MORE THAN AN ANNUAL REPORT,
A STORY OF IMPACT.
LIVE UNITED
FROM THE BOARD

Dear Supporter,

**Change doesn’t happen alone.** Deeply rooted community problems—the education achievement gap, homelessness and poverty—require the time and talents of a range of individuals and organizations. Yet when progress is realized, every single person in Anchorage benefits.

When we create opportunities for economic mobility by improving education, financial stability and health—the cornerstones of United Way’s impact—we improve the quality of life in the place we call home.

Strong families make strong communities. And strong communities are important to economic success. Because business competitiveness and community health are interdependent, United Way’s unique position helps employers create economic and social value.

United Way of Anchorage has been “the glue” of Anchorage for 62 years convening and mobilizing companies, volunteers, nonprofit agencies and community resources to achieve bigger outcomes than any could accomplish alone.

We are proud of our proven track record of large scale impact, accountability and continuous innovation. As you’ll see in our Impact Highlights, the change we create together impacts countless lives.

To all of our partners, donors, advocates and volunteers, thank you for being on the frontline with us this year.

Together, we’ve done good work. Together, our best is still ahead of us.

Belinda Breaux
Chair, Board of Directors

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

**At United Way of Anchorage,** we aim to solve big problems on a grand scale. We’re ambitious. Some might say audacious. And together, we’re changing the way we all pull together to solve complex social problems.

90% Graduation by 2020 continues to be the flagship of our collaborative, long-range work. In 13 years, we’ve raised the Anchorage high school graduation rate from 60% to over 80%.

But there’s no complacency because we’re still ten points shy with less than two years to go. Daunting? No. We’ve learned too much about how to get the right help to the right student at the right time to let ten points intimidate us.

Graduation isn’t our only ambitious goal. We’ve joined hands with dozens of partners in Anchored Home, the city’s strategic plan to solve homelessness in Anchorage.

We’ve taken the lead on the toughest challenge—find permanent supportive housing for 270+ of the hardest to house, those among us caught in a cycle of prison, emergency care and chaotic life on the street.

During the past year, we’ve convened public and private groups and consultants with success in other cities to figure out how best to do this. For permanent supportive housing to work, we need to build a sustained collaboration on a scale Anchorage has never seen.

So that’s where we start this story of impact, fortified and inspired by partners, donors, advocates and volunteers who Live United.

Our profound thanks to each of you.

Michele Brown
President & CEO
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NOTE: To view the unqualified audit report for year ending June 30, 2018, visit us online at www.LiveUnitedANC.org
90% Graduation by 2020
The Power of Back on Track - Someone is There to Care
Michele Brown, President’s Blog 11/21/18

Ten hours a day, four days a week, Pedro Aviles makes his living by going the extra mile. It’s still a shorter trip than many of his students have to make.

Aviles, 26, is the wraparound services coordinator for a community collaboration called Back on Track that helps high school students who are seriously at risk of dropping out recover credits and re-engage with school.

Not all students are going to show up. But none are forgotten. Within the classrooms and care of Back on Track, there’s structure, sanctuary and solid ground.

Read the full story at LiveUnitedANC.org/blog

Alaska 2-1-1: On the Front Line
Sue Brogan, Notebook, 12/8/18

Within hours of the November 30th earthquake, the staff at United Way’s 2-1-1 were activated as part of the Anchorage Emergency Operations Center, subject to the city’s Incident Command structure. So they did what they always do. With a conversational cadence and professional accuracy, they provided information and referrals to callers seeking help.

You could track the progression of the disaster by the nature of the calls. Can I get home, or can I get to my kid’s school, were the questions of the moment early Friday. Through the weekend, the questions changed: Where can I go if my apartment building is unsafe?

Read the full story at LiveUnitedANC.org/notebook

Ending Homelessness
Returning Home Through Rapid Rehousing
Michele Brown, President’s Blog 10/12/18

For children, experiencing homelessness can have a tremendous impact on education, health, sense of safety and overall development. After all, homework starts with home.

On Aug. 31, 2018, there were 87 known families with a combined 290 people on the Homeless Management Information System list.

While each family is unique in how they came to be homeless and what will empower them to self-sufficiency, rapid rehousing is key for each.

Read the full story at LiveUnitedANC.org/blog
2018 COMMUNITY IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

Because you LIVE UNITED.

SUCCESSFUL, PREPARED KIDS
United we ensure that all kids are prepared to succeed in school and life.

90% Graduation by 2020, convened to mobilize the community to increase high school graduation rates, delivers the right supports at the right time.

- 104,277 Books provided to children to increase literacy and kindergarten preparedness
- 3,485 Youth gave back to the community by volunteering
- 15,474 Youth gained knowledge and skills to propel their success in school and life
- 12 Community PLUS Schools partnership with the Anchorage School District serves chronically absent students in 12 schools
- 84% of Community PLUS Schools students met attendance goals and increased engagement with education
- 102 Youth at risk of dropping out earned their high school diploma with Back on Track

HEALTHY KIDS AND ADULTS
United we expand access to affordable healthcare, healthy food and opportunities for physical activities.

- 25,394 People received health education, leading to healthier lives
- 6,370 People helped by United Way healthcare navigators to understand, find, enroll in and/or access health insurance
- $406,252 Amount individuals saved on prescription medications through the United Way/FamilyWize partnership
In times of need, the greatest challenge can be knowing where to find help. Whether faced with a natural disaster or struggling to meet basic needs, Alaskans rely on 2-1-1. With a database of services like no other in Alaska, help and hope is a call or click away.

99,333
Online searches for help — everything from disaster assistance to putting food on the table

23,160
Calls for help answered by knowledgable, compassionate 2-1-1 specialists

Of the more than 31,700 referrals provided by 2-1-1, 30% were for basic needs including food, shelter, utility assistance and healthcare

97%
of callers said they found the service helpful and would call again

The dream of security should be within reach of everyone in our community. For too many in Anchorage, homelessness, substance misuse, rising housing costs, and sudden unexpected hardships can stand in the way.

United we put every person on a path to safe, affordable housing and economic mobility, and strengthen our economy.

5,836
Individuals received workforce/job skills training

8th
Year in a row no child had to sleep out in the cold thanks to Emergency Cold Weather Shelter partnership

$5 MILLION
In tax refunds put back into the hands of hard-working Anchorage residents through tax support services

61%
were able to increase their wages

66
Families experiencing homelessness rapidly re-housed through Family Community Housing Program (2017/18 Pilot)

76% remained housed after 6 months

2018 COMMUNITY IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS
This represents only a fraction of the good work you helped make possible. We look forward to making even more progress this year.
CORPORATE SPOTLIGHT

Hundreds of corporate partners join the fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person in our community.

For a listing of all our partners, visit LiveUnitedANC.org/DonorRecognition

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FOR INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY AND FOR SHARING YOUR LIVE UNITED SPIRIT!

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Alaska Literacy Program
Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association
Anchorage Community Mental Health Services
Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center
Anchorage Project Access
Anchorage School Based Health Centers
Anchorage Youth Court
Bean’s Cafe, Inc.
Best Beginnings
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska
Boys & Girls Clubs of Southcentral Alaska
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YWCA Alaska

Achieving our collective goals calls for a commitment to shared accountability and effectiveness.

United we do more to help people lead better lives than we ever could alone.
The United Way Board of Directors are volunteers, Anchorage community members just like you, committed to improving the health, education and financial stability of every person in our community. THANK YOU!

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