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UNITED IS THE WAY

We are incredibly grateful for every company, team, and individual who has stepped up this year. Your generosity is already making a real difference for our neighbors, and the momentum you've created is powerful.

Campaign season is in full swing, and gifts are coming in every single day — thank you for keeping the energy high and the impact growing.

As we move forward, we're excited to welcome even more businesses across Central Texas into this work. Together, we're strengthening health, education, and financial stability for every family in our community.

One workplace, one donor, one act of care at a time — you're helping move the needle in a big way.

Let's continue to ignite this movement of support, generosity, and connection. Because when we unite together, great things come together.

Be part of the impact. Be part of the change. **UNITED IS THE WAY.**
You can help - when you give, you don't just donate.

You **empower**. You **uplift**. You restore **hope**.

- **Baylor Scott and White Healthcare**
- **BISD**
- **Brockway, Gersbach, Franklin, Niemeier, PC**
- **City of Copperas Cove**
- **City of Temple**
- **Temple College**
- **HEB - Belton**

- HEB - Temple-31st Street
- HEB - Temple-25th
- HEB - Harker Heights
- HEB - Killeen-Trimmier
- HEB - Killeen-Stan Schlueter
- HEB - Copperas Cove
- Ralph Wilson Youth Club
- Wilsonart



VITA - BIG WINS FOR CENTRAL TEXAS



We Received the 2025 VITA Grant Award!

The IRS has officially confirmed our VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) grant award! This vital funding supports free, high-quality tax preparation services for low-to-moderate-income individuals and families right here in Central Texas.

We Were Honored with the Phoenix Award!

United Way of Central Texas is proud to be recognized with the



Phoenix Award from the Texas Workforce Solutions of Central Texas. This honor acknowledges our commitment to workforce development, enrichment, economic empowerment, and rebuilding lives with resilience and purpose.

Serving Those Who Serve Recognition

At this year's ceremony, the IRS spotlighted **UWCT** as the **ONLY Army installation**—across all CONUS (Continental U.S.) and OCONUS (Outside Continental U.S.) locations—to offer VITA services on base.



What's Next? YOU!

With these wins, we have more fuel to drive change—but we need more hands on deck. **Volunteer for VITA today** and help us turn tax season into a season of transformation.

VOLUNTEER -VITA



CHROME & CAROLS



Chrome & Carols: The Event of the Year is Almost Here!

The excitement is in the air and the countdown has begun. As we start to work behind the scenes, we need you to help spread the word to the community so that more of us can share in the magic of Chrome & Carols. It is literally right around the corner!

Now is the time —GET YOUR *:

- **Admission Tickets - Dinner and a great time!**
- **Raffle Tickets — Win big while giving back!**
- **Tree Sponsorships — Showcase your business name and holiday cheer!**
- **VIP Tables — Experience the night in style with the best seats in the house!**

This isn't just another holiday event — it's where community, compassion, and celebration collide in the same room. Let's make this year's Chrome & Carols the most unforgettable one yet!

Join us for a festive day packed with community spirit, holiday cheer, giving hearts and amazing experiences canvassed with trees and gifts that will WOW your eyes—all while supporting United Way of Central Texas.

- **Date: December 2, 2025**
- **Location: Frank W. Mayborn Civic & Convention Center**

- **Time: 6:00 PM**

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to connect, celebrate, and give back. Can't wait to see you there! You might just be the winner of a magical tree.

Sponsorship Opportunities: * Ticket / Table / Merch Purchase

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Seasons of Support: Strengthening Mental Health Connections

Held: November 12, 2025

We gathered together to focus on emotional healing, resilience, and the power of community connection. James "Randy" Dixon, Program Specialist, Central Counties Services brought years of experience in supporting individuals and families through mental health outreach and awareness.

We also heard from Amanda Travis, LCSW, as she introduced an impactful new program — RTS: Reconciliation of Traumatic Memories — designed to help participants process and heal from past experiences in a safe, evidence-based way.

Together, we can do our part by strengthening, equipping the community's well-being — one conversation, one connection, and one season at a time.

For more information: Contact the office at (254) 778-8616, visit uwct.org or email: jetonda.greene@uwct.org



Upcoming Meetings

- **Dec 17 - No Meeting**
- **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
- **Jan 21- BSWH- Panel Discussion**
- **Feb 18- TBD**

VOLUNTEER TODAY - GET INVOLVED

Make a Difference.
Be a Lifeline.
Serve Your Community.

