United Way of Metro Chicago

2022/2023 Year-in-Review

JULY 2022

Campaign Heroes Celebration

» The annual event honored United Way's Top 25 Corporate Partners and welcomed 2022/2023 Campaign Chair Wendell Dallas, President & CEO of Nicor Gas.

SEPTEMBER 2022

9/11 Day of Service

» Hosted by Women United and Young Leaders United, volunteers prepped the gardens and grounds at Catalyst Circle Rock Charter School in our Austin Neighborhood Network.

OCTOBER 2022



Second Cohort of the United Neighborhoods Equity Fund

» Ten small, BIPOC-led organizations were selected to receive a $50,000 unrestricted grant for a two-year period, plus capacity building, support from DePaul University faculty, and networking.

Neighborhood Exchange: Behind the Numbers

» Panelists discussed how inflation and the economy are affecting small businesses and our communities.

NOVEMBER 2022

Young Leaders United Speakers Series

» Curtis Reed of JPMorgan Chase spoke about pathways to success in the banking industry and incorporating diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives in the workplace.



Healthy Lifestyle Hub Opens

» The Greater Auburn Gresham Development Corporation celebrated the grand opening of the Healthy Lifestyle Hub in our Auburn Gresham Neighborhood Network.

Uniting for the Holidays Supports 8 Communities

» Thousands of meals and gifts were distributed to 3,000+ individuals in 8 suburban communities.





DECEMBER 2022

Learning and Development Fall Cohorts Graduate

» Board Leadership Institute and Responsible Business Leaders cohorts completed their programs, preparing them for board service and advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion.

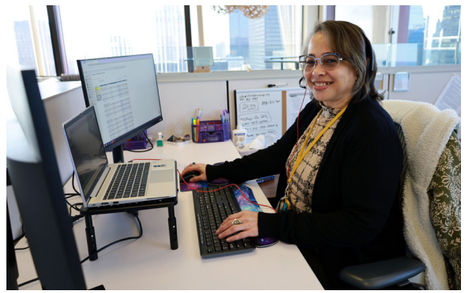
JANUARY 2023

Martin Luther King Jr. Day with Dr. Reuben Jonathan Miller

» 2022 MacArthur Fellow Dr. Reuben Jonathan Miller discussed the systemic injustices of mass incarceration, returning citizens, and a vision forward.

211 Metro Chicago Launches

» In partnership with the City of Chicago and Cook County, this free, confidential helpline is available 24/7/365 for all Cook County residents to connect with health and social service resources.



FEBRUARY 2023

Young Leaders United: Be United Bash

» Young professionals came together at Molson Coors Taproom to network and raise funds for the Neighborhood Network Initiative.

Neighborhood Exchange: The Legacy of Redlining in Chicago

» Panelists shared how historic redlining has shaped the current state of housing and segregation across the Chicago region and what is being done to address the impact.



BUILD Community Center Opens

» Nonprofit partner BUILD celebrated the grand opening of their new youth and community center in our Austin Neighborhood Network.

MARCH 2023

Elgin Neighborhood Network Launches

» The northwest suburb of Elgin became United Way's 14th Neighborhood Network, with a leadership gift from Nicor Gas Foundation.





Women United "Purposeful Transitions" with Angela F. Williams

» The annual breakfast event featured keynote speaker Angela F. Williams, president and CEO of United Way Worldwide.

APRIL 2023

April Food Day Collects 90,000+ Pounds of Food

» The annual food collection event and awards luncheon supported food security for our neighbors in the Southland.



MAY 2023



Aspire Center Breaks Ground

» Austin Coming Together and Westside Health Authority celebrated the groundbreaking of the Aspire Center for Workforce Innovation in our Austin Neighborhood Network.

Neighborhood Exchange: Food Disruptors

» Panelists discussed how local innovators are working to disrupt our inequitable food system and sustainably feed our neighbors.

Learning and Development Spring Cohorts Graduate

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JUNE 2023

Neighborhood Network Expands in the Southland

» In partnership with the Cook County Transforming Places Program and with support from Nicor Gas Foundation, three new Neighborhood Networks were launched in Chicago Heights/Ford Heights, Harvey, and Park Forest/Richton Park.



ITW Day of Action

» ITW hosted their annual staff volunteer day at David Speer Academy in our Austin Neighborhood Network.

Juneteenth Conversation with Dr. Ngozi Ezike

» The first Black woman president and CEO of Sinai Chicago, Dr. Ngozi Ezike shared insight on health equity and how to help close the health care gap for marginalized communities.

TURN Center Ribbon Cutting

» Bright Star Community Outreach celebrated the ribbon cutting of the TURN Center, which will be the home base for wrap-around services in our Greater Bronzeville Neighborhood Network.

Stronger Neighborhoods Awards Honors Patrick G. Ryan and Peoples Gas

» More than $1.2 million was raised at the annual awards luncheon event.



Pride Parade with the Chicago Federation of Labor

» United Way and the Chicago Federation of Labor marched in the Pride Parade, celebrating our vibrant LGBTQ+ community.



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