



United Way of Metro Chicago's Young Leaders United (YLU) is a group of **caring and committed young professionals on a mission to encourage philanthropy and volunteerism among their peers.** YLU members are typically under 40 years old and engage in a wide variety of volunteer projects, networking conversations and social events. Whether you live or work downtown or in the suburbs, you can join YLU members making a lasting difference for individuals, families and neighborhoods.

YOUNG LEADERS UNITED MEMBERS SUPPORT UNITED WAY BY GIVING \$250 OR MORE ANNUALLY.

Make an Impact with United Way of Metro Chicago

We work with the top business, community, philanthropic and civic leaders across the region and invest in the most effective nonprofit agencies to improve the lives of millions of children and families.

LEAD THE WAY.



EDUCATION

Ensure middle school students enter high school on track to graduate.



HEALTH

Help connect people to preventive health services.



FINANCIAL STABILITY

Create economically stable households through employment training and financial literacy education.



SAFETY NET

Meet the needs of approximately 1 million people each year through food, shelter and safety from violence.

The United Way Difference

We leverage expertise, connections and resources to transform the lives of individuals, families and entire neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Network is a regionwide strategic initiative to address local community challenges by driving focused collaboration to achieve lasting change. These coalitions in 10 Chicago-region neighborhoods consist of community stakeholders who identify the challenges that the collective group works toward solving.

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United Way of Metro Chicago

350 MEMBERS.
300 COMPANIES.
500 VOLUNTEER HOURS.

MORE THAN
\$550,000 RAISED.*



*United Way of Metro Chicago FY18 results

Why should you join Young Leaders United?

Join YLU and help build a stronger Chicago region.

We are a group of motivated, like-minded individuals on a mission to fight for the health, education, financial stability and safety of every person in every neighborhood. Members have fun rolling up their sleeves, taking on community projects, gathering socially, and throwing our largest fundraiser IGNITE, all to support individuals and families in at-risk communities.

What We Do

YLU doesn't just provide quick and simple community fixes—we create lasting change in the community through skills-based volunteering and mentorship. We don't just talk about solutions, we fight for them and raise funds to support them.

ENGAGEMENT

Engagement is what you make it. We have monthly CEO Chats and social gatherings. YLU also participates in a seasonal sports recreation league competing against other charitable organizations to win funds for United Way.

Benefits

This group of top professionals addresses the immediate needs of the community, networks with Chicago's "Who's Who" and holds exclusive events for members to develop—both personally AND professionally!

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

\$250-\$499

- Access to volunteer projects
- Exclusive networking events
- Engage with C-Suite and community leaders

PREMIER MEMBERSHIP

\$500+

- Access to all YLU events, plus exclusive invites to CEO Chats and a VIP Cocktail Hour at our annual fundraiser, IGNITE

VOLUNTEERISM

Our members get out into the community to paint schools, clean and organize agencies, help people prepare for job interviews and so much more to address the needs of Chicago-area residents.

FUNDRAISING

Membership fees support United Way's Stronger Neighborhoods Community Impact Plan. All proceeds from our annual fundraiser, IGNITE, go to United Way's AmeriCorps program. At IGNITE 2018, YLU raised close to \$100,000!

“IT'S THE VALUES YOU DISPLAY IN YOUR LIFE THAT WILL INSPIRE OTHERS TO FOLLOW,”

—DAVID SPEER, CEO, ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC. (1951-2012)

Want to Know More?

Excited to join the group that is helping United Way of Metro Chicago unleash the potential of greater Chicago...neighborhood by neighborhood?

To learn more about how to get involved, visit us online at LIVEUNITEDchicago.org/YoungLeadersUnited or email YoungLeadersUnited@uw-mc.org. In addition to membership, ask about joining a YLU committee or small-group outings. There are plenty of opportunities to engagewith the community and young professionals!

THE NEXT GENERATION OF
COMMITTED PHILANTHROPIC LEADERS.