

# UNITED WAY *WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL*

United Way's long history of success rests in our ability to bring people and organizations together who have the passion, expertise and resources needed to get things done. There is no better example of this than the United Way *Women's Leadership Council* (WLC) which advances the work of United Way in the areas of income, education and health in communities of greatest need.

## **BECOME AN AMBASSADOR IN OUR COMMUNITY**

The mission of the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago WLC is to provide hands-on opportunities for women to address critical social issues facing our region. This women's membership group is committed to the community and to doing what they can to **GIVE, ADVOCATE** and **VOLUNTEER**.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO LIVE UNITED AND JOIN THE *WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL*.**

### **MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Learn from the largest non-profit in the country about key issues impacting the community.
- Collaborate and connect with key business and community leaders through WLC events to solve problems facing the region.
- Receive recognition as a philanthropic leader in metropolitan Chicago.
- Invite your network of friends and colleagues to attend WLC events.
- Lead by donating to United Way at the Leadership Giving level (\$1,000 or more).



As part of LIVE UNITED 2020, the WLC is championing the Young Women's Leadership Charter School (YWLCS) – the only all-girls public school in Chicago. As part of this two year partnership, the WLC will lead a dedicated effort to leverage funding and volunteer resources to support the YWLCS middle school academic intervention program. This support will ensure that the girls of YWLCS are on track to graduate from high school and go on to become our next generation of leaders. To support this partnership, please visit [LIVEUNITEDchicago.org/wlc](http://LIVEUNITEDchicago.org/wlc).

**GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.**  
**LIVE UNITED** 

Join the *Women's Leadership Council* today. Visit [LIVEUNITEDchicago.org/wlc](http://LIVEUNITEDchicago.org/wlc)

# WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL IN ACTION

## >> WAITING FOR "SUPERMAN" SCREENING

WLC hosted a private screening of the documentary, WAITING FOR "SUPERMAN", followed by a spirited panel discussion. WLC members heard legislators, education experts and union representatives present their ideas for what it will take to reform the education system.

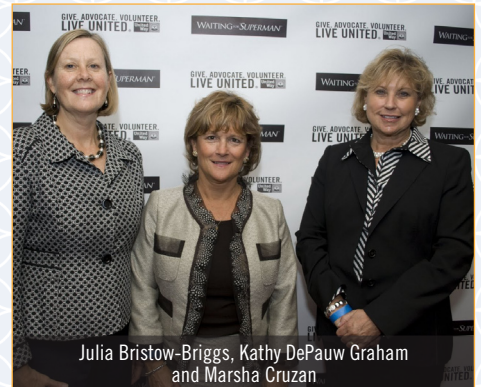
## >> ILLINOIS IS BROKE: The Crisis of the Health and Human Services Sector

WLC members heard from United Way Policy Director, Jack Kaplan, on the crisis facing the health and human services sector. Special guest, Senator Mattie Hunter, spoke about steps WLC members can take to make their collective voice heard. Attendees were given the opportunity to ask critical questions of Senator Hunter and took action following the breakfast by sending letters to state representatives.

## >> WLC ENGAGEMENT EVENT

Ellen Costello, President & CEO, Harris Financial Corp., hosted an intimate gathering at her home for current and prospective WLC members to hear from special guest speaker, Gail Lione, WLC Chair at United Way of Greater Milwaukee (UWGM). WLC members learned about the great successes UWGM's WLC has accomplished in their effort to combat teen pregnancy in the Milwaukee area.

Connect with the *Women's Leadership Council* on LinkedIn  !



Julia Bristow-Briggs, Kathy DePauw Graham and Marsha Cruzan



Dorri McWhorter, Senator Mattie Hunter and Kathleen Ralston



Emilia DiMenco, Debra Jennings-Johnson, Laura Thrall, Ellen Costello and Deb DeHaas

## >> LIVE UNITED 2020 10-YEAR GOALS\*

Almost 2 million people currently reside in our *United Way Partner Communities*, and more than half of them live in poverty. For those in or near poverty, United Way's transformational 10-year commitment will:

**INCOME** Advance economic stability for **100,000** households

**EDUCATION** Help **50,000** underperforming middle school kids enter high school ready to succeed

**HEALTH** Connect over **200,000** people with available, preventative health services

**CRISIS** Across the six-county region, United Way will answer the immediate crisis needs of **1 million** people every year by providing shelter, food and freedom from violence

*\* The LIVE UNITED 2020 goals are derived from current UWMC results, projected reporting over time and research on program capacity.*