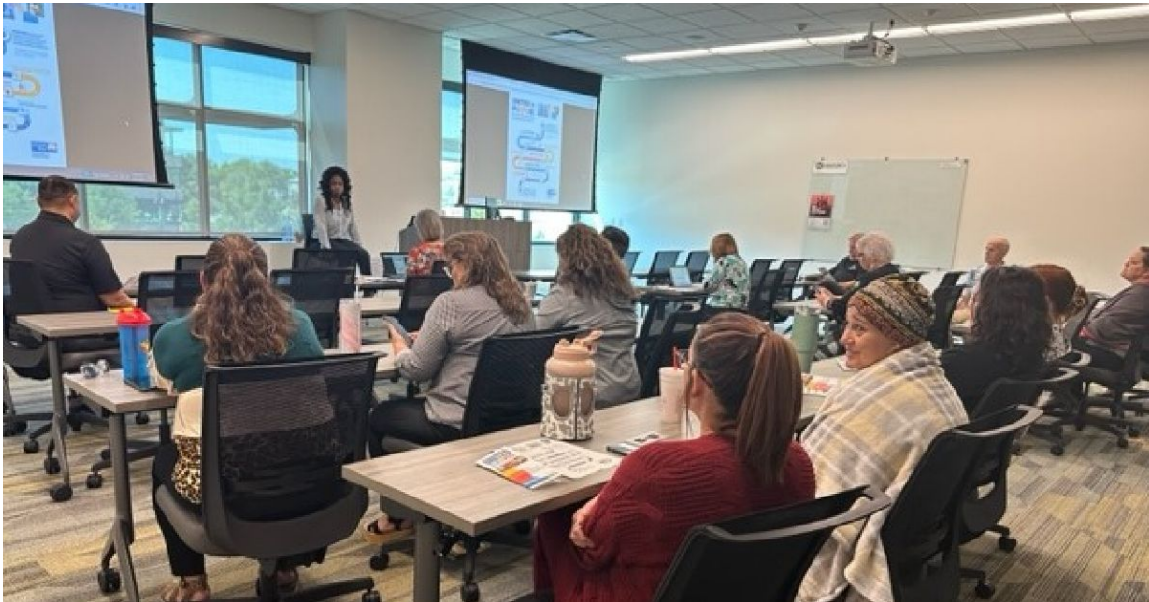




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EVERYWHERE
HAS THE OPPORTUNITY
TO THRIVE

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2023



Workforce Solutions of Central Texas Campaign Kickoff

United in Purpose Campaigns Kick off!

In the months ahead, company workplace campaign meetings will begin. UWCT expresses the importance of community, donor involvement, volunteerism, sharing the power to uplift, transform, and ignite participation and the impact it has on lives.

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Campaign Champion Training

2023 Campaign Champion Training

Campaign Champion training was held **August 15, 2023, from 9:00-10:30 AM**. UWCT shared that as a Campaign Champion, you bring the work of United Way of Central Texas to life - from board rooms to break rooms. You educate your peers' about why United Way of Central Texas is the best way to make the biggest difference in our community and you inspire them to do something about it.

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United Way of
Central Texas

CAMPAIGN 2023
KICK-OFF BREAKFAST

SAVE
the
DATE

28

THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER
AT 8 AM

Doors open at 7:30AM

*Hilton Garden Inn
Temple*

Campaign 2023 Kick-off Breakfast

The United Way of Central Texas will kick off the 2023 campaign season with a celebration breakfast. Mark your calendars for a time to honor your invaluable contributions to the community.

