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United Way "Check-off" Aids Local Communities

While you fill out your 2016 Michigan tax return forms, don't forget to "check off" for the United Way Fund. This is a quick way for Michigan residents to use their tax returns to easily donate to the United Way Fund, which was created to help low to moderate income Michigan families with basic needs like food, clothing and shelter.

"The United Way Fund is a check-off option for Michigan tax-payers again this year," explains Lorraine Manary, CEO of Char-Em United Way. "The United Way Fund is an easy way to impact a wide range of community needs with one donation. All of the check-offs from tax-payers in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties will be returned to Char-Em United Way and used to support basic human services in our community."

Tax-payers can indicate if they would like to donate all or part of their Michigan tax returns on Form 4642 of their state income tax return. The funds donated will be returned to the tax-payer's local United Way, based on the zip code of their filing address. Local agencies are looking for over a quarter million dollars of support, and Char-Em United Way will fulfill as much of these requests as possible, but can only do so with your help.

"The funds are earmarked to directly benefit needy families in our community," continues Manary. "The need in Northern Michigan is still great and making a donation to help ease the burden so many are facing has never been easier! This year, be sure to "check off" for the United Way Fund."

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