



March 4, 2019

Dear Friend:

We are writing to share some important news with you. Effective July 1, 2019, United Way of Elgin will merge with United Way Metro Chicago. The United Way of Elgin board carefully evaluated this critical decision and determined that our joining forces with United Way of Metro Chicago will better serve the Elgin community. Both the United Way of Metro Chicago and United Way of Elgin boards voted in support of the merger, recognizing that, together, we can increase capacity, widen our reach and deepen our community engagement.

As internal operations are consolidated, many external activities will remain the same:

- All allocations to Elgin community partners will extend an additional 12 months, through June 30, 2020. Funding levels will be dependent on final campaign totals at the close of the year.
- At that time, all agencies will have the opportunity to apply for funding in accordance with United Way of Metro Chicago's allocation policies.
- United Way of Elgin staff will remain in place and the local office open through June 30, 2019 to support our community through the transition.

To ensure representation from businesses and individuals from the Elgin community, four members of the United Way of Elgin board will transition to United Way Metro Chicago's North-Northwest (NNW) Regional Board. Additionally, four board or community members will serve on the NNW Community Impact Steering Committee (CISC). The CISC, among other duties, oversees the allocation process in the NNW region.

This merger will help streamline operations and boost programs that improve lives and strengthen neighborhoods in the Elgin community. A consistent mission and message will help donors across the region better understand and engage with United Way's work.

As we take this major step, we want to thank you for your sustained belief in our work. Your continued support is both needed and appreciated! Thanks to you, more children are succeeding in school, families are financially stable and older adults are thriving. You are creating real, lasting change in this community.

As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynne A. Bosley".

Lynne Bosley
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betsy Cappas".

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