



give. advocate. volunteer... **better** TOGETHER



MEET NICOLE. She is the School Readiness Supervisor for Rochester Public Schools - Preschool. During her 24 years here in Olmsted County, she has deeply woven herself into the community and United Way's work including holding a position on the Advocacy Volunteer Team as well as being an active member of the Board of Directors.

We are better when we connect and build lasting relationships.

We are better when we listen because listening is the beginning of healing.

We are better when we defend each other and look after those in need.

Everyone can benefit from working together and United Way of Olmsted County is asking you to join the fight.

Because your unique passion, expertise, and resources will help the fight become a win!

A win that's not just a short-term contribution but a long-term and sustainable solution for ALL. Whether that means helping a vulnerable child, working with isolated seniors or anything in between, it's all about building connections and delivering support to the people and communities who need it.



"Giving is in my blood, service is in my blood."

I grew up in a family of social workers, teachers, therapists, foster parents, and people that genuinely know what it means to give and receive, unconditionally. I also grew up here in Rochester in the early nineties, and experiencing our school system, I was one of maybe two or three black girls in our school. And it was challenging. And so I struggled finding who I was.

I am thankful to United Way for listening to community voice. As a member of the Rochester community, I did not always know where I fit in, or if I mattered and being with United Way, I can see the direction and vision that they have, and it's about that community mentality, that village

mentality. And so I'm thankful for the fact that they listen to lived experiences, that they value lived experiences and that they value equity.

I think it's important to give back to your community because we are stronger together. We can get things done together. If one single person is trying to make a difference, it can get exhausting and overwhelming and feel like an uphill battle. But if we are together as a community, moving in the same direction, we're able to really make substantial changes.

To Live United is to live in collaboration, to live thinking of others, to live within the community, to think of more than yourself. Because when you're thinking of the collective, that includes you."

THIS IS OUR HOME. And TOGETHER we're fighting to make sure it's a place where ALL people can thrive.

Yet across Olmsted County, 200-300 families are dealing with homelessness. Housing instability is directly linked to poor health outcomes, educational outcomes and employment outcomes.

That's why we support programs that connect youth and families to the resources they need, when they need them.

WE'RE BETTER TOGETHER, WON'T YOU JOIN US?

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DONATE TODAY

OUR EVERYDAY CHOICES

LIVE UNITED®

Locally we fight. United we win. United Way fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in every community. Show Your Local Love. Live United.®

WHAT MATTERS MOST?

Your bi-weekly contribution will add up to big wins for your local community.

*Data calculated using annual gift amounts over 26 pay periods.

A **\$5** Cup of Coffee

Per Pay Period

OR



8 Backpacks with School Supplies

preparing students in Olmsted County for school

A **\$10** Online Purchase

Per Pay Period

OR



5 People Access Support Groups

improving mental health and over-all well-being

A **\$20** Pair of Movie Tickets

Per Pay Period

OR



7 Children (0-5yr) Receive Scholarships

access to high-quality early education, offering lasting social, economic, and academic benefits for kids and their parents

A **\$50** Clothing Item

Per Pay Period

OR



12 Seniors Extend Independent Living

supporting individuals to remain healthy in their own homes

A **\$100** Night Out

Per Pay Period

OR



4 Families Stabilize Housing

helping to avoid a housing crisis

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