

2012 IPFW United Way Campaign

As the Holidays approach many of us look forward to spending quality time with our loved ones and seeing the excited faces of little ones in our lives. It's the time of year when we think back on our blessings and look forward to what the New Year brings. Unfortunately, it's also the time when those who are less fortunate in this community need our help the most. Did you know that there are nearly 6,000 children under the age of five in Allen County who are living in poverty? There are reportedly 6,500 more people this year at food banks than at the same time last year, and over 460 families are using these services for the first time. Fort Wayne Community Schools currently has 167 students who are homeless; they are living in shelters, with friends, or even in cars.

You can help these individuals and many others with a gift to United Way's 2012–13 Community Campaign. IPFW will be running their online United Way workplace campaign December 14 through January 31. More than 300 Allen County businesses participate in campaigns much like IPFW's and offer simple options to give back to the community. There is power in numbers. With over 1,000 employees at IPFW, if everyone gave as little as one dollar a week, we could make a huge impact in the lives of children, families, and this community.

In addition to helping fund programs from 34 local partner agencies, United Way's 2-1-1 Services, and education initiatives, United Way works collaboratively with local government, business, and non-profit leaders to find the most efficient ways to help people gain self-sufficiency. They are also expanding education initiatives to make the most long-term difference and help reverse the trends of poverty.

Please consider participating in the IPFW United Way campaign this year. **You will receive your secure website link to pledge online December 14.** The site will stay open until January 31. Once you make your gift, please print the confirmation page as a receipt for your donation. **Cash and Checks may be sent to the IPFW Box Office c/o Reuben Albaugh.** Thank you in advance for the thoughtful consideration of your pledge and your compassion and caring for our community. With your help, we are building a stronger Allen County and, together, we're LIVING UNITED.

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