**2023 UNITED WAY “FACT A DAY”**

**Fact #1 –**When you give to United Way’s Community Fund, your donation is combined with those of thousands of other donors, funding over 200 local nonprofit programs that have a direct impact on the health, education, and financial stability of so many in our neighborhoods.

**Fact #2 –** United Way’s annual Seasons of Caring connects thousands of volunteers to meaningful experiences across our region. Last year, United Way volunteers packed over 18,800 resource kits for local nonprofits. Visit UnitedWayGMWC.org/Volunteer to browse hundreds of opportunities.

**Fact #3 –** No family should have to go without basic needs for their children. Launched in 2021, United Way's Diaper Bank has already collected over 500,000 diapers and wipes for local families. Learn more at UnitedWayGMWC.org/Diaper-Bank

**Fact #4 –** At United Way, we believe in building a community that is equitable for everyone. Over the past year, United Way’s Racial Equity Portfolio has provided funding to 31 Black- and Brown-led organizations. The goal is to build capacity of this organizations to address Black- and Brown-focused priorites.

**Fact #5 –**EvictionFreeMKE is a program that provides a lawyer to anyone under 200% of the Federal Poverty Limit who is experiencing an eviction. Since it’s beginning, EvictionFreeMKE has supported over 5,000 households facing eviction in Milwaukee. This initiative is supported by United Way’s Safe & Stable Homes.

**Fact #6 –** According to the World Health Organization, half of all mental health conditions start by the age of 14.Your donations to United Way support a new initiative, Empowering Minds, centered on youth mental health. The goal is to change the lives of high shools students by focusing on prevention, equity, and access to mental health resources. Learn more at UnitedWayGMWC.org/Empowering-Minds.

**Fact #7 –** United Way’s Techquity initiative helps bridge the digital divide through access, advocacy, skill-building, and devices. To date, Techquity has funded thousands of laptops, hotspots, and smartphones so people across the community can stay connected. Learn more at UnitedWayGMWC.org/Techquity

**Fact #8 –** In 2022, over 70,000 youth and adults had increased access to health care programs, health and wellness services, and safer and healthier communities.

**Fact #9 –**Each year, United Way’s Backpack Coalition mobilizes thousands of resources to pack and distribute more than 7,000 backpacks and school supply kits for children in both Milwaukee and Waukesha counties. Learn more at UnitedWayGMWC.org/Backpack-Coalition

**Fact #10 –** United Way and partners have set a goal: 15,000 people will be ready to start a family-sustaining job aligned with local employer needs by 2029. This is all part of the Reducing Barriers to Employment & Advancement initiative. Learn more at UnitedWayGMWC.org/Reducing-Barriers-to-Employment-and-Advancement