



United Way of the Midlands

## Need help? Call 2-1-1

United Way of the Midlands' 2-1-1 is an easy-to remember, 3-digit phone number that connects people who need help or want to give help with vital resources in our community. 2-1-1 offers assistance to callers with basic needs through food banks, clothing closets, rent assistance and utility assistance. Information about physical and mental health resources, employment support and services for children, youth, families, the elderly and disabled citizens are also available. 2-1-1 is now able to connect callers with the Child Care Resource and Referral service, designed to help families access quality child care. Even information about volunteer opportunities and donations is available through 2-1-1.

### United Way of the Midlands

1800 Main Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201  
803.733.5400 **t**  
803.748.7284 **f**  
[www.uway.org](http://www.uway.org)

Cover Photo: Fannie Rumph – retiree, United Way donor, volunteer and advocate.

## How I LIVE UNITED.

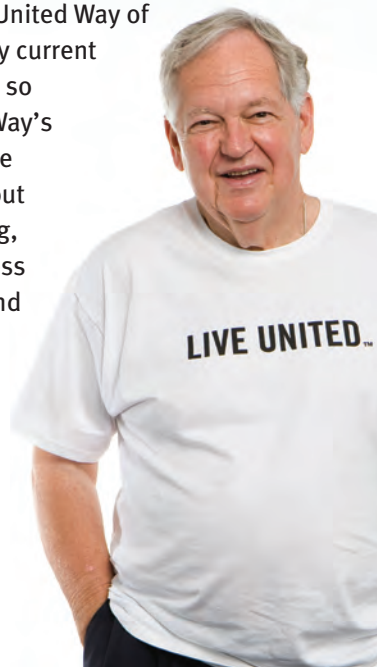
### Dave Leopard Lives United

My name is Dave Leopard, and I have been retired (for the second time) for over six years. I began my career in the Air Force and after 26 years, I became the executive director of the South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority. The Authority works to make sure people have the opportunity to live in safe, decent, and affordable housing.

United Way has always been very active in improving access to food and shelter, and because of my job, I developed a relationship with United Way of the Midlands. After I retired, I didn't want to become disconnected from the community where I live, so I've been volunteering with United Way whenever they needed someone to help. Most recently, I've volunteered to chair the state government workplace campaign.

Volunteering is a great way that people can continue to stay active in the community and at the same time have an impact on improving lives. From my initial experiences with United Way of the Midlands through my current involvement I have been so impressed with United Way's work. As a member of the community, we hear about what United Way is doing, but it is exciting to witness this quality work firsthand and be a part of it.

I work with United Way to improve conditions of our community and provide low-income families with food and shelter, and that is how I LIVE UNITED.



United Way of the Midlands

**RETIREMENT GIVES YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO GREAT THINGS**



**GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER. LIVE UNITED.**





As a retiree, United Way of the Midlands offers you ways to

# Stay Connected

Over the years, you and your co-workers have improved the lives of thousands of people in the Midlands through your work and your generous giving. Your contributions to United Way have helped children and families succeed, cared for senior adults, ensured food was available to those in need and improved access to dental and primary care. You are and continue to be an important part of our community.

## GIVE.

Of course, your financial support is always appreciated. Once you retire, you may not be able to participate in your employer's workplace campaign. But you can still contribute to the Community Impact programs and other work being done by United Way of the Midlands and our more than 80 partner agencies. Simply go to [uway.org](http://uway.org), and click on GIVE or mail in your contribution using the tear-off form in this brochure. Your contributions are deductible as provided by state and federal law.

## ADVOCATE.

United Way of the Midlands needs people who are passionate about education, financial stability and health to use their influence. You can make things happen with your voice. Get informed. Tell your friends. Write a letter to the editor. Sign up for our eNewsletter at [uway.org](http://uway.org) so you can stay informed about issues right here in the Midlands.

## VOLUNTEER.

You may also have more time to give now as a volunteer. United Way of the Midlands' Volunteer Center makes it easy. You can visit online at [uway.org](http://uway.org) and click on VOLUNTEER to see the hundreds of local opportunities to assist nonprofit agencies or United Way of the Midlands. Register and you will be matched with your areas of interest. You may also call 2-1-1, our information and referral service, to learn about opportunities.

## How We LIVE UNITED.

### Gene & Vanessa Key Live United

Our names are Gene and Vanessa Key and we volunteered with United Way and the Free Tax Preparation program from February through April. We own our own Real Estate Appraisal Company and Vanessa worked as a CPA for years. We saw the United Way commercial about the program on television and decided to help out.

The tax program is not the first time we've volunteered in the community. Since our children left home and our work load decreased, we've had more time to give back and help people in need. We feed the homeless, participate in walks, and led the Palmetto Health Prostate Health Screening at our church in West Columbia.

We have been married for 22 years now and volunteering is a great way for us to spend time together while helping others in need. Volunteering strengthens our relationship and we know we are giving people the opportunity for a better life. That feels good.

When we volunteer, we feel like we get more than we give. It's just a good feeling when you can help people that need it. It is easy. All it takes is a few hours of our time and the things that we are involved in are issues that we already know a lot about.

We use our expertise and special skills to help other people, and that is how we LIVE UNITED.

# Yes!

 I want to stay involved in the work of United Way of the Midlands.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Former Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Home Email address \_\_\_\_\_

### >> Ways I think I could help include:

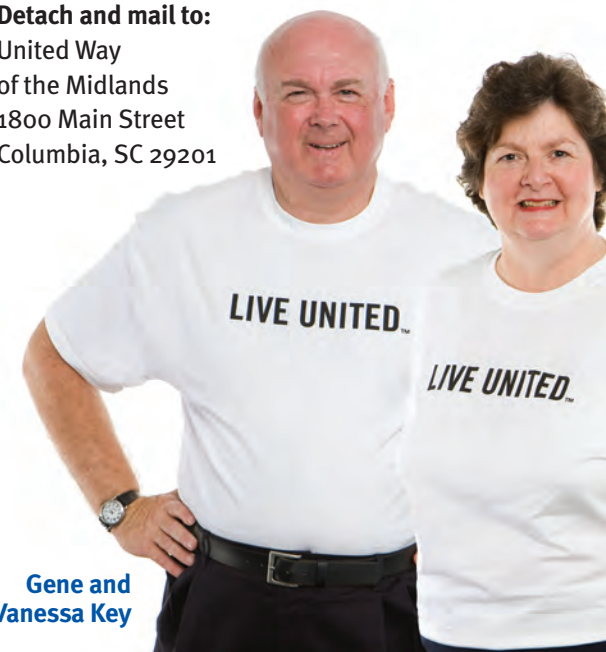
- By volunteering
- By making a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(make checks payable to United Way of the Midlands)
- By getting more information about United Way of the Midlands
- Partner Agencies  Community Impact Councils
- Community Impact Grants  Other

### >> Interest Areas (check all that apply)

- Education  Health  Income/Financial Stability

### >> Detach and mail to:

United Way  
of the Midlands  
1800 Main Street  
Columbia, SC 29201



Gene and  
Vanessa Key