Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.

—ANDREW CARNEGIE

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Three years ago, United Way of Metro Chicago was searching for a structured way to partner with Chicago region residents to lead an effort to galvanize the residents to create long-term change in their neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Network was formed as a region-wide strategic initiative to address local community challenges by driving focused collaboration to achieve lasting change.

The coalitions consist of community stakeholders—residents, schools, nonprofits, government officials, churches, hospitals, and businesses—who identify the challenges that the collective group works toward solving.

The development of the Neighborhood Network can be organized into three phases:

- **Phase 1: Creating Efficiencies**
  This phase involves identifying stakeholders, connecting them and creating alignment among them so that the work can be done more efficiently.

- **Phase 2: Building Systems**
  This phase focuses on building neighborhood systems so that the community can create a shared vision, develop an operating plan and use the locally developed infrastructure to support its activities.

- **Phase 3: Driving Population Change**
  After the coalitions have connected stakeholders and built systems, they can put their plans into operation, which allows them to create population change.

This type of community development work is complex and requires organizing the community in new ways. Similar to building high functioning teams in a for-profit environment, this work is complex and layered. Today, all of our networks fall into one of three phases (see side bar).

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THE STATE OF CHICAGO COMMUNITIES

Too many individuals in our region do not have the resources to meet their most basic needs. A slow recovery from the recession, a state budget impasse, high unemployment and a shortage of affordable housing all contribute to people struggling for stability.

The growth and development of the entire region is at risk when the residents in our neighborhoods are facing such extreme challenges.

EDUCATION

- 17% of Cook County students drop out of high school
- 13% of 9th graders are not on track for success in high school

INCOME

- The poverty rate averages 33% in United Way partner communities
- 135,006 households in Chicago lack checking or savings account

HEALTH

- 49% of Chicago 6th graders are overweight or obese
- 20% of Illinoisans do not have a primary care doctor or medical home

BASIC NEEDS

- In Cook and DuPage Counties, more than 850,000 residents don’t know where their next meal is coming from
- In Cook and DuPage Counties, 400,000 people have experienced domestic violence
- More than 29,000 school children are homeless in Cook and DuPage counties
STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS ARE SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

- The Chicago region is troubled with high rates of violence, failing schools, high unemployment and lack of access to quality healthcare.
- Research has shown that poverty, lack of jobs or inadequate access to basic services, such as health, education, security and justice, can all be linked to higher rates of violence in a neighborhood.
- United Way of Metro Chicago’s upstream investment strategy around safety, income, education and health is a long-term approach that addresses the root causes of conflict.
- Stabilizing neighborhoods with coordinated strategies and technical assistance drives community cohesion and resilience and helps residents manage tensions without resorting to violence.
WHAT IS COLLECTIVE IMPACT?

Collective impact is a new and innovative way of solving old problems. United Way Neighborhood Networks, grounded in the collective impact model, break down siloed systems and practices in order to achieve more efficient and effective impact in communities.

- Collective impact is a disciplined effort to bring together dozens or even hundreds of organizations of all types to establish a common agenda, also known as a **Bold Goal**.
- United Way identified, partnered and funded the best-in-class social service agencies that have the capacity to drive real change.
- With this network, United Way of Metro Chicago can deliver services efficiently and effectively; and is the only organization that has the network, expertise and scale to address these neighborhoods’ most pressing issues.

**United Way of Metro Chicago’s Role as a Backbone Organization**

- Coordinates, participates and creates a “toolkit” for communities
- Creates shared planning and measurement platforms
- Brings a region-wide, community-wide lens to inform planning and actions
- Works in partnership with community leaders
- Provides best practice training, capacity building, leadership development and networking for community leaders
- Enables access to corporate resources (in-kind, technical assistance, volunteers)
- Provides long-term sustainable funding

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### NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK CRITERIA

United Way of Metro Chicago implemented the United Way Neighborhood Network Initiative in 10 communities across the Chicago region, including Brighton Park, West Chicago, Evanston, Austin, Little Village, Bronzeville, Blue Island/Robbins, Auburn-Gresham, Cicero and South Chicago. Neighborhood Network communities were selected based on:

- The level of need in the areas of education, income, and health
- The community’s infrastructure based on the number of United Way-funded partners and number of partners already collaborating on specific issues within the community and their commitment to effectively leverage United Way’s investment to achieve a bold goal

### COHORT DEVELOPMENT STAGES

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After adopting a charter and creating an infrastructure to support the work of the coalition, the Brighton Park network has seen an increase in parents and residents taking an active role in their neighborhood and convening large groups of people to address neighborhood issues.

