United Way of Central Oklahoma connects people and resources to improve the well-being of those in our community through 140 health and human service programs at 68 locally focused Partner Agencies. United Way focuses on solutions to create a positive impact on our community. We fight tirelessly to provide quality of life for ALL in Central Oklahoma. For the last 100 years, we have partnered with agencies that pioneer change, inspire progress, and shape a brighter future for all. However, we can do none of this without YOU. Your support impacts our community today and for generations to come.

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In 2013, UWCO fundraised a record-breaking total of over $42.2 million following the largest disaster on state record.

In the 1980s, with the needs of an aging population becoming apparent, the portion of United Way funds going to services for senior citizens doubles from 5% to 10%.

In 2020, over 855,000 connections to health & human service resources were made within the United Way Partner Agency network!

In 2022, nearly 10,400 Oklahoma City Public Schools students received mental health education.

With your help, we will provide lasting community impact.

RESEARCHING COMMUNITY NEED
Through United Way’s dedicated research team, we identify emerging community needs and tackle them head on by convening stakeholders and collaborating on solutions.

FINDING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS
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CONNECTING VOLUNTEERS
Join thousands of volunteers across Central Oklahoma changing lives through one of the numerous opportunities available with local nonprofits in our community. Learn more at volunteercentraloklahoma.org

With $700 million in donations raised to help Central Oklahomans to date.
United Way of Central Oklahoma is committed to responsible stewardship and is diligent in keeping our combined administrative and fundraising costs well below the national standard for nonprofit organizations. Our Partner Agencies are held to the same high standard and are reviewed annually by our volunteer-led Community Investment process.

THE PROCESS YOUR DONOR DOLLARS AT WORK

01. RAISING FUNDS
United Way of Central Oklahoma (UWCO) raises funds.

02. REVIEW OF AGENCIES
Community Investment (CI) donor volunteers review agency applications, budgets, audits, performance histories and program outcomes. Then they visit Partner Agencies to see firsthand the use of UWCO funds.

03. DECISION PROCESS
CI volunteers discuss funding proposals for each program. The CI Committee operates within the UWCO’s board of directors to review and balance funding proposals from the volunteers, then submits a final proposal to the UWCO’s board of directors for approval.

04. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS RAISED
Following approval, the funds are distributed among UWCO’s Partner Agencies.

05. FOLLOW-UP
CI volunteers conduct follow-up evaluations through site visits on results achieved.

OUR PARTNER AGENCIES
United Way of Central Oklahoma funds 141 programs at 70 Partner Agencies. These agencies are on the frontline helping residents of our community live healthier, happier lives.

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HELP US LEAD THE WAY
When you give at any of our leadership giving levels, you gain access to exclusive social and business events, networking and educational opportunities and much more. Members of our Leadership Giving Association are United Way’s most generous philanthropic leaders.

Emerging Leaders
Young professionals who donate $500 or more annually.

Women’s Leadership Society
Women philanthropists who donate $2,500 or more annually (combined with spouse).

Tocqueville Society
Donors who invest $10,000 or more in United Way annually.

To get involved, email leadership@unitedwayokc.org.