



United Way of
Southwest Michigan

BOOK OF LEADERS



2022

DEAR NEIGHBOR

Leadership doesn't come from a title. It comes from a commitment—a commitment to investing your resources into something bigger than yourself. Nothing in this life gets accomplished without leadership, and United Way of Southwest Michigan is blessed to have hundreds of people who step up every year to set that example. And in so doing, they pave the way for significant impact to be made.

In 2022, the nearly 600 people who comprise the Tocqueville Society and Leadership Circle collectively invested almost \$1.2 million, which is nearly 30% of UWSM's campaign revenue.

- 23 individuals contributed to UWSM at the Tocqueville Society level (gifts of \$10,000 or more) during the 2022 campaign. Four of these individuals are new members of our Tocqueville Society.
- 569 individuals contributed at the Leadership Circle level (gifts of \$500 - \$9,999) during the 2022 campaign. Of these individuals, 102 are new members of our Leadership Circle. That means that 18% of Leadership Circle members are new contributors at that level.

These kinds of investments have allowed United Way of Southwest Michigan to change lives and build stronger communities through the financial support we provide to our Impact Partners. We've also been able to build Southwest Michigan's collective capacity through advocacy and volunteerism. This kind of work is leading the way for community transformation, and is only possible because of the people who gave of themselves to advance the common good. That is the true meaning of leadership—being the kind of neighbor who goes above and beyond for the sake of all. That is what you will see reflected in the pages of this book.



Anna Murphy
President & CEO
United Way of Southwest Michigan

YOU HELP US REACH OUR GOALS

As part of our 2022-2025 Agenda for Change, United Way of Southwest Michigan has chosen to focus on addressing specific issues within our four pillars of **Basic Needs, Education, Health, and Financial Stability.**

Issue: **Food Security**

Goal: *Decrease the number of individuals who are food insecure.*

Issue: **Safe Environment**

Issue: **Early Education & Literacy**

Goal: *Decrease the number of students not reading proficiently by end of 3rd grade.**

Issue: **Post-Secondary Success**

Goal: *Decrease the number of adults who do not have a post-secondary credential.**

Issue: **Healthy Bodies**

Goal: *Decrease the number of people who report poor physical health.*

Issue: **Healthy Minds**

Goal: *Decrease the number of people who report poor mental health.*

Issue: **Financial Security**

Goal: *Decrease the number of households who have incomes below ALICE threshold.**

Issue: **Employment**

Goal: *Decrease the unemployment rate.**

*We seek to also reduce racial and economic disparities as part of this goal.

TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY



The Alexis de Tocqueville Society of Southwest Michigan was founded in 1996 and is named after the French author Alexis de Tocqueville who, in the 1800s, traveled extensively throughout the United States and wrote "Democracy in America," a detailed study of society and politics. Tocqueville recognized and applauded the American desire to take a personal role in the advancement of society by combining philanthropy and service.

The observation on philanthropy made by Alexis de Tocqueville in 1831 is true today. Americans understand that advancing the common good means creating opportunities for a better life for all.

The members of our Tocqueville Society are philanthropists who demonstrate extraordinary generosity to our community, by investing \$10,000 or more annually in United Way. The individuals and couples who make up our Tocqueville Society are improving the lives of thousands of people in Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren counties in the areas of Education, Financial Stability, Health, and Basic Needs. In doing so, they are creating positive, lasting change in Southwest Michigan. It is our privilege to salute the following members of our Tocqueville Society for their outstanding vision, leadership, and generous support.

