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United Way of the Flint Hills

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Mission Statement: To improve lives
by mobilizing the caring powers of
communities.

What is United Way? United Way is a local, non-profit organization meeting local needs. The United Way serves as a fundraising entity and advocate for 22 non-profit organizations in our community, which in turn assist over 11,000 community members. Because the United Way takes on this responsibility, the non-profit organizations can focus on what they do best: delivering their vital services to our community.

Who does the United Way support? The United Way allocates funds to programs and services in the broad categories of strengthening families, helping children and youth succeed, promoting self-sufficiency, building vital and safe neighborhoods, and supporting vulnerable and aging populations. This year, we are evaluating the work we do and are moving into a community impact organization, which means we are going to spend significant time evaluating our community's needs and then fund organizations and programs that can address the most pressing needs in our community. **We want to find solutions, not band aids.**

How much money is distributed by the United Way? Each year, nearly \$500,000 is distributed to organizations in our eight county service area.

How are the funds allocated? Non-profit organizations must submit a detailed application for funding each year, and the application is reviewed by the Community Investment Committee. The CIC is comprised of volunteers with backgrounds in business and/or social services. In addition to a application, site visits are conducted, and each applicant must make a presentation to the CIC and answer questions about their organization. There is no guarantee of funding after one year, and the process for each applicant is taken just as seriously in year one as it is in year ten.

What does it cost to run United Way? United Ways, in general, have long been recognized as one of the most efficient and economical of all charitable organizations, and the United Way of the Flint Hills is no exception. Our overhead costs are approximately 10%, which is significantly lower than many other organizations. The Combined Federal Campaign requires that its designees' overhead costs be lower than 25%, and many organizations hover at 30%.

Is the United Way at work year round? Although United Way is most visible in the community during the fall and winter fund-raising campaign, it is actually at work all year round: receiving requests for funding from new agencies, evaluating programs, recruiting and training volunteers, making allocation decisions, keeping itself informed of government actions and trends related to human services, keeping in touch with public opinion, and communicating with the public. This year, we are hard at work bringing the **Dolly Parton Imagination Library** to our community. This program provides a book a month to children from birth to age five at no charge to the family. The research is clear: early childhood literacy starts the path to school success, and we want to make sure our community's children have every advantage they can by the time they start kindergarten. It is our hope to launch this program in January.

**Our Campaign. Our Community.
Working Together for 75 Years.**

the reach of **United Way Community Partners**

United Way of the Flint Hills provides funding to 22 nonprofit organizations, which then provide vital services to over 11,000 people in eight counties. Residents in small communities and large towns all benefit from the work of these organizations.

Chase County

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Flint Hills
Building Blocks Child Care Center
Catholic Charities of NE Kansas
Chase Children's Services
Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland
Housing & Credit Counseling, Inc.
Jayhawk Council Boy Scouts of America
Kansas Legal Services
Plumb Place
Project TEEN
SOS, Inc.
United Cerebral Palsy

Coffey County

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Flint Hills
Camp Alexander
Catholic Charities of NE Kansas
Coffey County Resource Council
Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland
Housing & Credit Counseling, Inc.
Jayhawk Council Boy Scouts of America
Kansas Legal Services
Plumb Place
SOS, Inc.
United Cerebral Palsy

Greenwood County

Catholic Charities of NE Kansas
Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland
Housing & Credit Counseling, Inc.
Jayhawk Council Boy Scouts of America
Kansas Legal Services
SOS, Inc.
United Cerebral Palsy

Lyon County

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Flint Hills
Camp Alexander
Catholic Charities of NE Kansas
Chase Children's Services
Emporia Child Care Center
Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland
Housing & Credit Counseling, Inc.
Jayhawk Council Boy Scouts of America

Kansas Children's Service League
Kansas Legal Services
Lyon County Restricted Emergency Fund
Plumb Place
Project TEEN
Sacred Heart Child Care Center
SOS, Inc.
The Salvation Army
United Cerebral Palsy

Morris County

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Flint Hills
Building Blocks Child Care Center
Catholic Charities of NE Kansas
Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland
Housing & Credit Counseling, Inc.
Kansas Legal Services
Morris County Care & Share
Plumb Place
Project TEEN
SOS, Inc.
United Cerebral Palsy

Osage County

Camp Alexander
Catholic Charities of NE Kansas
Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland
Help House of Osage County
Housing & Credit Counseling, Inc.
Jayhawk Council Boy Scouts of America
SOS, Inc.
United Cerebral Palsy

Wabaunsee County

Jayhawk Council Boy Scouts of America
Morris County Care & Share
SOS, Inc.
United Way Tornado Recovery Fund

Woodson County

Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland
Housing & Credit Counseling, Inc.
United Cerebral Palsy