

**Merrill Area
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With the County Fair behind us, we realize it won't be long and children, college students and teachers will be back at school. Fall will be upon us soon and the Annual United Way campaign will get underway. The United Way campaign doesn't just happen, in fact, July and August are planning and preparation months as we ready to approach our companies for employee-giving efforts. United Way also has an every-door-direct mailing piece that goes out to every household and business in most of Lincoln County.

September 9, 2019 marks the kickoff to the 2019-2020 Annual United Way Campaign. Church Mutual Insurance Company leads the way with their employee giving campaign. Last year's campaign was our best every, reaching our goal and supporting 19 programs that assist those in need in the areas of health, education and income/basic needs. With a donation level you feel comfortable with, we can make a difference for all our 19 agencies. The 2019 funded agencies are: Salvation Army; Northcentral Community Action Program; Merrill Community Food Pantry; Peaceful Solutions, Inc.; MAC Home - Merrill Community Homeless Center; Alzheimer's Association; Epilepsy Foundation; Parkside Preschool; Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Boy Scouts; Girl Scouts; Family Resource Center; Merrill Safety Patrol; Comunidad Hispana; St. Vincent De Paul Outreach; Healthy Minds For Lincoln County; HAVEN; Childcaring, Inc. and 2-1-1.

The United Way Board oversees how the agencies utilize funds to ensure the dollars raised and allocated are being used to serve local needs. By far, the most significant part of our annual budget is the dollars raised through our once-a-year local request. Please be on the watch for the single-sheet mailer requesting your support for the Merrill Area United Way. It will arrive in the mail the first week in September. We hope you will open your heart and give what you can. Your dollars will be used to positively impact your neighbors, friends and family when they need it most. So many people have much to give, and some not so much. Many times it is those that have much less that are willing to give, because they may have lived on the edge. They know what this means to the people that are struggling.

United Way thanks all that give generously to so many community efforts. Your funds, time, and talents are so important. By giving freely of yourselves you are a blessing to all! Although the United Way campaign is our major focus in fall, we do accept donations year-round. Remember all donations stay local unless you say different. For more information about the Merrill Area United Way visit our website at merrillareaunderway.org; or contact us at P. O. Box 813, Merrill; or email united813@frontier.com; or call our part-time office at 715-536-2016.