

Where does my donation go? *And how does it flow?*

I made a pledge!

A pledge is a promise to pay over a period of time.
Most pledges are fulfilled through regular payroll deductions.

Company payroll officers deduct your donation from your paycheque in the amounts, and at the times you specify.

Your donation and those of your coworkers are remitted to United Way regularly until your donation has been received in full.

I promised my donation to another registered Canadian charity.

United Way can forward your donation of \$30 or more to any registered Canadian charity you wish. There is a fee for this service, which is 9% of your donation, to a maximum of \$48.

Once your pledge has been fulfilled, United Way can forward your donation to your chosen charity. These designated donations are paid out once per year in the Spring.

The service fee is deducted from your donation and remains with United Way. A cheque is mailed to your chosen charity for the balance of your donation.

Since your tax receipt already appears on your company T4 slip, your chosen charity does not need to issue another one.
The funds can support their mission right away.

I promised my donation to United Way's Community Fund

Thank you! Your donation appears on your company T4 slip to use when filing your annual tax return.

Why only once a year?

Most pledges are fulfilled over the course of one year. Other donors may have chosen the same charity as you. Sending one cheque for a large amount is more efficient than sending multiple cheques for small amounts.

I made a donation!

Donations to United Way can be made in cash, by credit or debit card, or by personal or company cheque.

United Way collects personal information required by Canada Revenue Agency in order to legally issue a tax receipt.

United Way records your donation using nonprofit software and automatically issues tax receipts for donations of \$20 or more.

A tax receipt is mailed to your home address for you to use when filing your annual tax return.

Community Fund donations are pooled and form a source of funding for a variety of local organizations and programs each year.

Organizations apply to United Way annually to receive funds to operate essential programs for poverty reduction, advocacy and inclusion, and positive child and youth development

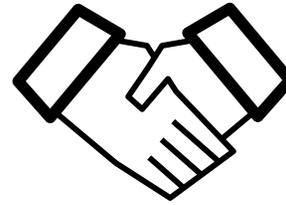
A team of community volunteers - the Allocations Committee helps to review and evaluate each application to determine where Community Fund donations are most needed and will have the greatest impact.

United Way's board of directors votes to approve the Allocations Committee's recommendations for funding distribution. Successful partner agencies receive their funds in up to four payments over the course of the year (August, October, January, April).

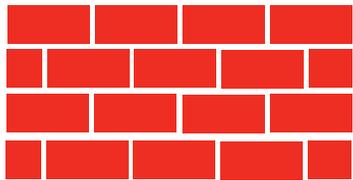
United Way Quick Facts.



Donations to United Way's Community Fund can **support many organizations at once**. United Way staff and volunteers do the work to make sure donations are invested wisely and where they will have the greatest positive impact.



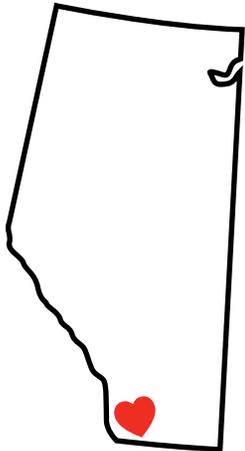
In 2017-2018, your donation to United Way's Community Fund supported 22 programs at 19 different organizations in Lethbridge and across South Western Alberta.



Support from **Leaders of the Way** creates the foundation the Community Fund is build upon. Leadership gifts of \$1,200 or more annually help ensure steady, sustainable funding is available to help people and change lives here in South Western Alberta.

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Many companies offer matching programs which make it possible for employee donations to reach **twice as far** in the community.



If your company's payroll is not processed locally, another United Way may be managing your donation on our behalf. These "centrally coordinating" United Ways return funds to the communities they originated in. If you live and work in South Western Alberta, your donation will return to support people in South Western Alberta.



United Way of Lethbridge & South Western Alberta works with **over 100 individual volunteers** every year. You can get involved as a campaign coordinator, special event volunteer, poverty simulation actor or committee member. Visit us online to learn more!



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