Q: How many nonprofit agencies does United Way of Metro Chicago fund?
A: (C) We fund 177 of the best-in-class agencies across the region delivering programs in education, financial stability, health and safety.

Q: How many counties does United Way of Metro Chicago serve?
A: 6—Cook, DuPage, Kane, Will, McHenry, Lake

Q: How many Neighborhood Network communities has United Way identified?
A: We have identified 10 Neighborhood Network communities: Auburn Gresham, Austin, Brighton Park, Bronzeville, Cicero, Evanston, Little Village, Robbins/Blue Island, South Chicago and West Chicago.

Q: Can you name one United Way Affinity group?
A: Young Leaders Society; Women’s Leadership Council; United Pride; Leadership Giving Society; Tocqueville Society.

Q: What does United Way do?
A: The simple answer is we fight for the health, education, financial stability and safety of every person in every neighborhood across the region.

Q: What are United Way’s core areas of focus?
A: Education, financial stability, health, and safety (safety net/basic needs).

Q: How many years has United Way of Metro Chicago been serving our local community?
A: (C) More than 80 years—our organization started in 1932 during the Great Depression.

Q: Through our LIVE UNITED 2020 plan, we helped how many under performing middle school students go on for success in high school?
A: (A) More than 60,000.

Q: Children who attend an after school program are how much more likely to graduate from high school?
A: (C) 29%. United Way supports at-risk middle school students with after school enrichment programs to ensure they have the support they need to succeed in school and ultimately graduate.

Q: Who does United Way partner with to bring character education programs to local schools?
A: The Chicago Bears.

Q: What percentage of people are living in poverty in the Chicago metropolitan area?
A: Approximately 13% are living in poverty in the metropolitan area. United Way focuses on connecting people to jobs, building knowledge of personal finance and providing free tax assistance to help people become financially stable.

Q: What is the unemployment rate in Illinois?
A: Roughly 6% compared to 5.0% nationally. United Way works to connect people to quality jobs through job training and skill building programs.

Q: What percentage of Chicago 6th graders are overweight or obese?
A: (C) 49%. United Way focuses on programs that educate youth about healthy behaviors and engage them in physical activity.

Q: What percentage of deaths in Illinois are caused by chronic disease?
A: 7 out of 10 deaths (70%) are caused by chronic disease. United Way focuses on connecting families to health services and regular primary care physicians to reduce chronic disease.

Q: How many people in Cook County are food insecure?
A: 1 in 6 people (more than 800,000) are food insecure meaning they don’t know where their next meal is coming from. United Way helps people in crisis receive assistance in the form of food, shelter and safety.

Q: Approximately how many homeless students are there in Chicago during the school year?
A: (B) 22,000. United Way helps stabilize families who are encountering some of the most critical challenges they will ever face by providing services like housing, disaster recovery, food pantries and domestic violence assistance.