

Eaton County United Way's Community Action Fund is working to advance the common good by focusing on the building blocks for a good life.

## EDUCATION

*Helping children & youth achieve their potential through education.*

- Improving access to quality early learning opportunities
- Partnering with schools and parents to improve graduation rates
- Providing programs for at-risk youth

## INCOME

*Helping families become financially stable & independent.*

- Supporting basic needs while increasing financial education
- Helping hardworking people obtain family-sustaining wages
- Increasing affordable housing for seniors and families

## HEALTH

*Improving people's health.*

- Reducing substance abuse, child abuse, and domestic violence
- Increasing health education and preventative care

## Loyal Contributors & Leadership Givers

Respectfully known as "Diamond Donors", loyal contributors are recognized for their ongoing support of the Eaton County United Way mission.

Have you been giving to the United Way for 10+ years? Please make sure to check the Loyal Contributor box on the pledge form to be registered in the Loyal Contributor program.

Leadership Givers are donors that have, through their investment, shown they are community leaders, giving to make an impact in their community.

Leadership givers are recognized in the following categories:

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| Bronze                        | \$750 - \$1499  |
| Silver                        | \$1500 - \$2499 |
| Gold                          | \$2500 - \$4999 |
| Platinum                      | \$5000 - \$9999 |
| Alexis De Tocqueville Society | \$10,000+       |

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**HOW TO LIVE UNITED**  
**JOIN HANDS**  
**OPEN YOUR HEART**  
**GIVE 10% GIVE 100%**  
**GIVE 110%**  
**CHANGE WHAT YOU SEE**  
**THINK OF WE BEFORE ME**  
**INSPIRE HOPE**  
**CREATE A BETTER TOMORROW**



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## Why United Way?

When you give to the United Way's Community Action Fund, you are investing in a strategic effort to create lasting change by addressing the underlying causes of community problems. United Way has done the homework, so we know where to target resources to make the biggest impact. The fact is one in four of our neighbors can't make ends meet without some type of assistance. That puts a serious burden not only on those families and individuals, but also on our economy, workforce, and quality of life.

## Community Action Fund

A contribution to the Community Action Fund supports the United Way's work by providing opportunities to enhance education, income, and health for local individuals and families.

2-1-1 is an easy-to remember three digit telephone



Clinton, Eaton, Hillsdale, Ingham & Jackson Counties

number that connects people to human service information & referral. 2-1-1 is a free service provided by United Way.

Eaton County United Way & Dolly Parton's Imagination Library have teamed up to provide new, carefully selected books to children ages birth to five in Eaton County. Books are mailed directly to the child monthly.



## How I LIVE UNITED

My name is Cherri Brester. I have three children and am a first-time Grandma to Rydar. When I was 15 years old, I started



helping my mom take care of my Grandma who had Multiple Sclerosis and was paralyzed from the neck down. I'm 51 years old now and still taking care of people. I take care of people who are dying. I help them by making their end of life peaceful and pain-free. Sometimes I'm the last face they see before they die. I tell them they will be OK and I hold them in my arms until they pass.

I am blessed that I can do this.

*Giving of myself and supporting United Way is how I LIVE UNITED!*



**Be part of the movement to advance the common good right here in Eaton County. Because united we can change what we see in our community.**

## GIVE.

Eaton County United Way's Community Action Fund is the easiest & most powerful way to invest in your community. By giving to the Community Action Fund, you are investing in the building blocks for a good life; education, income, and health. Because everyone deserves opportunities for a good life, including a quality education that leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family through retirement, and good health.

## ADVOCATE.

You can make change happen with your voice. Get informed. Tell your friends. Write a letter to your legislator. United Way needs people who are passionate about education, income, and health to make their voices heard.

## VOLUNTEER.

United Way can help you find volunteer opportunities for you, your work team, or community group. For more information, go to [www.ecuw.org](http://www.ecuw.org) or call 2-1-1.

UNDERNEATH EVERYTHING WE ARE,  
UNDERNEATH EVERYTHING WE DO,  
**WE ARE ALL PEOPLE.**  
CONNECTED, INTERDEPENDENT, UNITED.  
AND WHEN WE REACH OUT A HAND TO ONE, WE  
**INFLUENCE**  
THE CONDITION OF ALL.  
THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO  
**LIVE UNITED**