THE ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

La Societe Nationale \$100,000 - \$249,000

Marc and Anja Bitzer
Bill Nygren Foundation

Ordre de Liberte \$25,000 - \$49,999

The Peter De Groot Family
The Fettig Family
Jerry and Terry French
Jim and Heidi Peters

Ordre de Consul \$15,000 - \$24,999

David and Cheryl Whitwam

Membres de la Societe \$10,000 - \$14,999

J.C. and Nancy Anderson
J. Michael and Julie Berendsen
David and Michele Binkley
Megan Blazina
Roberto and Fabiana H. Campos
David R. Cichocki and Elena Neus
Christian and Elizabeth Door
Dr. and Mrs. Brian Doyle

Winn and Whitney Everhart
Joel and Jackie Gebbie
Kirsten and Marc Hewitt
Pam and Steve Klyn
Bill and Jane Marohn
Matt and April Meier
Don and Renee Metzelaar
1 member wishes to remain anonymous

LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

United Way of Southwest Michigan is pleased to recognize those individuals and couples who make an annual contribution ranging from \$500 to \$9,999 as members of our Leadership Circle. Through their caring and generous support, the members of United Way's Leadership Circle are helping to improve people's lives and are making a significant impact in our community every day. We are proud to express our appreciation to the following members of United Way's Leadership Circle for their generosity and strong commitment to our community.

Platinum Level **\$5,000 - \$9,999**

The Beaufls Family
Melissa Burchill
Monica Cederstrom
Christopher Conley
Scott Fergon
Daniel Hopp
Charles and Lorraine Jespersen
Ken and Janet Kleinhample
Joe and Michelle Lovechio
Nita and Jason Mathew
Joanne Muldoon
Susan Schwartz
David and Joyce Shellito
Robert and Donna Stevenson
Steve and Elizabeth Upton
1 member wishes to remain anonymous

Gold Level **\$2,500 - \$4,999**

Ben and Jennifer Brotzki
Dawn Christensen
Cecilia Diaz and Luis Lopez
Scott Dorfman and Leigh Schoettinger
Casimir and Kathleen Drabik
Zack East
Dave Eifler
Rowina Fornica
Jon Gable
Glen Hastings, M.D.
Jeff Heddles
The Igoe Family
Kelly Keim
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Louder
Scott and Beth McFarland
Phil and Melissa Molloy
Janice Moser
Michael Nordin
Simona Pappalardo
Ryan and Jackie Savard
Jay and Erin Schroeder
Jay Skalla
Jennifer Springer
Priya Srinivas
David Stimac
Scott and Nancy Tyler
Sharon and Joe Vargo
In Memory of Patrick Vinnedge
Randall H. and Mary P. Walter

Vidya and Pramod Yadav
3 members wish to remain anonymous

Silver Level **\$1,000 - \$2,499**

Shirley Anderson
Kerenda Appleby
Orrin Bailey
Ronald Bailey
Kent and Diane Baker
Andria Bauman
Eric and Charlotte Becker
Jeff and Diane Binder
Nicholas Bonucchi
Joao Borges
Michelle and Ron Bronakoski
Bob and Laurie Bucholtz
Ryan and Rebeccah Buurstra
Michael Buzzard
Sahil Chhabra
Todd and Elizabeth Christy
Edwin and Heather Cole
Matthew Conn
Josh and Tiffany Cosner
Michael Cukier
Sue Danielson
Nate and Alyson Davis
Kyle and Jolene De Jong
Lisa DeJong
Amy Deloria
Kathie DeRuiiter
Nicola Deskovich
Mike Dirlam
Liz Doyle
Mr. and Mrs. David Eichberg
Edward and Lucille Eisele
Becky Engstrom
James and Amy Ervin, Jr.
Michael and Nancy Farrington
Duane and Kimberly Felton
Joseph Ferencevich
Karl and Joyce Finley
Abigail Gaines
Anthony and Susan Gates
Jennifer Gonzalez
David and Lindsey Goshgarian
Todd Gustafson
Julia Hacker
Lowell G. Hamel, M.D.
Matt and Michelle Hamel
Tim and Nancy Hamilton

