

Frequently Asked Questions

Who controls United Way of Allen County? Is it local or does the national organization, United Way Worldwide, make the decisions?

United Way of Allen County is an autonomous, local organization. All funding policies and decisions are made by the local Board of Directors following a lengthy investment process led by volunteers that begins with an application for funding. The organization receives resources, training opportunities, and logo use from United Way Worldwide, an organization that assists more than 1,800 local United Ways.

Who decides how much money goes to each service?

Trained volunteers work on investment teams, which study community issues and the best ways to address them. The volunteer groups make recommendations on funding after carefully studying the reports and documents each potential agency submits. United Way's Board of Directors makes final funding decisions.

What is United Way of Allen County's Administrative cost percentage?

United Way of Allen County's fundraising and administrative costs were 15% last year. Better Business Bureau guidelines state that no more than 35% of an agency's dollars be spent on these costs.

Does United Way of Allen County sell or share donor information?

No. United Way of Allen County does not sell or share donor information with outside parties. Donor information is used to process donations, send tax receipts and thank you letters, invite donors to United Way related events and share United Way-related news throughout the year.

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Do all gifts to United way of Allen County stay in Allen County?

After United Way of Allen County pays membership dues to United Way Worldwide (1%) and the Indiana United Ways (.3%), all money raised stays in Allen County unless a donor has designated it to another United Way.

Does United Way of Allen County fund abortions or Planned Parenthood?

No. United Way of Allen County remains neutral on this controversial and potentially divisive subject. It is essential that United Way not participate in this debate on issues of morality if the organization is to sustain the community consensus required to be effective. United Way fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in Allen County.

United Way funds programs at an agency I don't like. May I designate my gift?

If you feel strongly about directing your gift, you can designate to United Way Funded Agencies or to other United Ways. A list of Funded Partners is available on our website.



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