

FACT SHEET

Family and Community Economic Success

United Way is a worldwide network in 45 countries and territories, including nearly 1,300 local organizations in the U.S. that advance the common good, creating opportunities for a better life for all. The United Way movement creates long lasting community change by galvanizing and connecting all sectors of society—individuals, businesses, non-profit organizations and governments—to create long-term social change that produces healthy, well-educated and financially stable individuals and families.

United Way of Metropolitan Chicago (UWMC) has undergone a ‘transformation to community impact’ to carefully focus community resources by:

- Investing in three critical issue areas—Income, Health and Education;
- Identifying and developing agency partnerships that are based on ability to affect outcomes in these areas;
- Funding based on competitive bid process, with a focus on those in most need;
- Developing common outcomes and metrics to measure and compare performance; and
- Communicating results across three levers of change—program funding, initiatives, and public policy.

FAST FACTS

- UWMC provides a network of support for Cook, Lake, DuPage, McHenry, Kane and Will Counties
- \$52.5 million raised in 2009
- 257 partner agencies and nearly 500 funded programs
- 324 *Day of Caring* volunteer projects with 6,000 volunteers

COMMUNITY IMPACT 2009

Volunteer projects saved
\$500,000
for UWMC non-profit partners

Over 1,300
businesses partnered
with UWMC

1,120,339
people in communities
resolved immediate crisis

5,000
individuals achieved
financial literacy

113,400
people accessed quality
health care

6,189
children were ready to
succeed in Kindergarten

5,354
unemployed adults found jobs

3,400
youth assisted to achieve their
high school education

OUR GOALS:

- Children enter kindergarten ready to learn; teens graduate from high school
- Families earn, access and manage an adequate income
- Families have access to comprehensive health services

We envision a region where families and communities achieve economic success through a quality education, a stable income and a healthy life.