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This year has seen the culmination of two prior years’ work
to make this organization more agile to address the needs of the community, while reinvigorating volunteerism, advocacy, and partnership. With much more work still to be done, it is refreshing to look back and see how far we’ve come in such a short period of time! In a community flush with charitable organizations that focus on individual community needs, it is important to remember the unique role occupied by our local United Way in monitoring many, many areas of focus to ensure the dollars entrusted to us by our donors are invested in doing the work needed.

More significantly, perhaps, it is essential to remind our- selves that our United Way is a local organization. Nowhere was this more evident than in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael. While several large, national charities were soliciting donations for future relief in the impacted counties from outside of Northwest Florida, our United Way was coordinating volunteers, and collecting and moving resources to our neighbors to the east to begin making a meaningful improvement quickly and in a way that only a local, agile organization could.

The United Way of Okaloosa and Walton Counties fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in every community we serve. But we do not fight alone. By building synergies with other organizations across multiple areas of expertise, we collaborate and focus resources on the biggest challenges, no matter how daunting.

This report will help you see and value the United Way’s work. What you accomplish through investment, volun-teerism, and advocacy makes a resounding impact for the good in Okaloosa and Walton Counties.

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United Way’s Tocqueville Society was created to honor the goodwill and community leadership that inspired Alexis de Tocqueville’s writings more than 175 years ago. Today, the Tocqueville Society is one of the world’s most prestigious institutions for individuals who are passionate about improving peoples’ lives and strengthening communities.

United Way donors who give $10,000 or more annually are members of the Tocqueville Society and are recognized both locally and nationally.

### Leadership Giving

**GOLD**

- $2,000 +
  - Kirsten Alexander
  - Don Bierman
  - Barb & Lou Bonner
  - Marshall Buscemi
  - Rikki Carloni
  - Judy Durham
  - Michael Guidy
  - Charlie Kessler
  - Gordon King
  - Robert Kirla
  - Sherri McDonald
  - Rosemarie Morris
  - Beverly Olson
  - Rick Owen
  - Michael Pelletier
  - Margaret Philips
  - Anthony Whittington

- Tracey Conery
- Leonard Coughlin
- Barbara Covington
- John Cripe
- Aaron Davidson
- David Devos
- Triston Downing
- Terri Duplantis
- Amanda Eldridge
- Michael Elliott
- Herman Everidge
- Rebecca Fields
- Jennifer Fines
- Gail Folsom
- Tabby Fournier
- Danna Franks
- Diane Fraser
- Valerie Gilbert
- Randal Grimmer
- Scarlett Guilliory
- Kenneth Hair
- Elliott Harrison
- William Hartman
- Stephen Haynes
- Brent Haywood
- Nancy Henson
- Jeffrey Hernandez
- Anita Hinton
- Jessica Hodges
- Cindy Holmes
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- Mary Jones
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- Robert Kamm
- Michael Lindholt
- James Lueken
- George Maples
- Thadeus Matthews
- Kim McGill
- Ron Mollteno
- Nezzy Morgan
- Freddie Murr
- Richard Nieaermeyer
- Paul Nabereznny
- Robert Northerner
- Justin Nugent
- Sheltin Carroll
- Wes Cockrell
- Dean Comeau
- Molly Peterson
- Zuleyka Ramos Morales
- Corey Renella
- Paul Rhein
- Casandra Rodriguez
- Margie Sanders
- Bryce Schroeder
- Garrett Senn
- Jesse Senn
- Mark Serafin
- Linda Shiver
- Natalie Shriver
- Ben Skinner
- Ryan Steiner
- Michael Sterner
- Tina Stevenson
- Wayne Thompson
- Alexi Tabbets
- Arielle Turner
- Melissa Ullilus
- Susan Van Buren
- Jennifer Vliet
- Glen Ward
- Joseph Waf
- Jared Wark
- Scottie Wilkinson
- Susan Wilkinson
- Lisa Williams
- Jonna Wilson
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**SILVER**

- $1,500-$1,990
  - Tracy Fister
  - Adam Jett
  - Bernard Johnson
  - Joe Kerns
  - James MacDonell
  - Janne Nepron
  - Jamil Nicholls
  - Martha Noving
  - Henry Quinones
  - Samantha Smith
  - Marshall Springle
  - Chad Sutherland
  - Erica Thomas
  - Donald Widmaier

