

2026 Community Impact Application

Each year United Way provides the opportunity for non-profit organizations providing human services in Lewis, Marion, Monroe, Ralls, or Shelby Counties to apply to become a Community Impact Agency.

Community Impact Agencies benefit financially from the United Way's Annual Campaign, but are also granted a membership into the United Way providing additional publicity opportunities, notoriety, training, and more. This application is to apply for the distinction as a Community Impact Agency from May of 2026 to April of 2027.

In order to be eligible to apply, the work of organizations must align with United Way's areas of focus and priority areas as well as be in line with priorities outlined in the Community Health Improvement Plan. In depth information on those can be found on the United Way website at

<http://unitedwaymta.org/community-impact> and <https://unitedwaymta.org/community-needs>

Applications and all required documents are due to United Way by Saturday, February 15th at 11:59pm.

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CHART Teen Task Force

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EIN

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Fiscal Year Start and End Date

7-1-25 - 6-30-26

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I certify I have the authority to submit this application on behalf of the organization.

☒ Yes

Organization's Mission Statement

The mission of the CHART Teen Task Force (CTTF) is to provide teens with the information to make responsible, informed decisions about their sexuality.

Organization's Vision Statement

The vision of the CHART Teen Task Force is a healthy community with no unintended teen births and no sexually transmitted diseases in teens.

Provide a 25-word summary of your organization.

The goals of the CHART Teen Task Force are to decrease unintended births to teens and sexually transmitted diseases in teens.

How many dollars are you applying for from the United Way of the Mark Twain Area?

\$10,000

Are you currently receiving dollars from the United Way of the Mark Twain Area?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Have you ever received dollars from the United Way of the Mark Twain Area?

☒ Yes

☐ No

What is your organization applying for funding from United Way for?

☒ Specific Project/Program - dollars will be designated to only be utilized for a specific purpose.

☐ General Support - dollars will be considered general revenue to the organization.

If applying for dollars for a specific project/program, name of the project/program.

Infant Simulation and Sexuality Education Programs

Give a **brief** overview of the program(s) your organization implements. Provide headings above each program.

If applying for specific project/program dollars give the overview of that project/program FIRST

Coordinator

The part time Coordinator, currently Leigh Ann Bergman, is contracted through Innovative Staff Solutions. She recruits middle and high school teachers from Marion, Ralls, Shelby, Monroe and Lewis counties to participate in the program which brings the RealCare Baby infant simulators and Empathy Belly pregnancy simulators into their classrooms. The Coordinator delivers the simulators and all of their accessories to the schools, instructs the teachers in their use, specifically how to program each simulator with the software. The students take their own simulator home, with all the needed accessories to care for it for 1 to 3 nights. When the simulation ends, and the RealCare Baby is returned to the classroom, the teacher's software will analyze the experience, producing a report which will indicate if the student responded, or not to care needs of rocking, diapering, burping and feeding. It will report shaken baby, lack of head support, and rough handling. The Coordinator will return to the school to pick up the simulators, and take them back for cleaning and resorting accessories for the next school. The Empathy Belly pregnancy simulator is an apron-like device which the student slips on. Its total weight is about 30 lbs., simulating a full term pregnancy. Within about 10-15 minutes of wearing, and trying to bend over, tie shoes and sit, the student can sense the discomforts of pregnancy, not perfectly suited to a teen student lifestyle. UW funding would be used for per hour reimbursement to the Coordinator, mileage reimbursement and incidental supplies.

Sexuality Educator

The second program for which UW funding would be used is a part-time trained Sexuality Educator for middle and high schools in Marion, Ralls, Monroe, Lewis and Shelby counties. The CTTF contracts with Innovative Staff Solutions to provide employment management which includes providing reimbursement to the sexuality educator for hours worked and mileage. Depending on the schools' wishes and the age of the students, she may present on sexually transmitted diseases, healthy choices, decision-making, abstinence, and pregnancy prevention. Melissa Miller, current Sexuality Educator, has had training from Advocates for Youth, a national organization, she had training in "Reducing the Risk" and "Making Proud Choices", both evidence-based curricula. The CTTF purchases booklets to provide students with information to take home about the subjects discussed in class.

What data shows the work you would do with United Way dollars is needed in our community? Share the correlation between the programs you hope to implement with United Way funds and this data. Share the source of the data.

Source of the data is Missouri KIDS COUNT, the most recent data available published April 2025 is 2023 data.

Births to teens, ages 15-19, per 1,000

Areas	2023	2022	2021	2020	1995
Missouri (statewide)	15.9	16.9	17	18.8	53.6
Lewis County	14.6	9.5	5.3	2.8	40.9
Marion County	21.0	11.5	13.8	20.3	65.0
Monroe County	29.9	30.7	16.1	32.1	67.3
Ralls County	12.9	6.7	30.9	0	25.4
Shelby County	5.3	17.4	12.1	18.6	39.7

The CHART Teen Task Force began its work in 1995 in response to the high rate of births to teens in northeast Missouri. The data reflect an overall improvement over the years, all 5 UW counties showed a decrease in births to teens 1995 to 2023. However, Marion and Monroe counties in 2023 did show a higher rate of birth to teens than the state average, and Lewis, Marion and Ralls counties had an increase in rate of births to teens from 2022 to 2023. This shows that programs like the Sexuality Educator in schools, to help increase teens' knowledge about avoidance of unintended pregnancy, are still very much in need. Using the RealCare Baby infant simulators and pregnancy simulator, giving teens the real life experiences about pregnancy and caring for an infant, do help students postpone pregnancy and having a baby.

