United Way of Elgin merged with United Way of Metro Chicago on July 1, 2019, to ensure United Way could effectively support Elgin and the Elgin-area communities of South Elgin, Hampshire, Burlington, Pingree Grove, and La Fox and their residents in the future.

Building a **Stronger, More Equitable Elgin**

As part of United Way of Metro Chicago, **these communities continue to receive critical resources and support** to ensure all individuals and families have access to opportunities and resources needed to thrive.

United Way of Metro Chicago works alongside community leaders to identify local priorities, create solutions to reverse the effects of disinvestment, and improve health, education, and financial outcomes for all our funded communities, including Elgin.

The merger with United Way of Metro Chicago connected Elgin agency partners to a larger funding system and the opportunity to maintain or surpass pre-merger funding levels.

**UNITED WAY FUNDED AGENCIES IN ELGIN AND THE ELGIN-AREA***

- Center for Information of Elgin dba Centro de Informacion
- Chinese Mutual Aid Association
- Community Crisis Center
- Easter Seals DuPage and the Fox Valley Region
- Ecker Center for Mental Health
- Elgin Partnership for Early Learning
- Greater Family Health
- Northern Illinois Food Bank
- P.A.D.S. (PADS of Greater Elgin)
- YWCA Elgin

*The following Elgin nonprofit partners also received additional critical support through the Chicago Community COVID-19 Response Fund (CCCFR):*

- Northern Illinois Food Bank
- Centro de Informacion
- Greater Family Health
- Community Crisis Center
- YWCA (via the Elgin COVID-19 Response Fund)

*January–December 2022 grant cycle*
UNITING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

In partnership with Northern Illinois Food Bank, United Way of Metro Chicago incorporated the Elgin Day of Caring project into Uniting for the Holidays, a distribution event that takes place in December. Uniting for the Holidays addresses food insecurity facing many of our Elgin neighbors by providing more than 500 families with a holiday meal, backpacks, health and wellness resources, and other essential items.

211 United Way of Metro Chicago actively supports the 211 effort in Kane County with financial and staffing resources. 211 is a free, confidential hotline service connecting Kane County residents to health and human service support, including information about where to access food pantries, rental or mortgage support, and utility assistance, among many other critical needs.

Leadership That Is Stronger, Together

United Way of Metro Chicago is committed to maintaining an Elgin voice in our North-Northwest (NNW) Region. Three former United Way of Elgin Board members are currently part of the NNW regional board, including:

- Mark Seigle, Seigle’s Cabinet Center
- Scott Budd, Edward Jones
- Sue Ehlers, Chase

In addition to the former United Way of Elgin Board members, two existing North-Northwest Regional Board members reside in the Elgin/Carpentersville area.

Four Elgin community members have also joined the NNW Community Impact Steering Committee (CISC). The Steering Committee is active in community discussions and ensures local issues impacting families and individuals across the NNW region are considered during the grant application process. CISC members review the applications, advocate for community issues, and raise the visibility of United Way’s impact among Elgin community stakeholders.

LEARN MORE! To learn more about the impact of United Way of Metro Chicago in the Elgin area, view our Elgin “Why I Give” Video.