"AMERICA HAS A LONG AND RICH TRADITION OF GENEROSITY THAT BEGAN WITH SIMPLE ACTS OF NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR."

–ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE,
FRENCH POLITICAL THINKER AND HISTORIAN
(1805–1859)

TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY MEMBERS ARE CIVIC-MINDED LEADERS AND CHANGE-MAKERS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO BUILDING A STRONGER CHICAGO REGION.

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United Way of Metro Chicago is a nonprofit organization that mobilizes private and philanthropic support and public sector resources to help our neighbors meet their basic needs and support our community partners' goals for transformation in their neighborhoods across the Chicago region.

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TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY

DEDICATED.
STEADFAST.
UNWAVERING.

DEEPLY INVESTED.

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Alexis de Tocqueville, a French diplomat and historian toured America in the 1830s, detailing his travels in his book, Democracy in America. Among his most noble observations was a phenomenon he found unique to America: volunteerism.

Tocqueville believed that to create a vibrant civil society, people must join forces for a mutual purpose, both in the public and private sectors. Thus, the Tocqueville Society was created to honor the spirit of the man who recognized one of our society's greatest strengths and shared that knowledge with the world.

A rich history and profound passion for the community are hallmarks of the Tocqueville Society. Members provide the bold vision and inspired generosity that invigorate United Way's mission to help build stronger neighborhoods for a stronger Chicago region.

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A UNIQUELY CHICAGO PHILANTHROPIC SOCIETY!

Tocqueville Society's giving levels honor individuals who have played vital roles in making Chicago a uniquely caring region, while offering exclusive member benefits and engagement opportunities.

AS THE UNITED WAY TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY WE ARE DEDICATED TO:

Building a stronger Chicago region by investing in our community in unique and collaborative ways.

Strengthening the work of United Way of Metro Chicago by supporting basic needs and place-based community transformation initiatives.

Building a culture of philanthropic leadership and high-level personal giving through annual support, long-term commitments, and legacy donations.

THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP INCLUDE:

- **Being recognized as a leader** in greater Chicago's ongoing commitment to progress.
- **Assurance that your philanthropy has an enduring impact**, thanks to United Way's expertise and commitment to outcomes.
- **Enjoying enhanced engagement** through volunteer and advocacy opportunities, as well as exclusive local, national, and worldwide gatherings.

LEARN MORE AND JOIN TODAY!

To join the Tocqueville Society or to renew your current membership, call **312.906.2204** or email **Tocqueville@LIVEUNITEDchicago.org**.

Learn more online at **LIVEUNITEDchicago.org/Tocqueville.**

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY MEMBERS

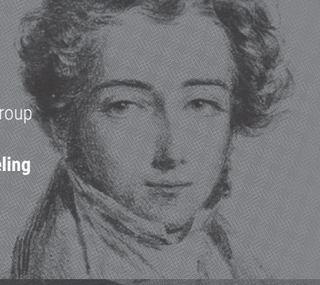
Invitations to exclusive Tocqueville events with some of the Chicago region's top movers-and-shakers, including networking opportunities, annual Tocqueville Society celebrations, and more!

Special family volunteer opportunities, created for Tocqueville Society members and their families.

Personalized learning opportunities, including custom neighborhood tours with community leaders that showcase United Way's impact.

THE TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY

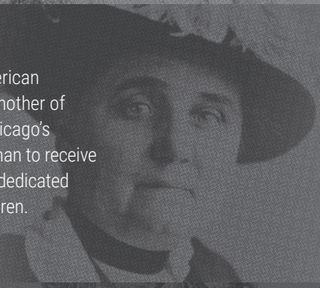
$10,000–$24,999 ANNUALLY



When you become a member of The Tocqueville Society, you join a group of **local philanthropists dedicated to creating positive change and fueling high-impact work.**

THE ADDAMS SOCIETY

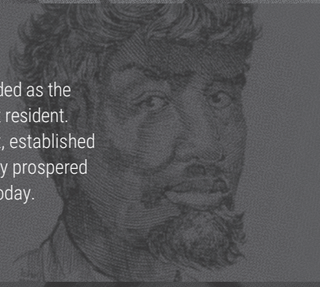
$25,000–$49,999 ANNUALLY



Jane Addams was a pioneering American activist who became known as the mother of social work. Addams co-founded Chicago's Hull House, and was the second woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Addams was dedicated to issues impacting women and children.

THE DuSABLE SOCIETY

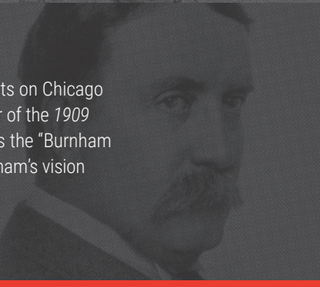
$50,000–$99,999 ANNUALLY



Jean Baptiste Point DuSable is regarded as the founder of Chicago and the city's first resident. DuSable, who was of African descent, established a trading settlement which eventually prospered and became the Chicago we know today.

THE BURNHAM CIRCLE

$100,000+ ANNUALLY



No single person has their fingerprints on Chicago more than Daniel Burnham, co-author of the *1909 Plan for Chicago* (popularly known as the "Burnham Plan"). An innovator of his time, Burnham's vision created the city that we know today.

MILLION DOLLAR ROUNDTABLE

$1,000,000+ IN LIFETIME GIVING

The Million Dollar Roundtable is reserved for those who have made the highest level of personal generosity to United Way. **Through an outright or cumulative gift of $1 million or more,** these individuals have established themselves as Chicago's most dedicated philanthropists.