NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK STORY

SUMMIT SOARS AS NEW NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

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Walsh Elementary School was buzzing with energy.

Residents of southwest suburban Summit filtered through the narrow hallways of the school for a resource fair. They met representatives from local organizations and groups, including Catholic Charities, Pillars Community Health, The Lights On Collective, Summit Public Library, and 211 Metro Chicago. The school parking lot also hosted a "bike rodeo" with bike gear giveaways and crafts for kids.

The "Summit Soars!" event celebrated the launch of United Way's Summit Neighborhood Network. In partnership with Cook County's Transforming Places program, the investment will support community-led programs and opportunities in the quiet suburb, once a hub for agriculture, food processing, and manufacturing.

SGA Youth & Family Services is leading the Summit Neighborhood Network as "community quarterback." Over the next three years, the human service agency will build the Network's coalition and refine its community vision to improve the quality of life for their residents.

"Being a Neighborhood Network will help the residents of Summit identify and address needs," said Martha Guerrero, chief executive officer and president of SGA Youth & Family Services. "This aligns with SGA's proprietary service model, the Cycle of Opportunity®, which empowers children and families to build upon their strengths to realize their greatest potential."

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At its core, Summit has remained a family-oriented community that generations continue to call home. United Way is thrilled to partner with SGA and Cook County to help provide more resources and opportunities for current residents – and generations to come.

"The launch of the Summit Neighborhood Network is not only an investment in Summit but an investment in the residents and in the resources they need and deserve," said Kimberlee Guenther, chief impact officer for United Way of Metro Chicago.

"The expansion of our Neighborhood Network Initiative in partnership with Cook County shows what's possible when we come together across sectors to support community-led transformation and build neighborhoods where all individuals and families can thrive."

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