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Network (BPNN) is developing a continuum of supports and programs for 1st through 12th grade students that impact their academic performance and positively change their trajectory to include post-secondary goals. They are currently engaging 567 students in support programs.

**LEAD AGENCY**
Brighton Park Neighborhood Council

**COMMON AGENDA**
Brighton Park working together for healthy families, strong schools and a safe and thriving community

**BOLD GOAL** Increase the graduation rate at Kelly High School to 90%

*Bold Goal Progress* 2017 graduation rate was 79.2%, up from 67.9% in 2013

**PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS**

- 50 parent mentors recruited, screened, trained and placed in classrooms
  - 56 classrooms with parent mentors
  - 1400 students in classrooms with parent mentors
- School-based health program engaged over 200 parents at five schools in nutrition workshops, cooking demos, grocery tours and exercise classes to improve understanding of health and wellness
- Leaders of Tomorrow violence prevention program provided case management to 93 students ages 13-19, yielding a 69% decrease in school disciplinary incidents, better interactions with police and participation in summer employment and education
- Five full-time counselors placed in 6 BPNN schools, with additional mental health services in the community for uninsured adults
- Mental health referral system implemented currently tracking 726 referrals between partners

**STRONG COMMUNITIES INDICATORS**

2017 free tax site completed 722 returns that totaled $1,305,048 in federal returns and $106,345 in state returns

**Freshmen on track** to graduate up to 76.4% in SY17 from 73.2% in SY15

- 250 people improved their health habits by consuming the recommended amount of fruits and vegetables on a daily basis
- 289 people were newly enrolled in health insurance
- 225 people improved their financial position, including improving credit score or reducing debt
- 86% of parents/guardians engaged in their child’s learning

**LEVERAGE AND SUPPORT**

- 4 volunteer opportunities
- 691 volunteers
- 385 volunteer hours
- $435,000 raised in additional collaborative funding

“...it’s exciting having these very bold and goals and knowing that they are really transformative.”
WEST CHICAGO (COHORT 1)

WeGo Together for Kids implemented a Results Based Accountability process. The team now structures meetings around “Turn the Curve” thinking designed to ensure that all activities drive toward impact. They also created a map of community assets, which showcases community resources and is used to engage partners and volunteers.

LEAD AGENCY
WeGo Together for Kids

COMMON AGENDA
To support and enhance the health, safety and well-being of children and families through a collaborative, coordinated and comprehensive approach for West Chicago schools and community

BOLD GOAL
By 2025, 90% of West Chicago District 33 students will meet projected growth rates in reading and math as demonstrated by NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test (4772 individuals served by goal)

Bold Goal Progress
Fall 2016–Spring 2017: Increased from 47% (2016) to 50.5% (2017)

BOLD GOAL
By 2025, the obesity rate for West Chicago District 33 kindergarten and 6th grade students and Community High School District 94 9th grade students will be reduced by 6.37%

Bold Goal Progress
WeGo Together for Kids established a baseline of 46.3% of students being overweight or obese and is working with the DuPage County Health Department to track data annually.

PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS
➤ Community school coordinator worked with ESL providers to increase effectiveness and availability of classes, resulting in the highest test scores in the history of the program
➤ A collaborative working group of school and organizational partners developed a set of shared intake questions to identify ways to best support families in addressing barriers to family and student success
➤ Created a data platform to accurately capture participation in community events

STRONG COMMUNITIES INDICATORS

Financial literacy programs, including free tax preparation, financial literacy classes and credit counseling, attended by 500 people and generated $809,487 in federal and state refunds in 2017.

