



**United Way of Kitsap County**

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## How Will You Live United?



**"...how truly necessary we are to each other."** *Margaret J. Wheatley*

The one question I hear as I go around the county is, "Why should I give to United Way when I can give directly?" United Way of Kitsap County has been working on social issues for more than 80 years. During a majority of those years, we supported 36 local agencies with the funds we raised, providing

temporary solutions to immediate needs. In 2010, our board of directors decided to change our focus to Community Impact. United Way is now directing funds to the root causes of inter-generational poverty. Education, Health, and Financial Stability are the cornerstones of United Way investments; the goal is to inspire the whole community to work together to create real solutions to real problems.

[Kitsap Strong](#) is now in its 5th year and is expanding rapidly to help Kitsap County understand the effects of childhood trauma and [ACEs](#). Creating a trauma-sensitive community will allow everyone to thrive and help those who need it most.

The most effective way out of poverty is education; [Graduate Strong](#) was created to help the community understand that education is vital to every young person's success. Post-secondary education is becoming increasingly important as technology advances - not just college, but the trades and other secondary educational opportunities. In the next few years, more than 70% of jobs will require some type of post-secondary education. This makes getting a high school diploma more important than ever. Parents have an ever-increasing role to play in ensuring the success of their children, but they will not have to do it alone. Graduate Strong is part of a community project to help Kitsap County provide every child the opportunity to succeed from cradle to career.

United Way is working harder and smarter than ever for everyone in Kitsap County. We are working with multiple agencies to find solutions to the [homeless crisis](#). From permanent supportive housing to transitional housing, no matter what has happened in someone's life, everyone deserves the security of a home. With 39% of the population of Kitsap County just one paycheck away from the possibility of becoming homeless, we all need to help each other succeed, and provide a safety net for those in crisis.

That is why it is important to [give](#) to United Way; it is your opportunity to support the Education, Financial Stability and Health of all in Kitsap County, your opportunity to Live United!

We cannot do it alone. Your gift today through payroll deduction, or [online](#) helps power tomorrow's

transformations.

In Partnership,  
Carl



United, we can have each other's back.

HOW WILL YOU LIVE UNITED?

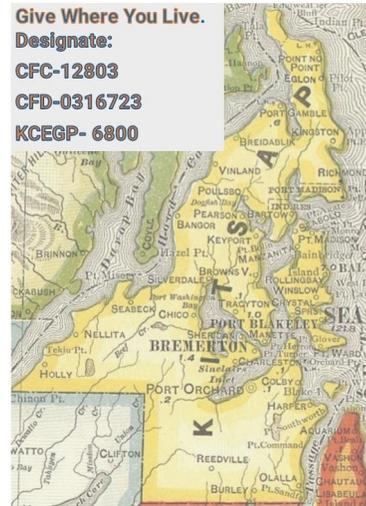
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## SAVE THE DATES!

- February 8, 2019 - 4th Annual Lifting Spirits
- May 11, 2019 - 27th Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive
- June 19th - 6th Annual Golf Classic
- June 28, 2019 - 26th Annual Day of Caring
- September 14, 2019 - 1st Annual Over the Edge with Kitsap Strong

Be sure to visit [www.VolunteerKitsap.org](http://www.VolunteerKitsap.org) for year-round opportunities. Many are family-friendly. This is also a great way for teens to start building their resume` while earning service hours for graduation, scholarship, internship, and apprenticeship applications.



## Coffee Chat with Carl, our Executive Director

We love making connections! If you'd like to meet for coffee to chat about how you can be a hand-raiser & game-changer, just send us an [email](mailto:carl@unitedwaykitsap.org). In the meantime, we hope to see you at one or more of our upcoming events. You can also visit our new website [www.unitedwaykitsap.org](http://www.unitedwaykitsap.org).

