

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are writing to you to encourage and ask for your support for the 2022-2023 United Way Campaign. United Way of the Ozarks is dedicated to partnering with organized labor. Together, we forge a path to create a society where we all have the chance to reach our potential. Across the country, for over 80 years, United Way and organized labor have worked together in beneficial partnership, leading to collaborative programs that improve the lives of working families.

United Way of the Ozarks recognizes the efforts of our community's union members, fighting for safer workplaces, healthy families, and a community that respects the dignity of each of us. To advance the common good in our communities, it is crucial that we continue to work in partnership. The United Way and organized labor are a common vision of our community striving to be a safe, diverse, and prosperous place, where every member of our community has access to the resources they need. Our presence on the United Way of the Ozarks' Board of Directors is a result of our values aligning.

By supporting the *United for Change* Campaign through your workplace, you in turn support our partnership. United Way of the Ozarks has worked hard to set the foundation for a new focus, Championing Children and Pathways out of Poverty. United Way of the Ozarks is committed to placing a greater emphasis on directing resources "upstream" toward the root causes of social issues. This focus will help knock down the barriers to education, workforce training and jobs.

It is with workers, families, and our community in mind, that we enthusiastically support the 2022-2023 *United for Change* Campaign.

We support United Way of the Ozarks, and together we ask our fellow brothers and sisters to do the same. In Unity,

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