

United Way of Illinois 21 Week Equity Challenge

UWDMI is joining our United Way colleagues across the state in the **United Way of Illinois 21 Week Equity Challenge**, a program designed to encourage IL residents to engage in racial equity conversations to gain a deeper understand about the impact systemic racism and inequity have on our state and in our local communities.

The challenge is **100% free** to participate in and runs now thru June 19, 2021. You will only spend approximately **15 minutes per week** completing each challenge activity. Learn more on our website, or text 21Week to 41444.



UNITED WAY OF ILLINOIS
EQUITY CHALLENGE

- ✓ Learn about equity and systemic racism
- ✓ Readings, videos and more
- ✓ 15-minute lessons
- ✓ Join with a friend!



COVID-19 Resources

United Way has compiled a list of COVID-19 resources to help those in need. Please share with your friends & family and those you know that might need assistance.

Visit uwdecatur.org/COVID-19, or call **2-1-1 for help**. If you have resources to add to our page, call us at 217-422-8537.

INTRODUCING: Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

We are very excited to bring a new program to our communities: Dolly Parton's Imagination Library!

Each month, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) mails a high quality, age appropriate book to all registered children from birth to age 5, addressed to them, at no cost to the child's family. It's that simple!



UWDMI will enroll children from specific zip codes where DPIL is active and cover the cost of the books and shipping fees. We are still in the planning phase, but are hoping to rollout the program soon. Be on the lookout for more information and consider joining our DPIL news list, where we will share all things DPIL. Subscribe to that news list at www.uwdecatur.org/DPIL.

If you would like to be a part of this program as an individual or a business sponsor, please contact Stan or Ryan at 217-422-8537, or email us at sparks@uwdecatur.org and rhuffer@uwdecatur.org. This is a great sponsorship opportunity to promote and support literacy in our communities!

NEED HELP?
CALL 2-1-1



Welcome & Welcome Back

Welcome to our United Way Board of Directors, Fred, and welcome back to the board, Chris!



**Fred
Lohrstorfer**
*ProEmp &
Associates*



**Chris
Harrison**
*Main Place
Real Estate*

Special Thanks

"What a crazy, unpredictable year it has been for all of us. At least we (UW staff) have the training to do what we do. Our Employee Campaign Leaders (ECLs) this year have been flying somewhat solo, with little to no training. Sure, we did our best to pass along all that we could electronically to assist. We know it isn't the same as having Ryan come in and discuss the work we are doing for our underserved population, or Stan sharing a success story of one of our agency's clients that benefited from your gift. But that didn't stop ECLs from going at it...even ON THEIR OWN.

Ryan and I want to throw out a huge THANK YOU for taking on this task. We cannot do the necessary things we do or fund the programs we do without help from our ECLs and workplace campaigns.

Thank you ECLs for stepping up in this crucial time. It matters...you matter!"
-Stan Parks, Director of Resource Development

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Meeting & Awards - Spring 2021

COVID-19 scratched our plans for the 2020 Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet, but we are planning on holding an event Spring 2021 - either virtual or in-person, if we are allowed and able to be done safely. Our event will be on **Wednesday, May 12**, at the Decatur Club (if in-person event). Mark your calendars and be on the lookout for more information!

United Way - A Solution Provider (Video)

United Way is the trusted organization that solves community problems:

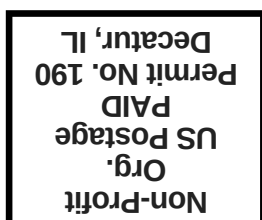
People who need help find the right resources
People who want to help find a purposeful, personal connection to people facing challenges
Companies have a trusted philanthropic adviser and solution provider

We are not just the connector or the middle-man between community and resources; we are the go-to destination for problems to be solved.

Please check out the new video on our Facebook page or Youtube and consider sharing it!

United Way of Decatur & Mid-Illinois: 217.422.8537

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Thank you for your continued support.

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