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UNITED WE WIN.

United We Win! Campaign Kickoff

If you joined us on September 21 for our "United We Win" campaign kickoff, you know it was a celebration to remember! Grand Victoria Casino not only graciously hosted us, but also allowed us one of the first tastes of their new catering menu. (It was *very much* appreciated.)

We were beyond excited to share the impact your generous donations have had on the community over the last year. In fact, we were so full of community spirit that we included a fun surprise: a serenade from the Elgin High School drumline. It was a Pep Rally at its finest!



Campaign Co-Chairs Tom McCartney and Karla Jimenez at the kickoff

To read more about our kickoff, click [here](#) or view our [Facebook Photo Album](#).

2016 Jack Shales Award Winner: Elgin Sweeper Company



Mike Higgins and Lisa Baran of Elgin

When the Elgin Community Chest started in 1924, many Elgin businesses and their employees participated in the giving campaign. Many of those businesses are no longer around, but some, like Elgin Sweeper Company, are still supporters of United Way of Elgin today.

For their long history of supporting the community and their strong commitment to Elgin today, Elgin Sweeper Company is the [2016 Jack Shales Spirit of Community Award Winner](#).

Watch How Your Gift Can Impact Our Community

As you can probably tell, we're all about winning this year. Winning together, that is! When we truly LIVE UNITED--combining forces to be a voice for our voiceless neighbors--everyone in the community benefits. Your donation, large or small, joins with other donations to promote the health, education, and financial stability of those in need. Hunger? Illiteracy? Homelessness? It's our job to tackle them as one united front. Sound like a winning strategy?

Watch our campaign video below, then share it with others so they can join in the fight. United we fight...united we win!



2017 Philanthropy Day Award

Because so much of our impact in the community depends on your help, we're counting this as a double victory. The [Fox West Philanthropy Network \(FWPN\)](#), a professional development group for nonprofits based in the Fox Valley area, honored United Way of Elgin and the Grand Victoria Foundation with the 2017 Philanthropy Day Award on September 20 for our service to the community.

While we're beyond thankful to FWPN for their recognition, we owe a big thanks to you as well! We couldn't serve our neighbors in need without your gifts of money, time, and attention to our causes.



Sharon Bush, Grand Victoria Foundation Managing Director and Betsy Cappas, UWE Board Chair

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