**BRONZE**

- $1,000-$1,499
  - Maria Abas
  - Kristopher Alabanga
  - Anje Anderson
  - Kelly Anette
  - Gary Auger
  - Michael Borries
  - Melinda Bowers
  - Patrick Brindley
  - Mary Burgess
  - Kathleen Cardenas
  - Shelton Carrell
  - Wes Cockrell
  - John Olson
  - Andrew Ort

**PATRON**

- $750-$999
  - Clarke Barefield
  - Michael Beedle
  - Bruce Bernsten
  - Bradley Butler
  - Kelly Campbell
  - Kathy Cole
  - Cheryl Duty
  - Don Edwards
  - Guy Farmer
  - Howard Fisher
  - Carolyn Folley
  - Suzanne Gaines
  - Frankie Givens
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As my year as chairman closes, I would like to thank all the Public stores and its employees in our two counties for the incredible support it plays in the success of the United Way fulfilling its mission. There are so many other corporations that step up every year, too many to recognize here, but thank you to all that allow us to make presentations to your employees and for your corporate donations. Also, a big thank you to Caralee Gibson for her efforts in chairing this year’s successful campaign.

Finally, I’m excited about the future and direction of the United Way of Okaloosa & Walton Counties. The new grant process worked well in the first year with the organization handing out over $660,000, of which $420,000 was awarded to its agencies. Rick Owen and the outstanding United Way staff are working diligently to make sure the United Way continues to be at the level of volunteerism in our great community. Thank you for your commitment to making the lives of those less fortunate around you better!
Community Ambassadors are volunteers sponsored by their employer to assist in the implementation of the annual United Way Campaign. Coming from all areas of the workforce with the primary responsibility of managing effective workplace campaigns, ambassadors serve as account managers with assigned local businesses and organizations. They work with United Way Staff, the Ambassador committee, community and business leaders, and other volunteers. In this position they make presentations to employee groups, educating them about the issues facing our community and how United Way fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in our community. Ambassadors come away with a keen sense of their ability to make an impact in the community and with honed professional skills to help advance their career. By sponsoring an ambassador, your employee returns with experience in public speaking, project management, goal setting, networking, team building, problem solving, organizing and event planning.

ALICE is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed — households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county (the ALICE Threshold). Combined, the number of ALICE and poverty-level households equals the total population struggling to afford basic needs.

DID YOU KNOW - out of 76,102 households in Okaloosa County, 36% struggle to pay for basic needs such as housing, child care, food, transportation, and health care.

Walton County: 27,207 households—35%

In Florida, statewide, there are 46% of households facing the same financial challenges.

The Household Survival Budget reflects the bare minimum that a household needs to live and work today. It does not include savings for emergencies or future goals like college. 36% of households are struggling and are working hard, but not able to consistently make ends meet every month. This struggle materializes at a rate of $28.51 per hour—what it takes for a family of four in Okaloosa County to survive the associated costs of living.

Florida is one of 18 states that have ALICE reports published. For town and county level ALICE data or to find county-by-county survival and stability budgets for six family sizes, visit: UnitedWayALICE.org/Florida
2-1-1 Florida Panhandle - A resource and referral service and the first place to call when you don’t know where to call. Answered 24 hours / 7 days a week 365 days a year. In 2018, the 2-1-1 operators took calls relating to utility services assistance - 2,003; calls for rent assistance / housing / shelters - 1,816; calls for needing food or meals - 778; health related calls - 310; and substance abuse and mental health calls - 450.

Coats for Kids at Christmas - Community coat drive for children. 2018 Stats - collected and distributed over 2,800 coats for children in Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Eighteen Partner Agencies assisted in distributing coats: Over 100 collection boxes were distributed to local businesses; ResortQuest, a Wyndham Resort cleaned 2,800 coats for children in Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Eighteen Partner Agencies assisted in distributing coats.

Cram the Van - Saturdays in July and August...in 2018, the Okaloosa Public School Foundation and volunteers from 25 Okaloosa District Schools collected school supplies during July. Ten other United Way Partner Agencies collected supplies to assist their clients or local schools. Thanks to our sponsors: Lee Automotive Group, Cumulus Radio, Walmart and Publix.

