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United we help

Thanks to you, United Way helps thousands of people in central Ohio. Let’s do it again. United Way’s work is now organized by four areas of impact: Education, Income, Health and Home. CEA is now beginning its annual campaign to collect for this vital community agency. Faculty representatives and principals will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 6, at the Arts Impact Middle School to learn how to run an effective and successful campaign.

United Way is addressing critical needs. For instance, Franklin County, Ohio, has an urgent need for childcare. Full-time care is available to only 59 percent of children ages 0–5 whose parents work. We all know that children in high-quality early care and education settings demonstrate greater language development, mathematical ability, thinking and attention skills and fewer behavior problems in kindergarten than children in lower quality settings.

Last year, more than one-third of Ohio’s kindergarteners arrived on their very first day of school not prepared to succeed as learners, increasing the need for intervention and the risk of not graduating from high school. Almost half of America’s kindergarteners are behind—those from low-wage households by two years.

Let’s provide the power to attack these needs. When you receive your pledge form, give generously. Give United. Live United. For more information about United Way, surf to www.livedunitedcentralohio.org/site/

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Special notes

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