



United Way Community Solutions Team Member

Purpose:

Community Solutions Team members focus on one United Way of Central Minnesota (UWCM) goal. Team members gain a deepened knowledge of key factors related to this goal. They bring their skills and talents to discussions. Members develop a plan of action which includes implementation of one or more initiative(s) to make progress on outcomes and measure impact. Team members monitor United Way investments and progress reports and identify additional ways to impact the goal through identifying gaps and access issues, seeking opportunities for collaboration, volunteerism, obtaining additional resources, advocacy, community awareness and systems change.

United Way Goals: Access to Food, Reduce Homelessness, Increasing Financial Stability, Early Learning – Early Literacy, and Quality Out of School Time – Building Life Skills.

Community Solutions Team’s Major Responsibilities:

- Build knowledge base (issues, data, trends, best practices, service providers, resources) and stay current on emerging needs, issues and new information related to their goal.
- Monitor community measures (data) within focus area and communicate progress.
- Review progress reports submitted by United Way funded partners and share findings with the Community Vision Council.

Qualifications:

- Reside and/or work within UWCM’s service area.
- Contribute annually as a donor to United Way of Central Minnesota.
- Possess knowledge & experience related to the specific United Way goal.
- Use positive communication skills and share their expertise in this volunteer role.
- Review and sign UWCM’s Code of Ethics statement.

Composition: 15 or more members

- United Way will seek to have a balance of subject matter experts, service providers and community volunteers to serve on each Community Solutions Team.
- Co-Chairs will have no direct affiliation with funding applicants.

Time Commitment:

- Meets 10 times annually.
- Estimated 30 hours of volunteer time which includes meeting time and preparation.

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Note: A subset of Community Solutions Team (CST) members, along with other community volunteers, serves as CST Investment Team members with responsibility to review funding applications to UWCM and make recommendations to the Community Vision Council. This is done on the UWCM determined funding cycle.