Days of Caring - September...organized by United Way and is the largest volunteer days of service that provides individuals the opportunity to learn the needs of the community while helping nonprofits, schools and our local parks. The 26th Annual Days of Caring brought together 947 volunteers from 69 companies, who completed 62 projects and donated over 3,600 hours of service: a total value of $84,268 in service for our community.

Familywise - A prescription assistance program which is a longtime partner of United Way, working with nearly 1,000 local United Ways dedicated to helping improve the health and well-being of individuals, families and communities. In 2018, this program helped 8,729 people in Okaloosa County save $231,378. In Walton County, 1,511 people saved $32,509.

ReadingPals connects volunteers with preschoolers to help get ready for kindergarten. Each week, for 25 weeks, a ReadingPals volunteer spends time with preschoolers, reading a book, completing activities and developing skills that children will need for success in school. Children who read at grade level by the fourth grade are four times more likely to graduate from high school.

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive - United Way has partnered with the National Association of Letter Carriers for the past 26 years to organize the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. All collected food items are distributed to our Partner Agencies and local food banks. The food drive is held the second Saturday of May to help replenish our food banks. In 2018, Okaloosa and Walton Counties collected over 96,782 pounds of food and distributed to 23 local food banks.


WOMEN UNITED is a group of diverse, vibrant volunteers who are leading the charge and inspiring change by empowering each other to bring inspired ideas, personal passions, expertise and resources together to get things done - to make a lasting impact in our communities. Our powerful network of women leaders lives united against the most critical issues facing Okaloosa and Walton Counties. We are raising our hands, rolling up our sleeves, and leaving fingerprints on a legacy of change that benefits everyone in the communities we call home.
United Way of Okaloosa & Walton Counties Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Emerald Coast.com is a new volunteer platform which the United Way launched in September 2018 with Days of Caring. It is changing the way United Way of Okaloosa & Walton Counties is volunteering.

Get Connected with the community by either volunteering for one of the many listed volunteer opportunities or if you are a non-profit organization, register and list your organization’s volunteer opportunities.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**AMBASSADOR PROGRAM**—serve as leaders by advocating and supporting United Way’s Workplace Campaign

**COMMUNITY IMPACT COMMITTEE**—participate in the grant award process

**CRAM THE VAN**—ensure that Walton and Okaloosa counties’ students are equipped for school

**DAYS OF CARING**—participate in Okaloosa & Walton counties largest single-day “hands-on” event for volunteers

**MARKETING**—planning and implementation of programs and events

**READINGPALS**—volunteer one-hour a week to read to VPK children

**VITA**—help provide free income tax assistance to hardworking families

**WOMEN UNITED**—join and participate in on-going projects for schools and our community

**LEADING THE CHARGE INSPIRING THE CHANGE**

A group of diverse, vibrant volunteers who are leading the charge and inspiring change by empowering each other to bring inspired ideas, personal passions, expertise and resources together to get things done - to make a lasting impact in our communities.

**WOMEN UNITED COMMITTEE**

Jessica Atkinson—Chair
Shirley McAfee—Co-Chair

Brooke Barron
Kate Dexter
Wanjiku Jackson
Valerie Manley
Precious Neely
Peggy Nehring

Brittnee Orr
Eryn Raborn
Bee Reynolds
Kristin Rochelle
Pamela Walters

Women United
The Community Impact Committee establishes funding priorities and invests resources to fulfill our organization’s Community Impact goals. This committee of volunteers provides direction as to the allocation of resources in the Community Fund, and measures the results of our funded partner activities. During the grant allocation process, the Community Impact Committee ensures that evaluations and funding recommendations are aligned with the organizational strategies, metrics and goals, and the process is open, fair, transparent and equitable.

**Community Impact Committee**

**Chair:** Kim Cox - Beach Community Bank

Susan Ault-Davis, Retired  
Carol Beason, CCB Community Bank  
Shawn Daugherty, Boeing  
Yen Downs, All Rick Insurance Company  
Bernetta Everett, First City Bank  
Cindy Frakes, ERA American Real Estate  
Suzanne Gaines, Retired  
Judie Galatro, Okaloosa Gas District  
Audrey Jacobs, Retired  
Linda Jones, Trustmark

**Jennifer Kraus, Bit Wizards  
Carmen Lundy, Prevention and Victims Services  
Valerie Manley, BEVA Compass  
Susan Ozbirim, Companion Animal Hospital  
Patricia Parker, Trustmark  
Matt Rushing, CHELO  
Anthony Sawyer, 90 Works  
Melanie Sellers, Cadence Bank  
Alonzo Smith, Retired  
Eva Wise, Catholic Charities

**What is a United Way Certified Community Partner?**

A local, 501c(3) organization that has completed and submitted financial and incorporation documents, with a verified administrative rate below 25%, and established to have no affiliation or support for terrorist groups or activities. Further, the mission of these agencies must align with the United Way impact areas of Health, Education, and Financial Stability.