Melissa Hanks
Vail Harding
Ava Harter
Christopher Harvey
Ellen Hasse
Mabel He
Fred J. Hemsath
Cary and Holly Hensley
Todd C. Herrick
Linda Higbee
David and Gabrielle Holgate
Basobi Holm
Tex A. Holmes
Tim F. Hopke
Eric Hopstock
Timothy Hunt
Mike and Susan Jackemeyer
Chuck and Mary Jo Jager
Diane M. Johnson
Jennifer Johnson
Paul and Amy Johnson
Tisha Johnson
Robert and Joan Judd
Joy Kempic
Bob and Beth Kenagy
Rebecca Kiogima
Erich and Emily Kirchner
James and Shelby Laing
John-Paul LaPorte
Dawn Lara
John and Maureen Lewandowski
Jacquelyn Lin
Anson and Barb Lovellette
Joel and Jennifer Luckman
Laura and Jeff Lukas
Heidi Mahon
Renee and Michael Mahoney
Eric and Hilary Mancik
Cheryl Marie Manson
Kurt Marzke
Stephanie and Tim Mayberry
Mandy and Randy McIvor
Shelitha McKee
Derek McLoughlin
Emily McLoughlin
Kevin and Megan McLoughlin
Michael T. McLoughlin
Christy McMunn Daugherty
Amanda Miscisin
John Monteiro
Mark and Nicole Morrissey
Edward and Ruth Ann Moser

Michael and Lauren Mullen
David and Betty Mundy
Kyle and Trina Murawski
Rick and Anna Murphy
Deborah and Michael O'Connor
James Oh
Brett Oleson and Family
Terry and Wanda O'Rourke
Stephanie Pennell
Mark and Jean Penwell
Marc and Elizabeth Peremans
Christopher Petruska
Jenny and Toan Pham
Mark Pickens
Bruce Piekarski
David and Sharon Polfus
Jennifer Powers
Dr. David Puzycki
Brian N. Radford
Jackie and Shane Reeves
Darius Reid
David and Karen Reynolds
Jill Riedel
John and Pam Ritzler
Lisa Karpenko Rollins
Corey Ross
Jordan and Alison Sahs
Abigail and Jason Savage
Robert and Carol Scallan
A. Shelling and A. Faust
Greg and Lisa Schilling
Andy Schmidt and Lindsay Williams
Toni Sdao and Doug Fraser
David and Angie Seger
Joel and Renae Sells
Cheri Shafer
Dr. Mukund Shah, Mrs. Indira Shah, Dr. Ami
Shah-Shine, and Dr. Chirag Shah
Carol Sizer
David and Deborah Slavicek
Mary Slevin
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey W. Smith
Pamela Smith
Dan and Hilary Smodic
Karleann Stankiewicz
Juliano Stefanovitz
Beat and Linda Stocker
Kailey Swanson
Doreen Taylor and Brian Brown
Mike and Cathy Thieneman
Karin Thompson
Norma Tirado-Kellenberger
Mary Jo Tomasini and Fred Malawski
Todd Tomczak
Geraldine Tomshack
Chris and Shanna Tyler
Fred and Amey Upton
Dan Valenti
Kent Vaughn
Richard and Donna Vavra-Musser
Tony Ventimiglia
Amit Verma
Matt and Tiffany Vogelwede
Scott and Rachel Wade

Jon Walsh
Shari Weber
Ken and Danielle Whah
Dave Whitehead
Gerritt Wieringa
Susan Wilson
L. Chase and Angela Winsman
Vincent and Sondra Woods
Joseph and Sheila Zellmer
17 members wish to remain anonymous

