

**CHANGE DOESN'T HAPPEN ALONE.**

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**ADVOCATE.**

**VOLUNTEER.**

# **2020 CAMPAIGN SUPPORT 2021 & FAQs**



**United Way  
of Calhoun County**

# WHAT IS THE UNITED WAY OF CALHOUN COUNTY?

The United Way of Calhoun County is a locally incorporated, non-profit organization that has served our community since 1957. For over 60 years we have continued to fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person in our community. Together with partner agencies, we provide funding for programs and initiatives to provide essential services for Calhoun County residents. In addition, we seek to help our community in times of crisis. No fight is too big or too small.

The United Way of Calhoun County is not just another fundraising campaign. Annually, we run a community campaign from September to August. This single, county-wide campaign is the most organized, efficient, and accountable system for investing in our community. Through strong leadership, we serve as the largest local voluntary effort supporting the qualities of living the best life.

## OUR WORK

When you support the United Way of Calhoun County, you join the fight for:

**The health of our community.** We make it easier for individuals to access substance abuse programs, receive quality health care and access nutritious foods. We're fighting to help everyone get—and stay—healthy.

**The chance to succeed for more kids.** From cradle to career, we ensure every child gets a strong start to life, teenagers have the tools to learn and grow and young adults thrive in the job market.

**A path toward financial stability for everyone.** We support initiatives that assist families and individuals with the opportunity to get back on their feet and move towards financial empowerment.

## OUR PARTNERS

The United Way of Calhoun County offers community grant funding of our priority areas –health, education, financial stability– to nonprofit community organizations providing services and programs to residents of Calhoun County. We invest in community organizations that improve the lives of many. We believe that together, we achieve more. We currently work closely with 11 local non-profit agencies serving Calhoun County.

Billy T. Cattan Recovery Outreach  
Boy Scouts of America - South Texas Council  
Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas  
Calhoun County Community Ministries  
Calhoun County Senior Citizens  
Calhoun County YMCA  
Food Bank of the Golden Crescent  
Golden Crescent Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)  
Mid-Coast Family Services  
South Texas Assessment and Referral Services (STARS)  
The Harbor Children's and Victims Center



# **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

# DONATION FAQs

## **Why give to the United Way of Calhoun County and not directly to non-profit organizations?**

A gift to the United Way of Calhoun County is an investment that benefits the entire community, not just one program, issue, or population. The United Way of Calhoun County provides an opportunity for your one gift to support a variety of local needs. Through one gift you can accomplish so much good!

## **Can I designate my gift to a specific partner agency?**

Yes! If you would like to designate your gift, add a note/comment and include the non-profit's name.

## **How does my money stay in Calhoun County if some partner agencies are located outside of Calhoun County?**

Every dollar raised is used locally. While some non-profit partner agencies are located outside of Calhoun County, funding is only used for programs that are provided specifically to Calhoun County residents. This allows for a more broad service range for Calhoun County residents.

## **How do I know my gift is used efficiently and effectively?**

The United Way of Calhoun County annually vets each of its member nonprofit organizations on a variety of criteria during their yearly grant application process. Non-profit organizations must be registered as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and be located within the boundaries of Calhoun County or provide services to residents of Calhoun County (if located outside of the County). Each non-profit partner agency must provide a financial audit and submit in-depth documentation of program funding. A group of local volunteers, the Allocations Committee, reviews all applications, meets with organization leadership, and determines allocation amounts divided between selected organizations, totalling the amount approved by the Board of Directors each year. Upon recommendation of the Allocations Committee to the Board of Directors, grants are selected and approved.

## **How does the United Way of Calhoun County operate with ethics & accountability?**

The United Way of Calhoun County is committed to responsible stewardship of your gifts and transparency in how your gift is spent. Our monthly financial statements are reviewed by the Board of Directors, Treasurer, and executive committee. Conducting our activities with honesty, integrity, and in the best interests of this organization is essential to preserving and continuing to grow our United Way here in Calhoun County. We have established and operate under a Code of Ethics and provide all of our financial documentation to the public on our website.



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