**2018 Certified Community Partners**

| American National Red Cross | Harvest House |
| Alikids | Horizons of Okaloosa County |
| Big Brothers Big Sisters of NWF | Independence for the Blind of West FL |
| Boy Scouts of America | Jobs4u |
| Boys and Girls Clubs - Emerald Coast | Mental Health Assoc. of Okaloosa Walton Counties |
| Bridgewater Center | Northwest Florida Guardian Ad Litem Foundation |
| Catholic Charities of NWF | OASIS |
| Chautauqua Healthcare Services | Okaloosa County Council On Aging |
| Children in Crisis | Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation |
| Children’s Volunteer Health Network | Opportunity Place |
| Crossroads Center | Ronald McDonald House Charities of NWF |
| Early Learning Coalition | Ronda Coo’s Women’s Home |
| Eleanor J. Johnson Youth Center | SAP Synergy |
| Emerald Coast Children’s Advocacy Center | Safe Connections |
| Emerald Coast Science Center | Sharing-Caring |
| Feeding the Gulf Coast | Shelter House |
| Fresh Start for Children and Families | The Salvation Army |
| Habitat for Humanity in Okaloosa County | Walton Okaloosa County Council on Aging |
| | Walton Education Foundation |

**Community Funded Programs**

**Smart Girls Program**

**Boys and Girls Club of the Emerald Coast**

Smart Girls is a prevention education program focused on health, fitness, and self-esteem enhancement for girls ages 8-17 years. Program offers guidance for healthy attitudes and lifestyles, eating right, staying fit, and getting good health care. It also addresses more sensitive topics affecting young girls today: date rape, sexual harassment, and emotional changes girls experience as they develop through their adolescence.

**2-1-1 Program**

**Chautauqua Healthcare Services**

2-1-1 is an easy to remember three-digit telephone number assigned by the Federal Communications Commission for providing quick and easy access to information about health and human services. Available 24 hours – 7 days a week.

**The Hurt Hunger Program**

**Eleanor J. Johnson Youth Center**

Provides hot meals to at-risk youth with access to all five food groups, and the option to try new foods at a no-hunger risk. The program also provides weekly food boxes up to 8 families with an assessed need. Food boxes are distributed on first come first serve basis.

**Operational Transportation Program**

**The Arc of the Emerald Coast**

Provides transportation via a fleet of handicapped accessible vans, within the disabled community that live within our group or assisted living homes. We are the sole provider of transportation and the only access to the resources they need, the care they need, and the outside world.

**Adult and Older Blind Program**

**Independence for the Blind of West Florida**

Provides training and services to Blind and Visually Impaired individuals, so they can live independently, return to a full role in the family, work and community.

**Psychiatric Medication Assistance Program**

**Mental Health Association of Okaloosa Walton Counties**

Provides prescribed mental wellness medication, free of charge. This treatment program is relied upon by clients of Bridgeway Center, Chautauqua Healthcare Services, FWB Medical Psychiatric unit, and indigent persons who must take psychotropic medicines to be productive employees, parents, and citizens. Agency staff are cross-trained to provide this service by phone, to follow documentation procedures, to assist the client in securing the means to pay for medications in the following months, and to work with prescribers to obtain the best affordable medications.

**Home for Dinner Program**

**Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Florida**

Program is vital as it provides healthy meals that enable families to devote time, energy, and resources to their sick children. This program removes parents’ fears of how or when they will feed their family, eases their financial burdens and allows them to re-direct dollars that would have been spent on food, lodging, and gas toward medical bills.

**Prescription Assistance Program**

**Sharing & Caring of Okaloosa County**

Prescription program operates by allowing an all-volunteer staff to interview clients upon arrival. Client financial data, the required prescription/refill bottle is reviewed; medications are checked against lists of free or reduced medicines (all controlled substances are allowed). A printed voucher, valued up to $100, is provided and valid at one of five participating pharmacies to receive medication without delay.