



UNITED WAY
South Central Michigan

UNITED IS THE WAY

Strengthening our
community together



WHO WE ARE

Our Vision

We strive for **strong, caring communities** where every person is valued, thriving, and connected for the common good.

Our Mission

To achieve this, we bring together the **people, ideas and resources** to lead alongside our communities and create a flourishing, equitable life for everyone.



Our Values

- Equity
- Integrity
- Collaboration
- Community
- Compassion
- Results

More than a funder

OUR ROLE

United Way does what no single organization could do alone.

We are a convener. We help people facing financial hardship by connecting people to resources, investing in and leading critical programs, advocating for policy change and more, so that community members have every opportunity to thrive.



INTRODUCING ALICE

ALICE stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed.

In other words, these are hard-working members of our community who live above the Federal Poverty Level, but don't earn enough to make ends meet. And still, they struggle to afford household essentials like utilities, childcare, medical bills, transportation.

In Our Capital Area

14% of households
are in poverty

30% of households
are ALICE

SUPPORTING CAPITAL AREA

Programs
Funded Partners



VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

Our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) is an IRS-sponsored program that provides free tax preparation services to households making under \$67k annually. UWSCMI staff and certified volunteers help taxpayers file their federal and state tax returns accurately and ensure they claim all eligible credits. The program aims to make tax filing accessible and prevent taxpayers from paying high fees for commercial tax preparation services.



CAPITAL AREA COLLEGE ACCESS NETWORK

Capital Area College Access Network (CAPCAN) is a community collaborative focused on making the completion of post-secondary education an achievable reality for all residents of the capital area. Their community fosters high educational aspirations and will align our institutions and resources to advance that vision. Their mission is to increase college and career readiness, participation, and completion.



2-1-1

Need food for your family? Struggling to keep up with housing costs? Need help for an aging parent, childcare or after-school program? Our 2-1-1 call center representatives can connect callers with resources for almost any non-emergency need.



FUNDED PARTNERS

- Advent House Ministries
- Boys and Girls Club of Lansing
- Child and Family Charities
- Fledge Foundation, LLC
- Housing Services of Mid-Michigan
- Ingham Great Start Collaborative
- Impression 5
- Islamic Society of Greater Lansing
- Refugee Development Center
- SJ Call-In Coalition
- Small Talk Children's Advocacy
- The Power of We Consortium
- True Service Inc.



FUNDED PARTNERS

- Care Free Medical
- CASA For Kids
- Child and Family Charities
- Dap Services and Resources
- Habitat for Humanity Capital Region
- Haven House
- KCS Angels
- Legal Services South Central Michigan
- Refugee Development Center
- The Davies Project for Mid-Michigan Children





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