120 households accessed the community market each month and approximately 195,000 pounds of food were distributed in 2017.

Community mental health clinicians provided services to students and their families 1,111 times, including individual and family sessions, case management, parenting education, group sessions and crisis interventions.

LEVERAGE AND SUPPORT

1 volunteer opportunity
12 volunteers
36 volunteer hours

“...collective impact can work if you build these layers: relationships, possibility, opportunity, action”
The Network has adopted a new membership structure for partners and are piloting an online referral and communication platform to connect network clients to services. This has been effective in connecting low-income children to early education opportunities.

**LEAD AGENCY**
Austin Coming Together

**COMMON AGENDA**
Expand access to early learning programs, create safe community spaces for families and support economic stability and success for parents and guardians in order to prepare children for success in 3rd grade and beyond.

**BOLD GOAL**
By 2025, Austin Coming Together members will provide high-quality early learning opportunities to 3,900 low-income children living in the Austin community

**Bold Goal Progress**
Connected 827 children to early learning programs

**BOLD GOAL**
By 2025, Austin Coming Together members will assist 2,775 Austin residents attain and retain living wage work

**Bold Goal Progress**
124 residents have been placed in jobs

“....it keeps me going to know that the work I do every day is helping redefine this community”

**PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS**
- The Austin Neighborhood Network worked with Truman College to bring associates degree courses to Austin so childcare providers can earn degrees and increase their credential levels.
- Hosted 5th annual Early Childhood Symposium, providing 64 childcare providers with five hours of approved professional development.
- 15 child care providers increased their Early Childhood Education Credentials.
- Held three community planning summits, each attended by over 125 people.
- Created a referral tracking system for workforce development partners.
- Network finalized its new membership structure and partner commitments.
- 10 Network members participated in Social Labs training, learning how to prototype and test projects to improve the community.

**LEVERAGE AND SUPPORT**
- 4 volunteer opportunities
- 524 volunteers
- 636 volunteer hours
- $27,000 raised in additional collaborative funding.
Evanston Cradle to Career (EC2C) developed a community granting process to support collaborative programming among partners. Using United Way funding, EC2C allocated funding to joint efforts related to the Bold Goal, including coordination among home visiting providers, a fatherhood initiative, mental health services for families and equity training.

**LEAD AGENCY**
Evanston Cradle to Career (EC2C)

**COMMON AGENDA** By the age of 23, all Evanston young adults will be on the path to leading happy, healthy, productive and satisfying lives.

**BOLD GOAL** Increase kindergarten readiness to 85% while significantly increasing racial and ethnic parity for African-American and Latinx children

**Bold Goal Progress** Increased to 57.8% in 2017, up from 54% in 2016

**PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS**
- EC2C, School District 65, the Evanston Park District and partner nonprofits approved automatic program scholarships for children who qualify for free or reduced school lunch
- Expanded “Talk, Read, Sing” parent initiative to additional partners, including healthcare providers, reaching 150 parents
- Established EC2C Employers Advisory Council to align student preparation with local employer needs
- Offered two workshops on providing trauma-informed care to counselors and clinicians
- Created Advocates for Action, offering leadership training and stipends to community participants
- Hosted Beyond Diversity and SEED equity trainings for over 100 individuals, including program staff, board members, public servants and community members

“...We need to stop blaming victims and start changing the system.”

LEVERAGE AND SUPPORT

45 actively participating agencies in 8 working groups

3 volunteer opportunities
The Little Village Neighborhood Network successfully launched a parent leadership training program focused on social emotional learning. The program featured professional development, the opportunity to train other parents at neighborhood schools and access to employment opportunities at Network organizations.

**LEAD AGENCY** Latinos Progresando

**COMMON AGENDA** To support the health and well-being of residents in Marshall Square, with an emphasis on developing community resiliency.

