



## Dear Friends,

2020 has undoubtedly been one of the most extraordinary years we've seen at United Way of Salt Lake. Extraordinary not only because the world was thrown into upheaval by a global pandemic while our nation was confronted with rampant racial injustice and civil unrest, but extraordinary because of the incredible way our community responded. Our staff and partners pivoted in a matter of days to establish virtual workplace campaigns, launch our Stay Safe, Stay Connected initiative, build our organization's equity roadmap, develop digital volunteer opportunities, and move our fundraising events to an online platform.

Our community has faced unimaginable challenges this past year. Tackling poverty, poor health, and lagging educational achievement became even more important and more complicated as the COVID-19 pandemic spread.

The barriers facing the kids and families we serve have worsened. Despite government aid granted during the pandemic, many families did not consistently have housing, food, and reliable income. In order to meet those rapidly growing needs we had to pivot the work we do with our donors, community partners, advocates, and volunteers.

We got more creative than we've ever been to make sure kids could access distance learning materials and learn at home. We found new ways to connect volunteers to tutoring and other service opportunities. We reimagined how to get our community partner organizations the funds they needed to serve even more kids and families.

Despite these changes in our day-to-day work, our goal is the same: to help every child succeed, every step of the way. Our foundation is powerful partnerships and measurable outcomes; this has allowed us to meet the community's needs as they arise and rebuild the broken systems that have held it back for so long.

This Annual Report highlights some, but not all, of the innovative work we've done in the past year. To learn more about what we do, and how you can create lasting change for families and kids in our community, please visit our website at uw.org. Our sincerest thanks to our amazing partners for their hard work, and for the generous and continued support that makes this work possible. We look forward to future collaboration and success.



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# Every Child, Every Step of the Way

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## United Way of Salt Lake has a clear purpose: helping every child succeed, every step of the way, regardless of race, income, or ZIP code.

For more than a decade, United Way of Salt Lake has been building partnerships dedicated to transforming the systems that keep children and families from achieving their potential through health, financial stability, and education. From community schools to the State Capitol, we are dismantling barriers and changing outcomes to give future generations their best chance to thrive.





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Number of Grants Funded

Families Served from the Fund

Top 3 Needs of Callers to Utah 211:

> Housing/ Rental Support

Access to food and meals
Income assistance



Number of Organizations Funded



**67,567** Individuals Served from the Fund

#### Uses of Grants from the Fund:

- Housing and rental assistance for those who don't qualify for government aid
- Income support
- Healthcare access and support
- Homeless services

### **Fund Spotlight**

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES

Catholic Community Services of Utah used the grant funding to assist a family newly arrived in the USA
from Afghanistan. The father was an interpreter for the US military in Afghanistan and the family are
special immigrant status visa holders. Funding from federal sources and CCS helped the family put down

a deposit and pay their first month's rent. Unfortunately, this federal funding was limited, and the family was facing the prospect of having no help in covering rent moving forward. The pandemic began as they arrived in Utah, making it so neither the husband or wife could find work, creating housing instability for them and their five children. Funding from the Community Response Fund ensured that this family could pay their rent and would not face eviction, providing them with much-needed stability until it is safe and possible for the mother and father to find work and become self-sufficient.

## Other Ways Your Support is Making an Impact



Learning at home became the new normal in 2020. You support helped our team compile resources to keep the learning going. uw.org/distance-learning-support



Utah 211 has become the go-to information resource during this pandemic. Your support is helping them maintain increased capacity during this time.

#### uw.org/211/covid19-resources



The UWSL team and its partners have pivoted their work to address the immediate and continued needs caused by the pandemic. Your support is helping our team meet the growing needs of our community right now. promiseutah.org

# Annual Highlights

### Organizational Commitment for Racial Justice

Together with United Way of Salt Lake staff and the board of directors, we worked to formalize our action plan and commitments to address the systemic racism that plagues our nation, to serve and support those in our community who are marginalized and harmed by structural racism, and to hold ourselves accountable to do work that is anti-racist and anti-oppression.



## Strengthening Our Work in the Social Determinants of Health

UWSL and its partners lead efforts to address the social needs of our most vulnerable community members. By bringing together Utah's leading health systems, community partners, and stakeholders across multiple sectors, the work aims to drive better health outcomes by removing inequities in areas such as housing, education, transportation, and jobs.

