



IT'S LIKE CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER!

It's no Trick! It's a Treat!

It's a problem every nonprofit dreams of--having EXTRA money to spend! And we are delighted to find ourselves in just that position! This is due to the honesty and transparency of our partners and the diligence of United Way staff.

More than one partner informed us that changes in their programs we fund resulted in their full United Way allocation not being used last year. Combine this with a frugal staff always finding ways to minimize operational expenses to maximize allocations, and our Community Investment Committee (CIC) was left to determine where a few more dollars could have the biggest impact. To the credit of our partner agencies, rather than dividing the money among all of them, they requested it be given in larger sums where it will do the most good.

The annual Outcomes Report we require all of our partners to complete ends by asking how they would invest an additional \$1,000 and \$5,000. Our committee volunteers reviewed these requests and found several organizations to help.

First, the CIC chose to send additional money to each Student Emergency Fund at the public schools within our four-county footprint. We were even able to add some schools we haven't previously been able to help and also boost a tutoring program. The Student Emergency Funds are administered by school nurses and counselors who see a child in need, which could mean providing a winter coat or a pair of prescription glasses their families cannot afford.

The remaining funds will help all ages, including senior citizens and infants, and address a variety of struggles, including domestic violence, dementia, and hunger. Funds supporting those causes are going to food pantries and meal programs, senior programs, and health care for domestic violence victims. Some of the additional funds also will help children in foster care and provide scholarships for adults pursuing childcare accreditation, an important step toward employment and even business ownership.

We are extremely grateful to the thirteen members of our Community Investment Committee who invested so much time and thought into determining the best use of these additional funds and to our partners who helped to create them.

UNITED WE FIGHT! UNITED WE WIN!

Will You Go Over the Edge for Your Community?

On May 17, 2019, fearless fundraisers will have the opportunity to rappel down

Towers South on the campus of Southeast Missouri State University to raise funds for the United Way network of agencies.

We are thrilled to bring this one-of-a-kind fundraiser to Southeast Missouri and we need a great planning committee to make it happen!



[Click here for the video--if you dare!](#)

FIRST PLANNING MEETING:

**DECEMBER 5, 2018, 4:30 P.M.
Beef O'Brady's Meeting Room (Cape)**

This meeting is open to anyone who is interested in helping us bring this amazing event to Southeast Missouri--whether you want to rappel down Towers South or stay safely on the ground as a valuable volunteer.

[RSVP here if you plan to attend.](#)

Just a Few More Days to Take Our Survey!

United Way of Southeast Missouri is collecting data to help guide our strategic plan and future initiatives. Next year we will begin a new three-year funding cycle, and we want to ensure our investments in programs and partners meet the need you see in Southeast Missouri.

Please complete this survey, which will help guide our strategic plan, future initiatives, and partner funding for the next three years. Leave your email for a chance to win a \$20 gift card. Thank you for your help!

www.unitedwayofsemo.org/survey

Volunteer Corner

Are you looking to get involved and give back?! United Way and our 24 partner agencies are always looking for volunteers. Whether you have some extra time at work to dedicate to giving back, or you're looking for a team-building exercise with a spin, our volunteer corner has something for you. Check out our current opportunities below.



Read to Succeed Needs Readers!

Volunteers are needed to help with our early literacy program! Various session times are available throughout the day at Cape Girardeau Public Schools. Volunteers have the opportunity to read one-on-one with a student in grades K-4.

Contact [Robin Koetting](#) to learn more!



The Salvation Army Needs Ringers!



The Salvation Army is seeking volunteers to help ring bells during their annual kettle campaign! The opportunity is open to individuals and organizations between November 16th and December 24th.

Contact [Lt. Matt DeGonia](#) to learn more!



Safe House for Women Needs Sorters!

Volunteers are needed to receive, sort and stock donated items for our thrift shop. This is a great opportunity for a one-day service project for a company or organization.

Contact [Elizabeth Hileman](#) to learn more!

O.A.K.S. Center of Jackson

OLDER ADULTS KEEP SERVING

Jackson Senior Center

Jackson Senior Center Needs Drivers!

The Jackson Senior Center is looking for volunteers to help with meal delivery and dish washing! Volunteers are needed all days of the week for various times.

Contact Janet Hitt at 573-243-4241 to learn more!



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Boy Scouts of America Needs Leaders!

Volunteers are needed to assist with various functions of the Boy Scouts of America organization. Scouting experience is not required.

Contact [Ashley Metelski](#) to learn more!

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