**BOLD GOAL** To increase the percentage of healthy weight Marshall Square students in kindergarten, 6th and 9th grade from 51% to 60%

**Bold Goal Progress** Baseline data has been collected and assessed by the Health Committee

“...love from the community brought us together”

**PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS**

- Held inaugural Marshall Square Education Summit, which was attended by over 100 people and offered bilingual workshops on social emotional learning, STEM, immigration, conflict resolution and wellness
- Adopted the Coordinated Community Response framework to improve responsiveness to domestic violence incidents
- Held 4th Annual Peace March
- Launched community garden at Hammond Elementary
- Held two trauma-informed trainings with Illinois ACEs Response Collaborative
- Latinos Progresando and Network partners/Consulate General of Mexico co-hosted immigration forum for CPS afterschool coordinators and assistant principals with Consulate General of Mexico

**LEVERAGE AND SUPPORT**

- 33 actively participating agencies
- 1 volunteer events
- 45 volunteers
- 135 volunteer hours

$27,000 raised in additional collaborative funding for social emotional learning and trauma activities and the expansion of green space
A new coalition that has just completed the planning phase, the Auburn Gresham Neighborhood Network has secured commitments from all five elementary school principals to work toward the Network’s Bold Goal, which is to strengthen the long-term outcomes of students by improving their literacy levels by 3rd grade.

**LEAD AGENCY**
Greater Auburn Gresham Development Corporation

**COMMON AGENDA**
Improve the overall culture and climate of Auburn Gresham’s five community schools, engage parents and strengthen community partnerships.

**BOLD GOAL**
Achieve 80% of PreK-3rd grade students reading at or above grade level by 2027

**Bold Goal Progress** 38% of students reading at or above grade level, up from 37%, which was the baseline established in June of 2017.

**PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS**
- Designed a strategy to create a network of teachers across five schools to lead best practice reading efforts
- Resource coordinators have been hired for all five schools and are working to connect families to opportunities
- Student attendance has improved at partner schools
- Developing a data dashboard to assess impact of reading interventions
- The Auburn Gresham Network staff presented at a national Collective Impact conference

**LEVERAGE AND SUPPORT**

- Launched Siemer Institute initiative to support consistent education for homeless children and support for their parents
- Received a $75,000 grant: Chicago Teacher Education Pipeline, which supports bringing high quality, culturally responsive teachers to Auburn Gresham GOLD schools
- Received a $100,000 grant: Supports school-based health center and satellite center at Cook Elementary

“The depth of commitment...it’s different than past collaborations and it is really exciting”

12 actively participating agencies
A new coalition that has completed the planning phase and recruited 37 stakeholders to participate in the network, Blue Island/Robbins has created new partnerships with local, low-cost food providers, such as the Greater Chicago Food Depository, and have already opened two food pantries in the area with plans for more. As they start their first year of implementation, they are looking to identify food insecure families and develop a plan to alleviate this issue.

**LEAD AGENCY** Metropolitan Family Services

**COMMON AGENDA** Blue Island and Robbins will become financially, mentally and physically healthy communities.

**BOLD GOAL** Reduce food insecurity for 15% of families served by the Blue Island/Robbins Neighborhood Network by 2027

"It’s amazing to see such a pool of power and strength, wisdom and kindness at one table. All working together towards a common goal to help better the community that I live in and love dearly."

**PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS**

- Partnered with the Greater Chicago Food Depository to open two food pantries in Blue Island, with plans for additional pantries in Robbins and summer meal sites.
- The Healthy Lifestyles committee has partnered with area non-profit Top Box Foods to provide low cost, healthy food options to residents in the region. Through this partnership, the BIRNN has distributed hundreds of boxes and thousands of pounds of food. This program will expand and include health clinics who will be able to write prescriptions for boxes of food to patients who screen as food insecure.
- Partnered with a local artist to create a school mural with students
- Hosted a Health Resource Fair where they provided 100 free vegetable boxes to attendees
- Offered an emotional wellness series aimed at increasing awareness of mental health across the life span

**LEVERAGE AND SUPPORT**

11 actively participating agencies
37 engaged stakeholders
A new coalition has just completed the planning phase and is working to engage new partners. They have created a youth committee to support Network outreach. They have also formalized a structure that integrates youth violence prevention, workforce development and mental health programs into the TURN Center (a trauma-informed care center in Bronzeville).