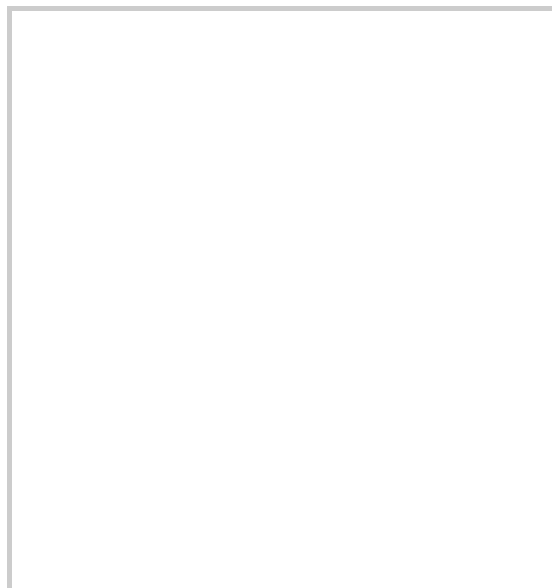
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Communities in Action Gathering at White House includes Local United Ways

Stephanie O'Banion, UWCT CEO and United Ways of Texas Board Member and Advocacy Chairman, joined Tiffany Patterson, CEO of United Ways of Texas were recently invited to participate with the Texas delegation at The White House for Communities in Action: Building a Better Texas. They were able to share stories on the impact of federal initiatives in local communities and where we still face challenges. Stephanie was able to specifically talk about the impact of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Earned Income and Child Tax Credits, Healthcare, Housing, and Child Care needs. She also was able to emphasize the importance of the 2-1-1 Information and Referral Helpline in Texas.





United Way
*2023 Membership
Requirements*
Completed

Accountability: United Way of Central Texas receives 2023 Membership Approval

For United Way, success means measurable improvements in the communities we serve. Setting high standards for ourselves and our local partners is critical for that success.

Annually, the United Way of Central Texas must certify its adherence to standards that include comprehensive requirements for financial reporting, governance, ethics, diversity, and operations.

The United Way of Central Texas has met these standards for the 2023 membership year.

Stories of Impact

Quarter 2: Client Journeys

Funded Community Partners play a vital role in making an impact in the United Way's Community Impact Agenda. These partners have applied and been awarded a grant from the United Way of Central Texas and are making measurable impact in the areas of Education, Health, and Financial Stability.

Education:

Central Texas Youth Services, Option House

GG came to Option House as a DFPS referral due to neglectful supervision, domestic violence, and parental drug use. On multiple occasions, she and her siblings were left unaccompanied by their parents both into drugs. When drugs were unattainable, the result was often in the form of domestic violence which GG witnessed many times. So their education would not be disrupted, Region 7 CPU pinpointed Option House to care for them to her and her sibling placing them together, but also to continue the progress they both made in counseling. Although younger, GG was the most outspoken and protective of her sibling. Working with Option House staff, she soon learned she was only in charge of herself and must conform to facility rules to work with and get along with other residents. GG was a talented musician playing the flute. Due to her talent, she was immediately placed in the advanced band in the local middle school and subsequently selected for a piccolo solo in the stage band. Around the shelter, GG's greatest obstacle was the cleanliness of her room. Option House staff directed and redirected her over time until expectations were met and sustained. We are certain the GG will continue her band success and have a much brighter after finally obtaining permission to move with more stable family members in a neighboring state.

Health:

Temple Community Clinic, Access to Healthcare and Health Resources

Julie initially came to TCC 20 years ago for dental care. Later when she developed preeclampsia and type 2 diabetes during her pregnancy she knew the clinic was the best place to be. "The cost of healthcare is outrageous. It's beyond what it should be" she says, "but the doctors at the clinic are the best. They aren't in a rush and they listen to you. I don't feel like a customer or just a number here." As proof, Julie pulls out a folder of questions she had for the doctor that day. "I always make a list of questions for every visit and the doctor does take all the time that's needed to answer all of them." She wishes that everyone knew about the clinic and that it's a safe place where you will feel supported. "I feel like I can be more open in conversations with my doctor here. It seems that nothing surprises my doctor and she's well-versed in anything clinical." With the help of the clinic and by keeping her appointments every 3 months, Julie has made remarkable progress in her health this year. She said she discusses everything with her doctor from medications