Bronze Level
\$500 - \$999

Dustin Adams
Lisa Adams and Anne Cox
David Adler
Syl and Liza Amos
Bonnie Anderson
Nancy J. Anderson
Dan Applegate
Rick Arnold
Adam Aukerman
Amberdeep S. Aurora
Lindsay Bago
Pamela Bammann
Sara and Cliff Barlow
Greg Bauman
Shaun Bell
Erik and Kathy Bergh
In Honor of Berrien County Cancer
Service Patients
Katie and Jeff Berry
George Bibbs
Aletha Binion
Stacy Black
Sonya and Aaron Blanz
Scot and Stephanie Blommel
Jennifer Bloomfield
Sandy and Rich Bock
Katherine Boes
Jennifer Bohn
Wendy Bowersox
Rich and Jan Brandt
Emily Brown
Alison Bullock
James Calvert
Donovan Cartwright and Family
Rebecca Chambers
Kari Chase
Shrabantee Chatterjee
Sarah Chavez
Jim Chester
Jeremiah and Kristen Chism
The Compaan Family
John and Ann Correll
Heather Cox
The Craig Family
Gene Crandall
Catherine Cronkrite
Christopher D. Cullen
Gregg W. Cullings
Retta Curneal
Fernanda and Alexandre Czesnat

Michael Dalton
Deb and Ken Darr
Michael Davidson
Pam Davidson
Gwen Day
Lorraine Day and Robert White
Viviani Fagundes and Daniel Bryant
Jennifer and David Deamud
Lucas DeVito
Deborah DeZeeuw
Nutan Dharwadkar
Al Dibrito
Scott, Kristen, and Melody Dixon
Dave Doetsch
Amanda Drew
Paul J. Drogowski
Nancy Dubois
Ashley Dupuis
Emily Egan
Lisa Erway
Luis Felipe
Samantha Fell
Jeff and Sandy Ferguson
Michael Ferneau
Kendra Firminger
Kevin Fleck
Joel and Laura Fletty
Kaylee Ganus
Kellie Garcia
Amy Gardner
Nathan Gargano
Eduardo Gazineu Cezar de Andrade
Murat Genc
Benjamin Gielda
Cara Gillespie
Erin Glaske
Melody Gonzalez
Mary Good
Kirk and Bonnie Goodwin
Tami Gould
Ismael Granadillo
Laura Grant
Menel Gregory
David Grellman
Denise Grochow
Michael Gross
Melinda M. Gruber
Amanda Hall
Wayne Hall
Edward Haney
Matthew Hanley
Jeff and Julie Hannan
Connie Harmon
Javonna Hartwell
Clara Herson
Chad Hodde
J. A. Hoffert
Casandra and Jacob Holmes
Jess and Jesse Holston
Roger Hooks
Rich and Donna Howard
Dawn M. Howley
Jason Hudock
Kelley L. Huling

Andrea Hutchins
Melissa Janke
Tammy Jerz
Peter and Karen Johnson
Kristen Jones
Reid Jones
Jackie Kamerer
Kimberly Kavala and Brian Smith
Jason Keesler
Christee Khan
Joe Kiser
Sandra Kopach
Cody and Gillian Korfmacher
Dawn Korp
Ashley Kovalcik
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Rashmi Krishnamurthy
Trevor and Kim Kubatzke
Auna Kuehnle
Jill Kurth
G. Bruce and Jane Laing
Eric and Angela Laws
Barbara Lay
Shelby Ledesma
Jenni Leich
Brie Lieto
David Lindsley
Chris Loiselle
Richard J. Loomis
Alice Lossie
Heather Luciani
Brian Luttrell
Andrea Luxton
James Manore
Ann Marie Marlow
Kurt Masciovecchio
Margarita Mattingly
Rebecca Mattmiller
Dr. Michael Mayle
Brian McIntosh
Sarah McJury
Kevin McMahan
Joanne McQuone
Marvin Mealman
Scott Michalak
Chad Milletics
Kevin J. Miracle
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Erica Molden
Blaine Montgomery
Pat and Carol Moody
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Ryan Morales
Lara Mordoh
Carla Mortensen
Bill and Susie Moser
Nathan and Jenny Mouw
Dumi Mpofo
Kyle Mumford
James and Frances Murphy
David and Lindsey Nagy
Vumile Ncube
David and Stacy Neidlinger
Rick Nussio
Fallon Nyce