**LEAD AGENCY**
Bright Star Community Outreach

**COMMON AGENDA**
To reduce poverty and violence by enhancing employment and career opportunities, providing trauma-informed family services and improving access to behavioral and mental health care in the greater Bronzeville community.

**LEVERAGE AND SUPPORT**

- 10 actively participating agencies
- 2 volunteer events
- 32 volunteers
- 411 volunteer hours

**BOLD GOAL**
The Greater Bronzeville Neighborhood Network will provide 5,000 Greater Bronzeville residents, ages 16–55, with jobs by year 2027, contributing to household sustainability.

**PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS**
- Recruited 10 agencies to participate
- Launched Access United, an employment program created to connect job-seekers in underserved communities with a roadmap to union apprenticeships
- Created a Network handbook for new partners
- Convened data committee to establish collection process and tracking procedures
The Cicero Community Collaborative completed a planning phase that included input from 700 community residents. Since then, they have successfully restructured and expanded to better support work toward their Bold Goal. A community breakfast attended by over 100 people showcased the new committees and priorities.

**LEAD AGENCY**
Cicero Youth Task Force

**BOLD GOAL** By 2027, 10,000 Cicero children and youth will achieve academic and developmental milestones

**COMMON AGENDA** Expand access to early learning programs, create safe community spaces for families, and support economic stability and success for parents and guardians in order to prepare children for success in 3rd grade and beyond.

**LEVERAGE AND SUPPORT**
- 23 actively participating agencies

**PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS**
- Hired and trained nine parent ambassadors for the Early Childhood Committee, with plans for recruiting an additional 20 parents
- Five CCC members participated in the University of Notre Dame’s Non-Profit Certificate Education program
- Built collaborative relationships with local school districts
- Held two education forums, reaching over 100 community members and school officials.
- 170 referrals were made for early childhood services
- 136 Cicero Police Department officers and 10 command staff received trauma-informed ACEs training, with plans to extend training to school social workers and security staff
SOUTH CHICAGO (COHORT 3)

The South Chicago Neighborhood Network reexamined and refined their Bold Goal using Results Based Accountability framework and recruited and engaged 15 partner agencies.

**LEAD AGENCY**  Claretian Associates

**COMMON AGENDA**
South Chicago will become a trauma-informed/trauma-sensitive community dedicated to supporting a culture of care for those who have been impacted by violence.

**BOLD GOAL**
By 2020, South Chicago will engage youth ages 8-26 to improve the safety of the community by reducing assault, battery, criminal sexual assault and homicide each by 5%

**PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS**
- Offered ACEs training to 177 Chicago Public School teachers and safe passage workers
- Hosted Café Talk sessions to discuss trauma in the community
- Held First Responders training to teach residents how to provide help and support until police and paramedics arrive after incidents of violence
- 371 people participated in trauma-informed trainings and events
- 228 people increased their awareness of trauma-informed practices

**LEVERAGE AND SUPPORT**
15 actively participating agencies
UNITED WAY NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK
OUTCOME INDICATORS

United Way of Metro Chicago has drafted the following indicators to measure individual and community-level change in the Neighborhood Networks, as well as capture United Way’s investments in programs and capacity building to support systems change.

**EDUCATION**
Students graduate from high school prepared for college and career training

**Individual Client Outcomes**

*Long-Term*
- #/% of students graduating from high school in 4 years

*Interim*
- #/% of children ages 3 to 5 enrolled in early childhood education
- #/% 3rd graders meeting or exceeding standards on the PARCC English Language Arts assessment
- #/% 9th grade students on track to graduate
- #/% parents/guardians engaged their child’s learning

**Community Outcomes**

- #/% students graduating from high school in 4 years
- #/% of kindergartners prepared for school
- Improvement in service coordination between Neighborhood Network partner schools/organizations to support at-risk students

**HEALTH**
Individuals improve their overall health

**Individual Client Outcomes**

*Long-Term*
- #/% of adults who report their health has improved
- #/% people rating their health as very good or excellent
- #/% of working-age adults currently covered by health insurance
- #/% of adults with a personal doctor or health care provider
- #/% youth adopting healthy eating and physical activity behaviors