and their side effects to what it will take to get off the medications and setting realistic goals. "It's more of a holistic approach to care because the doctor doesn't always like to give me pills. That's like putting a band-aid on the situation. The doctor has recommended things like diet, exercise, lots of water, and fish oil for high cholesterol. I'm reducing my medication today. I feel better about myself and I have more energy to last me the whole day now. In total, I've lost 15 pounds in the last 5 months!" Julie and her family plan to open a beekeeping business in the next few months. She's excited to do something she's passionate about and produce something healthy for the community. "I believe in a healthy diet and lifestyle now. My goal is to not be on any medications at all so it's important to watch what I eat, stay active, and enjoy doing the things I love."

Financial Stability:

Family Promise of Bell County

Since we opened the doors to the Promise House in January, our new home has been everything we hoped it to be...and more. While it's only been a few months, the impact of the Promise House has greatly enhanced our ability to serve children and parents experiencing homelessness at a higher level. The Promise House is filled with babies, children, and parents who have a temporary home where they work on their goals with our staff, leading them to a new life of self-sustainability. When families enter the Promise House, the parents, and staff work together on six major goals. We take a holistic approach to addressing past traumatic experiences, ensuring that children are in school/childcare, gaining reliable transportation, attaining full-time employment, achieving financial stability, and acquiring safe and sustainable housing. If these needs are left unaddressed, then the guest families won't remain safely housed for very long. Just last week, Abigail and her daughter gained private transportation when a generous family donated their vehicle. Because we value empowerment and ensure that our families are a part of the helping process, Abigail paid for all the required transfer fees.

(Since October 2020, 100% of the families who entered the Guest Shelter Program have graduated with private transportation, contributing to their long-term success.)

Outreach and Awareness




Father Fest Event at Miller Park


Father's Day Out/Father Fest

Rachel Clemons, Director of Community Services with the United Way of Central Texas participated in the Father's Day Out/Father Fest hosted by STARRY on June 10, 2023. at Miller Park in Temple.

STARRY nurtures children, strengthens families, and restores hope through counseling, family support, fatherhood, and family preservations.



United Way of Central Texas




GIVE ADVOCATE VOLUNTEER TODAY

DO YOU KNOW ALICE?


Many ALICE families live paycheck to paycheck, with little or no savings to handle emergencies or unexpected expenses.

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2017 Data
7,255
Central Texans
Called the 2-1-1 helpline for
UTILITIES assistance

United Way of Central Texas
provides financial literacy
resources to equip ALICE families.



SCAN ME
DONATE TODAY

ALICE Campaign Launched on Social Media

The ALICE campaign was introduced in June UWCT social media platforms to reveal impactful statistics relevant to Bell County and create awareness among the public.

UWCT Facebook



United Way of Central Texas receives a large fan donation.

The Temple Chamber of Commerce donated fans in honor of 2023 Leadership Temple Distinguished Alumni, Gary Schimdt and his wife Sharon Schimdt, a leader of Altrusa International of Temple. Thank you to the Temple Chamber of Commerce, Altrusa International of Temple, and Gary and Sharon Schmidt. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Temple Fire Department collects donated fans

United Way of Central Texas and staff Veshell Greene, Monica Silcott, Samantha Anadon, and Rachel Clemons distributed fans to the Temple Fire & Rescue. Santos Soto, Community Educator, and Smokey the Firehouse Dalmatian picked up the fans. The Temple Firehouse will have fans to assist those in need to beat the heat.

If you would like to donate a fan to UWCT and support the community, you can drop off your donations at the United Way of Central Texas office at 4 North 3rd Street in Temple!



Belton Fire Department uses distributes fans to support the community

Veshell Greene delivers fans from United Way of Central Texas to the Belton Fire Department. They were welcomed with open arms and help the community with the rise in the temperatures.



