Dear Hand Raisers and Game Changers,

The building blocks for good quality of life are education, income, health, and housing. Which is why United Way is focused on advancing the common good by creating opportunities for a better life for everyone.

Because we all win when our children are successful in school and in life; our families are financially stable; and people make healthy choices.

We recruit people and organizations from across our community that share the same passion, expertise, and resources needed to get things done. Together, we are creating lasting change for a stronger, more resilient Indian River County.

We invite you to join the fight and be a part of the change. You can give, you can advocate, and you can volunteer. That's what it means to **LIVE UNITED**.

Sincerely,

Meredith Egan
COO, United Way of Indian River County

P.S. Did you know United Way is one of the largest non-government funders of health and human services in Indian River County?

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**A Special Announcement from CEO, Michael Kint**
After 25 wonderful years, I will officially retire as Chief Executive Officer at the end of this calendar year.

I wish to thank you all for the great support you have given me during those years. I will look back at this period with fond memories and great appreciation.

You are all an integral part of our United Way and your generosity demonstrates an unwavering hope for a strong and united Indian River county.

Thank you for making an investment in what matters in our community and choosing to LIVE UNITED.

**United Way Invests Over $4.1 Million to Create a Better Indian River County**

Our role in the community is to bring people and resources together to solve problems too big for anyone to solve alone. Collectively, through leveraged partnerships and initiatives, over $4 million has been put into efforts that advance bold goals in improving the health, education, and financial stability of all residents.

Thanks to you, the most recent campaign, which concluded on June 30, will ensure that countless people in the coming year will be helped through programs that receive funding from United Way.

The United Way of IRC Community Investment for 2020-21 includes support of the programs and initiatives of 45 local nonprofits and 7 community collaboratives in the following categories:

**Funded Partners**

- *Education* - $730,519
- *Health* - $645,637
- *Financial Stability* - $344,729

**Total:** $1,720,885
Since 2009, United Way has partnered with the IRS to provide the VITA or Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, offered annually from January to April to assist families and individuals with low to moderate incomes prepare their tax returns.

“We’re privileged to provide Indian River County households with the resources and tools needed to become financially stable. Most of the taxpayers we serve are hardworking families struggling to cover basic needs such as food and housing, many now suffering additional financial hardship due to COVID-19.”

- Michael Kint, CEO

Campaign Co-chairs, Jeff Schlitt and Bob Schlitt give a special thanks to all of our donors and sponsors for the 2019-2020 campaign. Without your dedicated support we would not be able to provide valuable resources for everyone in our community. When we LIVE UNITED, we can ensure a bright and more resilient Indian
Join Us For a Month With A Mission!

Day of Caring is looking a little different this year - instead of just one day, we will be doing an entire month of service in Indian River County!

It's easy as 1-2-3!

1. **CHOOSE** an act of kindness
2. **CARRY OUT** your kind act
3. **TELL US** about it!
   - Use #UNITEDIRC
   - @UnitedWayIRC

See Ideas Here!

*P.S. We even have a Sidewalk Chalk Competition!*
Meet Our New Board Members

Join us in welcoming our newest Board Members! Caryn Toole, IRC Director for Communities Connected Kids; Julia T. Keenan, Director of Development at Indian River State College Foundation; Suzanne Seldes, Director of Communications & Brand Strategy, Indian River State College, Chris Ellis, Publix; and Dr. Sharon Packard, Indian River School District

Welcome Campaign Co-Chairs - Rehmann

United Way of Indian River County is pleased to announce a group from Rehmann will be leading the 2020-2021 Campaign. Campaign co-chairs include: Ross Cotherman, Deborah Crum, Cheri Jones, Jeff Phillips, and James Sorenson.

COVID-19 Community Response Fund Update

This fund was established in partnership with several local funders to provide much needed resources to local organizations to address the critical needs of our community who have been impacted by the coronavirus.

If you are in need of immediate assistance, please dial 2-1-1 or visit our website for organizations that may be able to help you.

Resources
United Way of Indian River County's Commitment to Equity

Since 1961, United Way of Indian River County has promoted the belief that our community can only succeed when we are united. To “LIVE UNITED” means celebrating our diversity, and supporting all people of Indian River County regardless of race, ethnicity, ability, age, religion, national origin, gender identity, or sexual orientation. Our mission is to bring people and resources together for the well-being of everyone in our community.

We accept the responsibility to promote practices reflecting a commitment to diversity, inclusion, access, and equity. UWIRC recognizes the true value of learning from diverse perspectives. It is this unique contribution from individuals and organizations that allows us to strengthen our capacity to address and solve our county’s most pressing challenges. We are committed to uniting the people of Indian River County to ensure an environment in which everyone can thrive. It is our aim to reflect these core values, by taking the necessary action to guarantee that the basic human rights and freedoms of our neighbors are protected. We are committed to improving lives - we invite you to join us.
Make an Investment

Visit our website

Volunteer

Be a hand-raiser and join the conversation!

You’ve received this newsletter because you’ve expressed some interest in United Way of Indian River County. If at any time you would like to be removed from this e-subscription list, please let us know or feel free to click the button below.

Thank you!

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