

EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE HAS
THE OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE!



FEB 2024

Thrive

VITA



211
CALL CENTER

CENTRAL TEXAS
CALLS IN 2023

37,678



Thrive

On February 12, 2024, UWCT had an open house to celebrate National 211 Day. It was a come-and-go event to honor and recognize the vital role that the 211 team plays in connecting individuals with the resources and services

they need when they need them most.

CAMPAIGNS

THANK

EDUCATION

HEALTH

FINANCIAL
STABILITY

COMMUNITY
-AND-
NONPROFITS

We are on a **MISSION**



YOU

2023
Campaign



United Way of
Central Texas

2023-2024 Campaigns continue to come in and United Way of Central Texas is excited to partner with the workforce community. Company workplace campaign meetings and UWCT express the importance of community, donor involvement, and volunteerism. We focus on collaboration, sharing the power to uplift, transform, and ignite participation and the impact it has on the lives of the community. We live united in purpose and intentionally THRIVE together to make an impact!

If you would like to know how to start a campaign in your company, contact Veshell.Greene@UWCT.org or call our office at 254-778-8616.

- **Atmos Energy**
- **Bell County**
- **Belton ISD**
- **Central National Bank**

- **HEB (Temple, Belton)**
- **Johnson Brothers Ford**
- **Materials
Transportation**

- Central Texas Housing Consortium
- Central Texas Youth Services
- Churches Touching Lives For Christ
- City of Belton
- City of Temple
- Communities in Schools
- East Penn Manufacturing Co.

- Company
- McLane Company
- Temple College
- Temple Daily Telegram
- University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
- United Way of Central Texas
- Vera Bank

365 SMALL BUSINESS CIRCLE



Levels of Community Participation

United Way of Central Texas continues to share the opportunity of the 365 Small Business Circle (10 employees or less) campaign with the community. As new small business partners join, we will showcase them on our website and social media but express the importance of being part of a unified front that supports the community.

We welcome all new small businesses to become part of United Way of Central Texas and those that participate will receive a Small Business Circle window decal to showcase their partnership with UWCT. For more information, contact monica.silcott@uwct.org or call the office at 254-778-8616.

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Become A Partner

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENTS

Taking FREE TAX PREPARATION APPOINTMENTS



FOLLOW US NOW



SCHEDULE TODAY

CALL 254-778-8616

www.UWCT.org



What is VITA? A program that offers free tax help to people who make \$64,000 or less ensuring that 100% of the refund goes directly back to the customer. Volunteers provide basic return preparations with electronic filing. In addition, we educate clients about valuable tax credits and deductions that they are eligible for.

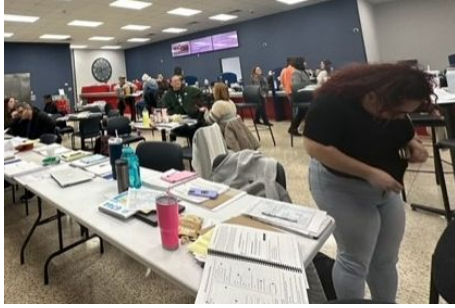
VITA Tax Season runs from January - April 2024. Appointments continue to fill up fast and are accessible on www.UWCT.org. We have had a successful VITA participation to date and are excited about how many community members we have been able to help so far. UWCT has been working hard to schedule clients and has had an active waitlist that continues to grow. To date, we have processed over **220 returns**.

Appointments became available on January 29, 2024, and can be scheduled by calling our office or visiting us at www.UWCT.org. Please contact our office for more information.

VITA Appointments

Visit the Website

VITA
ACROSS CENTRAL TEXAS



Temple High School



YMCA Harker Heights

VITA participation has taken place all over Central Texas, with a significant request for appointments. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) programs play a crucial role in helping individuals and families with their taxes.

A new partnership with Temple High School has allowed students to engage and do real-time taxes, giving them exposure to the true needs of taxes for the community.

Another successful location is the YMCA in Harker Heights with a steady flow of participants. There has been a rise in numbers processed for VITA and it's early on in the program. We are excited to see the growth.

If you have any specific questions or if there's anything you'd like assistance with regarding the VITA training or related topics, feel free to contact Daniel.Ramos@UWCT.org.

MARKETPLACE NAVIGATOR

SPECIAL ENROLLMENT



United Way of Central Texas

Health Programs Help

Helping you find health coverage you can afford.



4/5 people get plans for less than \$10/month!

We can help you find:

- Medications and doctors you can afford.
- Coverage that's similar to what you've had in the past.
- Specialist care.
- Any other kind of medical care, prescription coverage, or plan for good health.

...And much more!

We help make health insurance easier to find, easier to pay for, and easier to use!

Health insurance can be confusing, but you're not alone! United Way Central Texas Navigators are local experts who can give you FREE, reliable advice to help you have an affordable health plan from the health insurance Marketplace, or other health programs.

Schedule a free, no-strings-attached talk with a Health Coverage Navigator!

CALL TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT  **254-778-8616**

Even though Open Enrollment is over, individuals who experience a life change this year may be eligible to enroll through a Special Enrollment Period (SEP). UWCT Navigators are happy to help anyone who needs guidance on the application or has questions about their Marketplace plans.

UWCT has seen an increase in appointment requests for one-on-one meetings and has been able to establish and continue to educate the community on their Health Plan options.

To find out if you have a qualified change in status that allows for your healthcare to be updated, please call 254-778-8616.