**Community Outcomes**

- #/% of adults with improved health
- Prevalence of preventable disease mortality
- Cancer
- Stroke
- Diabetes-related
- Improvement in preventive care coordination between Neighborhood Network partner organizations, hospitals, and schools
Individual Client Outcomes

Long-Term

➢ #/% of households at or above 200% of the federal poverty level

Interim

➢ #/% of employment goals of working-age individuals met among people for whom the indicator is a goal:
  • #/% completed adult basic education
  • #/% completed skills training
  • #/% attained a credential
  • #/% with a job
  • #/% increased take home pay
  • #/% with better benefits and job skilling
  • #/% with access to childcare or transportation

➢ #/% of financial empowerment goals met among people for whom the indicator is a goal:
  • #/% established a safe line of credit, starting a credit history
  • #/% improved credit score
  • #/% reduced debt
  • #/% increased savings
  • #/% opened a bank account
  • #/% tax preparation providers
  • #/% establishing a retirement account
  • #/% saved a portion of earned income tax credit
  • $ tax returns/EITC

Community Outcomes

➢ #/% of families at or above 200% of the federal poverty level

➢ #/% of the labor force employed

➢ Improvement in service coordination and job placement pipeline between Neighborhood Network partner organizations and employers

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COLLECTIVE IMPACT

United Way of Metro Chicago and Neighborhood Network partners align resources and activities to create system changes

United Way Activities & Investments

➢ dollars invested

➢ # volunteer hours

➢ # and $ of in-kind donations

➢ # capacity building sessions offered (community engagement strategy, data training, Collective Impact development, program development)

➢ # United Way-led convenings

Neighborhood Network Coalition Activities

Coalition Structure

➢ # agencies actively participating

➢ # issue area working groups

➢ # and type of stakeholders engaged (CBOs, schools, elected officials, businesses, other community institutions)

Systems Improvement

➢ # organizations offering joint or complementary programming

➢ # programs developed/expanded to provide quality opportunities and environments

Resource Development

➢ # coalition-wide or multi-partner grants received

➢ dollars leveraged by coalition partners for joint work
NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORKS DEVELOPMENT

WEST CHICAGO
- 58 partners
- 5 working groups
- 14 community meetings and events
- 1 capacity building workshops

AUSTIN
- 20 partners
- 2 working groups
- 29 community meetings and events
- 2 capacity building workshops

EVANSTON
- 45 partners
- 8 working groups
- 36 community meetings and events
- 14 capacity building workshops

LITTLE VILLAGE
- 36 partners
- 8 working groups
- 18 community meetings and events
- 10 capacity building workshops

CICERO
- 25 partners
- 7 working groups
- 41 community meetings and events
- 1 capacity building workshop

BRIGHTON PARK
- 34 partners
- 4 working groups
- 10 community meetings and events
- 1 capacity building workshop

BRONZEVILLE
- 12 partners
- 5 working groups
- 2 community meetings

SOUTH CHICAGO
- 21 partners
- 4 working groups
- 5 community meetings and events
- 8 capacity building workshops

BLUE ISLAND/ROBBINS
- 35 partners
- 3 working groups
- 4 community meetings and events

AUBURN GRESHAM
- 25 partners
- 3 working groups
- 34 community meetings and events
- 8 capacity building workshops
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THE WHITEHEAD FOUNDATION

In Memory of John C. Whitehead (1922–2015) and his mother, Winifred Kaufmann Whitehead (1897–1976), both born in Evanston.
United Way of Metro Chicago invests in basic needs support—food, shelter and safety from violence or abuse—for the whole region; focuses on proven strategies in education, financial stability and health in 60 high-need communities; and coordinates community action toward common goals in United Way Neighborhood Networks, improving individual lives, neighborhoods and our entire region.

**KEY:**
- Basic Needs support across our six-county region (Cook, DuPage, Will, Kane, Lake and McHenry counties)
- Education, financial stability and health in 60 partner communities
- United Way of Metro Chicago Neighborhood Network communities