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UNITED WAY OF WAYNE COUNTY
UNITED NEWS



DID YOU KNOW?

United Way of Wayne County is partnering with NC WORKS & Wayne Community College to provide workforce experiences through the WIOA Youth Career Progam. Meet Orisa Ruang-jeam

SAVE THE DATE

11 FEBRUARY	28 FEBRUARY	27 & 28 MARCH
211 DAY	ANNUAL MEETING	FILL THE THEATRE

REFLECTING ON THE 2023 CAMPAIGN

Since the Campaign Kick-off in August, the staff at the United Way office has been meeting with Wayne County schools, organizations, and businesses to share their mission and resources. It has been an eventful campaign season, with almost 90 presentations under their belt. "It is always such an honor to be able to visit these organizations and spread the word about United Way of Wayne County," said Bethany Perry, Campaign Chair. She adds, "It is crucial for us to get in front of our community, especially now, and share all of the wonderful resources that are at our disposal right here in our community."

United Way of Wayne County is excited to announce that thanks to so many investors they have reached **99.7%** of their goal! For the entire staff, board, and volunteers, it's not about the dollars raised, but the number of lives they can help improve with those funds.

Then, on December 5th, United Way of Wayne County celebrated those who gave their Fair Share by giving away $10,000 to one lucky finalist at their giveaway event. Derek Jones with Jackson & Sons was this year's lucky winner! When asked why he gives to United Way, Jones stated, "Giving to United Way doesn't just help one cause, but many. I can't think of a better way to support my community."



Bethany Perry, Campaign Chair



Bethany Perry, Campaign Chair, leading Jackson & Sons staff in a motivational cheer



Left to Right: Derek Jones, 2023 Fair Share Challenge Winner, Jackson & Sons; Bethany Perry, Campaign Chair

NEW HIRE AND DUKE ENERGY FOUNDATION

Have you heard about the Duke Energy Foundation grant that is allowing United Way of Wayne County to support basic needs around housing, transportation, or food insecurities for individual and families in our community that are in need?

Yamile Deniz has recently joined our staff, part-time, to support navigating those needs. Help us give Yamile a warm welcome!



Yamile Deniz

DUKE ENERGY® FOUNDATION

VOUCHER PROGAM REACTIVATED

Thanks to Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC, our Voucher Program has been reactivated. Individuals and families in personal crisis or disaster recovery can receive support from one of the local thrift stores.

Yamile Deniz will also be the contact for this program and is ready to serve those in need!

HealthyBlue

TACKLING THE HOUSING CRISIS

United Way of Wayne County joined the ReEntry Council of Wayne County in facilitating a Housing Roundtable. This partnership recognizes the need for discussions based around housing and are working together and with multiple other organizations to create solutions.



ReENTRY COUNCIL Wayne County

Members of the ReEntry Council, United Way of Wayne County, and the community discussing solutions to the the housing crisis

Thank you, 2023 United Way of Wayne County Major Investors!

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