

EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE HAS  
THE OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE!



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2023

**VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE**  
APPOINTMENTS ARE COMING

**Taking FREE TAX PREPARATION APPOINTMENTS**

SCAN ME

**SCHEDULE TODAY**  
CALL 254-778-8616  
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United Way of Central Texas

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VOLUNTEER

The graphic features a group of diverse smiling volunteers in the foreground. Some are wearing blue and green shirts with "United Way of Central Texas" and "VOLUNTEER" logos. The background is orange and yellow.

VITA Tax Season runs from January - April 2024. Appointments will be opening on January 29, 2024, and will be accessible on [www.UWCT.org](http://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. Please contact our office for more information.

**Appointments will be available** (January 29, 2024) at [www.UWCT.org](http://www.UWCT.org).

## VITA Training Class



**UWCT- Temple**



**First Heroes National Bank, Ft. Cavazos**

VITA trainings took place in Central Texas, and there's a strong turnout of volunteers. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) programs play a crucial role in helping individuals and families with their taxes. The dedication of volunteers in roles like greeters and tax preparers contributes significantly to the success of such programs.

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](mailto:Daniel.Ramos@UWCT.org).

[VITA Training Sign-Up](#)

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## CAMPAIGNS

# THANK



We are on a **MISSION**



# YOU



2023-2024 Campaigns are wrapping up 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 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](mailto:Veshell.Greene@UWCT.org) or call our office at 254-778-8616.

- **Atmos Energy**
- **Bell County**
- **Belton ISD**
- **Central National Bank**
- **City of Belton**
- **City of Temple**
- **Communities in Schools**
- **East Penn Manufacturing Co.**
- **HEB (Temple, Belton)**

- Johnson Brothers Ford
- Materials Transportation Company
- Temple College
- Temple Daily Telegram
- University of Mary Hardin Baylor
- Vera Bank

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## 365 SMALL BUSINESS CIRCLE



### Levels of Community Participation

365 Small Business Circle (*10 employees or less*) continues to grow as we spread the word of partnerships to the community. As new small business partners join, you will see them showcased on our website and social media. All partners will receive a Small Business Circle window decal to showcase their partnership and will receive other benefits based on their participation level. We welcome all new small businesses to United Way of Central Texas.

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[Become A Partner](#)

## HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE

Enrollment is now CLOSED!





United Way of Central Texas Marketplace Navigators play a significant role in the community and continues to make the community aware. UWCT saw an increase in appointment requests for one-on-one meetings. We were 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.

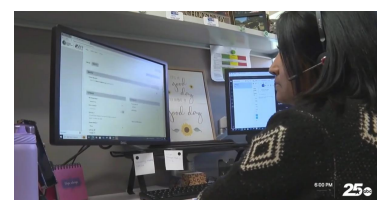
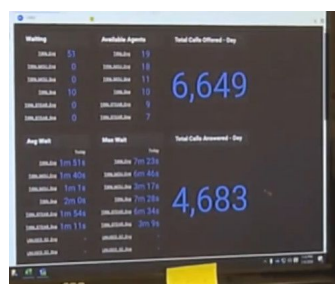
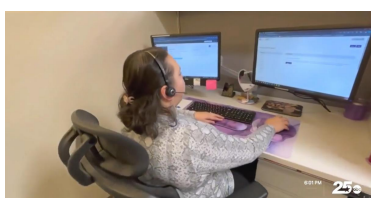
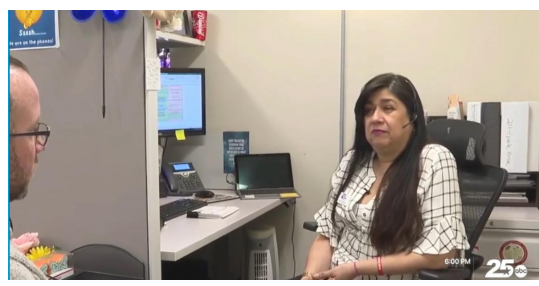
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**2023 CHROME AND CAROLS IS A WRAP**



Chrome & Carols ended 2023 with a bang. Although we moved locations, because of HD renovations, the same essence of Chrome & Carols was present. We had over 560 guests, 15 raffled trees and countless silent and live auction items. Chrome and Carols raised the most money ever, over \$80,000. We could not have taken on such a mighty endeavor without the help of staff, volunteers, and most importantly our generous sponsors. We are looking forward to seeing what 2024 holds.

## LIVE - IN THE NEWS



[Video Link](#)

# READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

**READ  
ACROSS  
AMERICA**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024**



*Volunteer Today*



United Way of  
Central Texas

[www.UWCT.org](http://www.UWCT.org)

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



Read Across America will be Friday, March 1, 2024. United Way of Central Texas needs your help. Sign up today to be a volunteer. Making real change requires people to come together to support the children of the future. Read Across America is an annual national reading, motivation, and awareness effort that calls for every child to celebrate reading.

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

Volunteer

**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



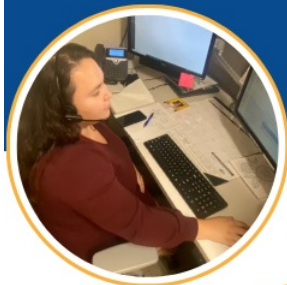
confidential, and available 24 hours, 365 days a year. 2-1-1 is staffed by trained specialists who can find real answers for callers as they work the most comprehensive social services database in the state of Texas.



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

211 in 2023

Get Connected. Get Help.



## 2-1-1 LOCAL CALL CENTER STATS NOVEMBER 2023 CALLS



**211 HELPLINE:** The United Way of Central Texas 2-1-1\* HELPLINE is free and confidential, and available 24 hours, 365 days a year. The helpline is staffed by trained specialist who can find real answers for callers as they work the most comprehensive social services database in the state of Texas.

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

**22,429**  
Requests for  
HELP  
JANUARY-  
NOVEMBER  
2023 CALLS



REQUESTS FOR SERVICES



**6,747**  
Request  
for  
UTILITIES



**2,163**  
Request  
for  
FOOD



**1,732**  
Calls from  
ACTIVE  
DUTY &  
VETERANS

**6,798**  
Request  
for SHELTER  
or HOUSING

**1,051**  
Request  
for MENTAL  
HEALTH &  
Addictions

**3,595**  
Request  
for RENT or  
MORTGAGE

**86**  
Request  
for  
EDUCATION

**436**  
Calls from  
18+ YRs

**625**  
Calls from  
COVID

**1,764**  
Request  
for  
HEALTHCARE

**95**  
Request  
for  
DISASTER

**605**  
Request  
for  
TRANSPORTATION  
ASSISTANCE

INCOMING CALLS

**3,555**  
Calls from  
SENIORS  
65+

**3,776**  
Calls from  
FIRST TIME  
CALLERS

## 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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