United Way of Central Texas is actively seeking volunteers to support our 2-1-1 Resource Center, where compassionate voices connect people in crisis to critical resources when they need it most.

As a **211 Volunteer**, you'll help:

- Answer and route resource calls
- Provide information on housing, food, medical help, and more
- Support families navigating tough situations
- Make an immediate impact in someone's life

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SCHOOL & HYGIENE DONATIONS NEEDED

Please donate **new school supplies** and **hygiene products**, or make a **monetary contribution** to support children and individuals in need who may not have access to these essential items. Together, we can make sure every child and or adults starts the school year or event their day with clean, confident, and prepared!

DROP OFF LOCATION:
 United Way of Central Texas office
 4 North 3rd, Temple, Texas 76501



DONATE \$\$\$ FOR FANS, HYGIENE, and SCHOOL SUPPLIES

DROP OFF LOCATION: 4 NORTH 3rd, TEMPLE

Make a Difference.
Build Your Resume.
Serve Your Community.

Are you a student or recent graduate looking to gain hands-on experience, and make a real impact in Central Texas? United Way of Central Texas is looking for volunteer interns for Fall 2025!

You will learn:

- Community outreach & engagement for UWCT non-profit focus'
- Event planning & coordination
- Marketing & social media
- Health, education, and financial stability initiatives
- Program support:
 - VITA
 - Bridges
 - 2-1-1, and more!

GET INVOLVED TODAY

IT IS TIME TO GET INVOLVED

- Annual Drives: Fans, Hygiene Kits, & School Supplies
- Volunteer for VITA
- Read Across America - March
- Hometown Huddle - April
- Leadership Breakfast-September
- Day of Caring - October
- Chrome and Carols - December
- 2-1-1 Call Center Volunteer
- Grant Review Committee
- Donation Gifting
- Small Business Campaigns
- Workplace Campaigns
- Community Connections - 3rd Wed/month

2-1-1 Get Connected. Get Help

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From Hello to Help, 2-1-1 is Here

The United Way of Central Texas 2-1-1 Helpline is free and confidential, and available 24 hours, 365 days a year. 2-1-1 is staffed by trained specialists who can find real answers for callers as they navigate the most comprehensive social services database in the state of Texas.

THE TOP 5 REASONS CALLERS REACHED OUT TO THE 211 HELPLINE AFTER THE MAY TORNADO IN BELL COUNTY:

1. Food
2. Utilities
3. Home Repairs
4. Deductibles For Rent/Mortgage
5. Prescription/Medical Supplies







From Hello to Help, 211 is here

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2-1-1 LOCAL CALL CENTER STATS

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*2-1-1 Texas is a program of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission in collaboration with United Way of Central Texas.

2,100
Requests for HELP
2025 SEPTEMBER CALLS



CTX REQUESTS FOR SERVICES



742
Request for UTILITIES



189
Request for FOOD



17
Calls from ACTIVE DUTY & VETERANS

586
Request for SHELTER or HOUSING

66
Request for MENTAL HEALTH & Addictions

269
Request for RENT or MORTGAGE

14
Request for EDUCATION

29
Calls from 18 Years +

3
Calls from COVID

158
Request for HEALTHCARE

5
Request for DISASTER

55
Request for TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

332
Calls from SENIORS 65+

326
Calls from FIRST TIME CALLERS

UWCT INCOMING CALLS

IN THE NEWS

- [October 3, 2025: A Day of Caring and a Day of Remembrance | KWKT - FOX 44](#)
- [April 28, 2025: 'It is an amazing experience' | Temple High School students recognized for participating in United Way VITA Program](#)
- [March 3, 2025 KCENTV Hygiene Drive](#)
- [March 6, 2025-Community author supports Read Across America Day in local schools](#)
- [February 25, 2025-Temple Daily Telegram: Here to Help: How your donations can change local kids lives in Central Texas](#)
- [February 12, 2025-KCEN-TV: United Way seek donations of hygiene-related items](#)
- [February 11, 2025-KCENT-TV: 911 for medical issues, call 211 for life issues-United Way highlights 211 resource hotline on National 211 day](#)
- [February 8, 2025-Temple Daily Telegram: United Way of Central Texas call center open house set for Tuesday](#)
- [January 30, 2025-KCEN-TV: Free Tax help starts Saturday thanks to United Way](#)

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