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Yun Myung Oh
Maureen Ovington
Katia Ozuna
Daniel Page-Wood
Nathaniel Parks
Howard Patzkowsky
Michele Paustian
Alyssa Pawlowski
Stephen and Dalry Payne
Brenda Peet
Brandon Perkins
Quintella Phipps
Karen Poff
Lawrence Pokryfke
Paula and Frank Polaskey
Autumn Poole
Jeffrey Postma
Melissa Pratt
Hoyt Preis
Kristy and John Proos
Adam Prosser
Connie Raak
Debbie and Remie Ramirez
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Marsha Rockette
Justin Rodgers
Ronald Roggero
Scott Rogers
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Michael Ruchti
Michael Saenz
Tracy Sanders
Lisa Saxton
Holly Bitz Schewe
Will Schirmer
Jim and Erin Schlaman
Amy Schneider
Hon. Sterling R. Schrock
Melissa Schroeder
Ric Seager
Lawrence Sehy
Rayann Shaer
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Janet Skaggs
Philip A. Slack
Stanley Slavin
Kara Sloniker
Pati Small
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Mary Snyder
Casey Sons
Jennifer Stanford
Randall K. Statzer
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Barbara Szczepanski
Paulo H. S. Teixeira

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Sandra Thurlow
Jennifer Tomshack
Kendall and Julia Troyer
Linda Truhn
Sean Truhn
Shaneika Turner
Patrick Vail
Betsy VanderBurg
Sara and Alex VanderVeen
Carla VanGilder
Gary and Christine Vanlandingham
Cathryn Vawter
Yvonne Vidt
Molly and Daniel Vincent
Kari Visser
Ron and Elizabeth Voglewede
Kevin and Sheila Waldrop
Michael Weaver
Ann and Marci Weber
Danielle Wedel
The Welling Family
Brandy Wells
Ryan Welsh
Elizabeth Werner
Allan and Betty Westmaas
Josh White
Christine and William Whitmire
Jud and Paula Wickersham
Scott and Kristen Wielenga
Janelle Wilhelm
Deborah Wolf
Walter Wrenn
Corey Wright
Erin and Kerry Wright
The Wygonik Family
Patricia Wyland
Megan Yore and Tom Norbey
Tammy K. York
Brooke Yost
42 members wish to remain anonymous

BECAUSE OF YOU...

... MELISSA, 43, of Watervliet, has access to healthy food and fresh produce. After she lost her husband in 2019 and became a single parent, she and her son now depend on monthly benefits to make ends meet and are without transportation. B&B Grocery Outlet—a **Healthy Corner Store partner of United Way through Be Healthy Berrien and YMCA of Greater Michiana**—began selling fresh produce in 2019 and is a staple for access-burdened community members such as Melissa.



... GREG, 36, of Bridgman, receives in-home care from Connie, a nurse with **Berrien County Cancer Service, a United Way impact partner**. Greg has cerebral palsy and had a bone marrow transplant for acute leukemia. One of Greg's primary skilled nursing needs is having his blood drawn through a highly specialized central line. Connie was able to be trained in management and care of this line, making Greg's trips to his doctor in Grand Rapids less frequent.

... SAMANTHA, 23, of Dowagiac, received guidance as a new parent. During a home visit from Melody, an educator with **Parents as Teachers, a United Way impact partner**, Melody suspected Samantha's baby Scarlett might have torticollis, which causes the head to twist and tilt to one side. Melody encouraged Samantha to seek early-intervention services for qualified young children with special needs. After an evaluation, Scarlett began weekly physical therapy to address it.



... DAVIONTE, 18, of Benton Harbor, has the skills to succeed. The Benton Harbor High School football defensive back is on his way to Ferris State University. Davionte was struggling his freshman year, but since joining the **400 B.L.A.C.K Mentoring Program, a United Way impact partner**, his mentor—an athletic administrator at his school—helped him with tutoring, post-graduation planning, and healthy decision-making as well as the football recruiting process and financial aid.

THANK YOU!

