the rating and Charity Navigator.](#)

LOCAL GRANTS AWARDED

Out-Of-School Time Grant Supports Distance Learning

Alongside United Way for Southeastern Michigan, we are proud to work with their Southeast Michigan Out-Of-School Time (OST) Community Learning Relief Fund. Funding from the OST grant addresses and supports challenges that have arisen amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. As a recipient of this grant award, UWWC has recognized Ann Arbor YMCA, Community Action Network, and Educate Youth as OST providers who are best positioned to advance this work. [Learn more about this grant.](#)

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