## Utah 211

The year has not only showcased the importance of Utah 211's expertise in information referral, but also its vital skills in emergency management and partnership building to support our state. 211 created two new partnerships with the University of Utah and the Utah Department of Corrections Adult Probation and Parole focused on basic needs resources for students and families. And as COVID-19 began to spread, the 211 team jumped into action as the state's go-to



emergency information expert for the pandemic as well as the earthquake that hit Magna right as the pandemic began. In addition, 211's referral work helped UWSL identify the greatest needs of the community to funnel support through the Utah COVID-19 Community Response Fund.

## **Testifying Before Congress**

United Way of Salt Lake testified before the United States Congress Joint Economic Committee on the impact of the COVID-19 health pandemic on the local Salt Lake community, and the demand for United Way services and fundraising. Specific recommendations were made on what Congress can do to improve charitable giving incentives immediately, namely expand and make permanent the charitable deduction that was reintroduced in the CARES Act but capped at \$300.

# 2019-2020 Results

UWSL invests donor dollars to create social change that lasts. The 2019/2020 results show an impact for the schools, communities, and regions where we work, proving large-scale change is possible.

#### **KINDERGARTEN READINESS**

The research is clear: focusing on the early years is the most impactful and cost-effective strategy we can use to improve long-term outcomes for low-income children. Investing in early childhood education significantly reduces social costs such as special education and remediation and subsequently increases the future earnings for the children involved, along with many other positive outcomes.

49,000 low-income children ages 13.7%

low-income children ages five and under live in the Promise Partnership region to the most recent analysis

## **3RD GRADE READING PROFICIENCY**

In the early grades, children are busy learning to identify letters and string them into words, but then in third grade a critical shift happens: students start reading to learn and understand more complicated material. But if third graders are still struggling with

the basics of reading, they will likely fall behind. This is why elementary reading is so critical.



less likely to graduate high school if a student is not reading on grade level by the 3rd grade

## 40%

of Utah fourth graders are proficient readers according to national reading assessment data, outpacing the national average of 34%

#### 8TH GRADE MATH PROFICIENCY

STEM and technology-related jobs account for one in seven jobs in Utah. But what does it take to get these jobs, and how do we prepare our students? To be highly qualified in STEM, students must be on track in math long before college, as far back as middle school and even elementary school. For this reason, prioritizing math education in the early years is critical.

53% of Utah students were proficient in math in 2018-19



### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

In today's economy, a high school diploma is no guarantee of a living wage, much less economic stability, and there are significant disparities in postsecondary readiness as measured by ACT scores. Ensuring that all students are ready for postsecondary opportunities is crucial for their future success.

In Promise communities, we strive to support a "culture

of health," where everyone-regardless of zip code or

immigration status-has the opportunity to live a long

and healthy life. Through innovative partnerships with

basic needs while recognizing the value of health care

coverage for children and their families' ongoing health

dental and vision care providers, we are able to address

Seniors who complete the FAFSA are

more likely to enroll

immediately in post-secondary

education opportunities

**HEALTH OUTCOMES** 

10%



the shrinking achievement gap in Utah's graduation rates between Latinx and

%

of Salt Lake County low-

income adults experienced

four or more types of

trauma during childhood

white students, down from **17%** in 2013

4.5X more likely to be uninsured than white children

Latino and black

children in Utah are

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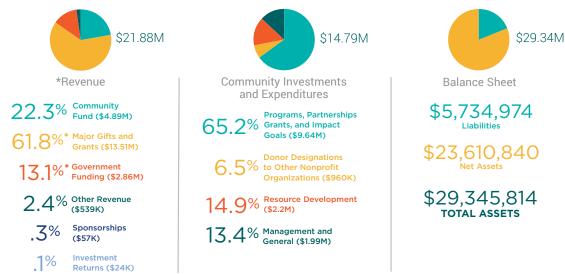
Among the issues that keep families in the cycle of intergenerational poverty, housing affordability has risen to the top. For Promise families in particular, the lack of affordable housing has reached a crisis point due to the lack of supply. These trends are expected to get worse in the future as income fails to keep up with housing costs.



or 6% of children in Utah are impacted by intergenerational poverty

65% of Salt Lake County residents who rent their home are low income

## 2019 Financials



\*Total Revenue of \$21.88M includes current fiscal year pledges for which cash may be collected over multiple years. Total Revenue does not include cash collected on pledges included in revenue in prior years. For complete audited financial statements visit UW.ORG.

Charity Navigator gives UWSL a 4 out of 4 star rating for exceptional transparency and accountability, exceeding industry standards. Better Business Bureau concluded that United Way of Salt Lake meets all 20 standards for charity accountability, making UWSL a BBB Accredited Charity.



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