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READ ACROSS AMERICA

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FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024



Volunteer Today



We need volunteers that would like to take a few minutes out of their day to read to elementary school students.

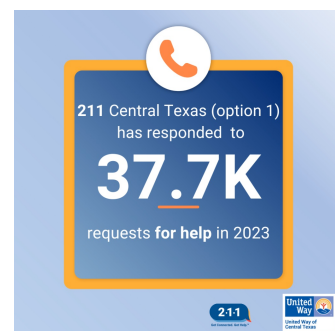
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UWCT needs volunteers for this fun event! If you would like to spend a little time reading with kids and celebrating literacy, this would be a great opportunity for you. If you are interested, please register (QR-code) by Close of Business 2/21.

ALICE

Asset Limited Income Constraint Employed



In Bell County, numbers don't lie. There is a significant need for

supporting ALICE households. Despite being employed, many individuals and families in our community struggle to cover basic necessities like housing, healthcare, and childcare.

The cost of living continues to rise, outpacing wage growth and leaving ALICE families vulnerable to financial instability. Without adequate support, these hardworking members of our community face the constant threat of slipping further into poverty.

It's imperative that we come together and help ALICE households in Bell County break the cycle of poverty and build a more secure future for themselves and their children.

Q4 PARTNER SUCCESS STORY



Several months back, T. & A. came to Family Promise with their teenager and newborn baby. There was an open room in the Promise House, so the family of four entered the program. While T. & A. family found themselves homeless in Temple, they were able to secure safe housing and remain in Temple with the help of the staff. Both children are in school and childcare, and both parents are locally employed.

“Finding Family Promise was such a blessing, it was more of a home than a shelter because our family was not separated,” said T. & A. “We could stay together and grow together. The whole staff was always there for us, helping us when we needed it, and even pushing us when we needed that too. Their team was a

huge help when it came to our kids, even getting them into summer programs so we could both work. The volunteers who came twice a week to provide meals spent time with us too, and it showed because they really cared about us. We're inspired to keep going and we feel like we have a big support system now."

Contact our office for more information at 254-778-8616 or visit on us online at [www. UWCT.org](http://www.UWCT.org).

UWCT HAPPENINGS



UMHB Social Work Intern Fair

This was UWCT's first time at this event and we are excited to partner with UMHB in this capacity!

We had the chance to talk to approximately 50 students in the program about the internships we offer at UWCT.

Students who came to the event had the opportunity to rank their top three agencies and will be placed at one of those agencies for their Fall internship.

McLennan Community College Resource Fair

Our primary focus for outreach was to highlight our Marketplace Navigator Program. We shared information about all of our other programs at UWCT.

Rachel Clemons, Director of Community Services spoke with approximately 100 students that day and many of them seemed to have an interest in our services.

Rachel Clemons will be visiting MCC again in March to meet with specific students who



want to enroll in Marketplace insurance.



PACTIV Give Back Drive

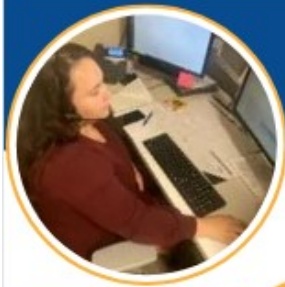
Thank you to PACTIV for supporting the community through a \$1000 donation and over 2,100 lbs. of donated items that included cases of water, hygiene products, and food for a total value of \$2500.



2-1-1 CALL CENTER

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 work the most comprehensive social services database in the state of Texas.



2-1-1 LOCAL CALL CENTER STATS JANUARY 2024



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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.



UNITED WAY IN THE NEWS

Check out this recent news article:

- January 4, 2024-Channel 25 KXXV**-The funding isn't there.
- November 9, 2023:** United Way seeks volunteers for tax assistance program.
- October 18, 2023: Temple Daily Telegram;** United Way of Central Texas assists area residents
- October 10, 2023-Channel 25 KXXV:** United Way of Central Texas sees largest Day of Caring ever.
- October 3, 2023-Channel 10 KWTX:** National Heritage Month-Monica Slicott
- June 9, 2023-Temple Daily Telegram:** United Way launches fan drive as temperatures soar
- May 16, 2023 KCEN TV:** United Way of Central Texas Fan Drive Underway
- April, 15, 2023: KDH News:** First National Bank Texas Recognized with CARE Award
- April, 7, 2023: Temple Daily Telegram:** United Way offers free online tax

[filing tool](#)

Mar 23, 2023: ABC 25: [Accounting students volunteer with United Way to prepare taxes for free.](#)

March 3, 2023: Temple Daily Telegram: [Volunteers read to local school children](#)

March 2, 2023: KCENT TV: [United Way of Central Texas to celebrate Read Across America Day in Bell County](#)

Mar 1, 2023: KWTX Waco, Tx [Bell County organizations ready for more calls for help after SNAP benefits reduced](#)

January 14, 2023: [United Way to start tax assistance program in January](#)

November 25, 2022: [Chrome & Carols fundraiser sold out, but virtual tickets available](#)

November 8, 2022: [Belton notes help in using rescue funds](#)

October 21, 2022: KWTX Waco, Tx[Good News Friday](#)

October 4, 2022: Temple Daily Telegram: [United Way Day of Caring set Friday](#)

October 1, 2022: Temple Daily Telegram: [Day of Caring Volunteers tackle community projects](#)



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