CONTRIBUTION OPTIONS

Thanks to the generosity of individuals like our Alexis de Tocqueville Society members, United Way of Larimer County directs millions of dollars to organizations to reduce poverty and strengthen our community each year. Our flexible giving options allow donors to align their philanthropic passion with the areas of greatest need.

UNDESIGNATED GIFTS / COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND

*Your dollars go further with United Way*

Undesignated gifts help United Way nimbly respond to local needs and direct funding to where its needed most. Our low administrative cost ensures that your dollars are going further to strengthen our community. Dollars from this fund support United Way of Larimer County’s collective impact work, or groups of nonprofits that are working collaboratively to achieve shared outcomes, as well as volunteer recruitment and placement services, support for the Colorado Continuum of Care and Coordinated Assessment & Housing Placement System and more.

CHILD CARE FUND

*Helping families access affordable, quality child care*

Your gift to the Child Care Fund supports United Way partners that provide quality child care services to low-income children under the age of 12 in Larimer County. At the core of a family’s ability to be successful is their ability to maintain a good job and having access to affordable, quality child care significantly increases their ability to do so. In addition to supporting youth and families, gifts are eligible for the Colorado Child Care Contribution Credit that provides applicable Federal and State income tax deductions as well as a 50 percent State tax credit.

COLORADO READING CORPS

*We all win when a child succeeds*

In partnership with Colorado Youth for a Change, Colorado Reading Corps provides one-on-one tutoring for kindergarten through third grade students who are not reading at grade level. Your gift to Colorado Reading Corps helps children achieve reading proficiency and prepares them for success in school, work and life.

INNOVATION GRANTS

*Addressing real-time needs*

United Way of Larimer County’s Innovation Grants provide one-time funds to nonprofit organizations seeking to meet immediate community needs or respond quickly when an opportunity arises to leverage additional funds. These grants allow United Way to expand its community impact while continuing its traditional funding, which is awarded annually and often supports organizations for ongoing programs.
WINTER OVERFLOW SHELTERS
Ensuring that everyone has a safe and warm place to rest
United Way of Larimer County and the City of Fort Collins partner to provide and administer funding for winter overflow shelters during our community’s coldest months. These funds ensure that additional facilities are available when temperatures drop dangerously low and shelter capacity is exceeded.

2-1-1 INFORMATION AND REFERRAL
Connection individuals to community resources
United Way’s 2-1-1 confidential, free community connection to services and information. By calling 2-1-1, residents can get help in navigating every day concerns and major life-changing events by connecting to information on crisis hotlines, food and clothing, housing and utility assistance, aging services, mental health services and much more. In addition, in times of natural disaster or community crisis, such as the 2012 wildfires and 2013 flooding, 2-1-1 collaborates with emergency responders to provide direct assistance and relief for victims and volunteers. Gift’s to United Way’s 2-1-1 are also eligible for the Enterprise Zone Tax Credit that provides applicable Federal and State income tax deductions as well as a 25 percent State tax credit.

WOMENGIVE
Self-sufficiency for women and children
Your gift to WomenGive addresses a significant gap in funding and services that prevents women in Larimer County from achieving economic self-sufficiency. By supporting child care scholarships for single mothers who are working toward completing their education, you empower mothers to break the cycle of poverty. Your gift allows women to focus on their studies while their children are cared for in a safe and nurturing environment.

OTHER NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
The choice is yours
You can make designations to most U.S. 501(c)(3) public charities, including most churches, university foundations and service organizations, for exclusively charitable purposes, at the time you make your pledge/contribution. Please reference United Way’s Designation Policies and Guidelines for more information.

PHILANTHROPY FUND
When the time is right
If you are not prepared to designate a charitable recipient at the time you make your pledge/contributions, you may establish a Philanthropy Fund to temporarily hold undesignated gifts for a limited time. You can then make distribution recommendations throughout the year. To best serve individuals and families in need, amounts in a Philanthropy Fund must be distributed by June 30th of the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which you give. Please reference United Way’s Philanthropy Fund Policies and Guidelines for more information.