As an integral part of United Way, Women United fights for the health, education, financial stability and safety of every person in every neighborhood. The Chicago chapter of Women United is a group of philanthropic leaders dedicated to finding long term solutions to our region’s most complex challenges. We give, advocate, volunteer and network together because lasting change is possible when a diverse and organized group works towards a common goal.

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.

The United Way Difference

We leverage expertise, connections and resources to transform the lives of individuals, families and entire neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Network initiative is our regionwide strategic plan 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.

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

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

HEALTH
Help connect people to preventive health services.

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

WOMEN UNITED MEMBERS
Support United Way by giving at the leadership level of $1,000 or more annually.
Why should you join Women United?

We need your help to improve lives throughout our city and suburbs. Women United is a group of dynamic women leaders who contribute personal passions and unique strengths to the mission of building stronger neighborhoods in the city and the suburbs. Members make a difference through volunteer opportunities and have the chance to meet others who share an interest in supporting local communities.

What We Do

We ignite change. In each community we serve, we tackle the issues that matter most to the people who call it home. We empower each other to leverage our ideas, expertise and resources to transform the very conditions in which people live.

Want to Know More?

Excited to help United Way of Metro Chicago unleash the potential of greater Chicago... neighborhood by neighborhood? Visit us online at LIVEUNITEDchicago.org/WomenUnited or email us at WomenUnited@uw-mc.org to join or learn more about our work. Know others who might be interested? Host a Women United informational session to bring together current and potential members so they can learn about how Women United supports United Way’s mission.

Benefits

Women United members, as part of United Way, have unparalleled resources to make lasting local changes with a global reach, positively impacting our region while also being part of the bigger picture and broader cause. We connect and collaborate with Chicago’s top business and community leaders, allowing members to grow—personally AND professionally!

ENGAGEMENT
We connect with other extraordinary women leaders at social and networking events, held throughout the year.

VOLUNTEERISM
We volunteer in Chicago-area communities, in a variety of ways and based on the needs of community residents.

FUNDRAISING
We make United Way’s impact possible with annual giving and fundraising events that grow resources and raise awareness.

LEADING THE CHARGE, INSPIRING THE CHANGE.

“DON’T JUST STAND FOR THE SUCCESS OF OTHER WOMEN—INSIST ON IT”

—GAIL BLANKE, PRESIDENT AND CEO, LIFEDESIGNS

*Amount raised by Women United groups globally.