Clients embrace fan donations during the summer heat

The gesture reminds everyone of the beauty that exists in supporting one another. UWCT is not just a non-profit, UWCT is family. A network of caring individuals who are there for each other.

Client Quotes

"This fan will help with this heat. Thank you so much, very grateful, and makes my life better." - Amy

"This fan helps me stay cooler during the hot nights, Thank you" - Debra



HYGIENE DRIVE



United Way launches Hygiene Drive

United Way of Central Texas invites you to contribute hygiene products to vulnerable families. Your generous donations will ensure cleanliness and preparedness during the summer heat.

You can drop off your donations at United Way of Central Texas office at 4 North 3rd Street in Temple!



Day of Caring

Day of Caring is set for **October 6, 2023**. United Way of Central Texas' Day of Caring is a strategic volunteer program created to help advance the common good on issues of education, income, and health. UWCT's Day of Caring is more than a single day of volunteering; it is the launch of ongoing volunteer engagement and opportunities. Consider signing up to volunteer.

[Read More](#)[Submit Project](#)[Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

Save the Date

13th Annual Chrome & Carols: Festival of Trees

Save the date for the 13th Chrome & Carols. Things will look different this year as we are ON THE ROAD to a new location, but the same excitement will remain. Christmas trees will be designed by Precious Memories Florist & Gift Shop and will be raffled with all the professional decorations, coupled with over \$1,000 worth of gifts beneath each tree, along with a silent and live auction.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Please contact Veshell Greene at veshell.greene@uwct.org.

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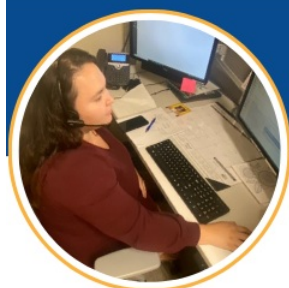
The United Way of Central Texas 2-1-1 Helpline is free and confidential, and available 24 hours, 365 days a year. 2-1-1 is staffed by trained specialists who can find real answers for callers as they work the most comprehensive social services database in the state of Texas.



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211 in 2023

Get Connected. Get Help.



2-1-1 LOCAL CALL CENTER STATS JANUARY - JULY



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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.

15,688
Requests for
HELP



REQUESTS FOR SERVICE



4,856

Request
for SHELTER
or HOUSING

1,068

Request
for
HEALTHCARE
& COVID

3,826

Request
for
UTILITIES

705

Request
for MENTAL
HEALTH

75

Request
for
DISASTER



2,270

Request
for RENT or
MORTGAGE

369

Request
for
TRANSPORTATION
ASSISTANCE

1,466

Request
for
FOOD

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Request
for
EDUCATION



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Calls from
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Calls from
ACTIVE
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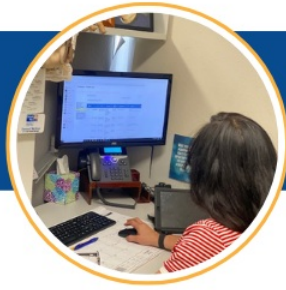
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Calls from
COVID

673

Calls from
FIRST TIME
CALLERS

INCOMING CALLS



2-1-1 LOCAL NEEDS for APRIL 2023

MET

UNMET

REFERRALS



Top 5 NEEDS Include

1. Housing & Shelter
2. Utilities
3. Food
4. Healthcare & COVID
5. Mental Health & Addictions

Top 5 UNMET needs Include

1. Rent Payment Assistance
2. Low Income/Sub. Rental Housing
3. Shelter
4. Home Repair/Maintenance
5. Mortgage Assistance

Top 5 LOCAL Referrals Include

1. Texas Utility Help- (TDHCD-Texas Department of Housing of Community Affairs)
2. Adult Protective Services- (Texas Department of Family and Protective Services)
3. Adult and Family Services (Wesley Community Center)
4. Social and Financial Services - (Harris County Community Services Department)
5. Financial Assistance- (Tarrant County Human Services)

United Way in the News

Check out this recent news article:

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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