How will your organization measure the success of the programs it implements in the community? What kind of change/improvement does your organization anticipate seeing in the community by doing your work?

Students are surveyed following the completion of the programs on abstinence and pregnancy prevention, and the presentation on sexually transmitted diseases. Survey Monkey is used for these surveys. After using the infant simulator and after use of the pregnancy simulator, students complete a paper evaluation form. The following results are from the 2024 – 2025 school year. After pregnancy prevention classes, students' surveys showed 86% of students knew Condoms are not a 100% effective method in preventing pregnancy. 86% were correct that Abstinence is a 100% effective method of birth control. 88% correctly answered that drinking alcohol puts them at greater risk for possible pregnancy. 93% of students indicated that the presentation would or maybe would influence their decision to prevent pregnancy for themselves. After using the RealCare infant simulator, 83% of the students indicated they would be likely or extremely likely to wait to have a baby until after graduating from high school. Surveys after use of the Empathy Belly pregnancy simulator report that 98% of students would be more likely to delay sexual intercourse until after high school graduation. Having an unintended teen birth can impede or prevent educational attainment. Therefore, the work of the CHART Teen Task Force through its programs in the schools will increase educational attainment. This contributes to a student's upward mobility and later success in life.

Are there other organizations in our community addressing the same need and implementing similar programs who serve the same geographic area as your organization?

There is only one similar program. This is teaching of puberty to girls at Hannibal elementary schools by an employee of the Marion County Health Department. This started in school year 2024 – 2025. Prior to this, the CHART Teen Task Force sexuality educator did this teaching. This has allowed our sexuality educator more time to teach in other schools.

If your organization would receive United Way funds, which focus area(s) would your work with these dollars align to?

- ☒ Healthy Community
- ☒ Youth Opportunity
- ☐ Financial Security
- ☐ Community Resiliency

Explain how your work would align with the selected focus area(s). Please ensure you have reviewed how United Way defines these focus areas.

The work of the CHART Teen Task Force which is proposed for funding by the United Way, the infant and pregnancy simulation and sexuality education programs, aligns with two of the areas of impact of the United Way: Healthy Community and Youth Opportunity. Healthy Community is addressed by teaching in sexuality education classes how to avoid sexually transmitted diseases, how testing could diagnose them, and how they could be treated. Students without sexually transmitted diseases will add to a Healthy Community. Also in sexuality education class teens learn about abstinence and contraceptive methods. By avoiding pregnancy while a teen, these teens will have healthier lives because teens have more risks during pregnancy and delivery. These risks for mother include: 1) gestational hypertension, and anemia , 2) disruption of her physical maturation that could result in lifetime health issues, and 3) complications during birth especially for younger teens. Babies born to teens are more often born prematurely, and low birth weight. This would add higher risk of infant mortality, blindness, deafness, chronic conditions, and developmental delays. These children are more likely to become teen parents themselves. Teens reported in post-use surveys that after completing the RealCare Baby infant simulation and pregnancy simulation programs that they were more likely to postpone having a baby until at least after high school, many also not until after completing college or trade school. By getting at least a high school diploma, maybe even going on to college or trade school or getting a good job, allows these youth the opportunity to be more mature and financially able to raise a child.

If your organization would receive United Way funds, which priority area(s) would your work with these dollars align to?

- ☐ Supporting Critical Services
- ☒ Providing Opportunities for Upward Mobility

Explain how your work would align with the selected priority area(s). Please ensure you have reviewed how United Way defines these priority areas.

The Infant and Pregnancy Simulation programs and Sexuality Education programs would align with the United Way priority area of Providing Opportunities for Upward Mobility. In the sexuality educator's class on "Decision Making", one of the most important facts that students take away is that they are the one responsible for the decision to have sex or participate in other risky behaviors. They are accountable for themselves. In the class on "Pregnancy Prevention" teens gain knowledge about avoiding an unintended pregnancy through abstinence or contraception. Also, the very life-like experiences with the infant simulator and the pregnancy simulator can convince teens to postpone having a baby until at least after high school. Teens having a baby during their high school years are less likely to get their high school diploma. With a high school diploma, teens can get a better job, go on to college or a trade school and have a greater opportunity for upward mobility and realizing their full potential in life.

If your organization would receive United Way funds, which priority health need(s) outlined in the Community Health Improvement Plan would your work with these dollars align to if applicable?

- ☒ Mental Health & Substance Use Disorders
- ☐ Access to & Affordability of Care
- ☐ Housing & Homelessness
- ☐ Transportation
- ☒ Chronic Disease Prevention & Management
- ☐ Workforce Development (Health & Social Sectors)

Explain how your work would align with the selected priority health need(s). Correlate your work to what is shared in the Community Health Improvement Plan.

The CHART Teen Task Force provides prevention educational programs to decrease unintended births and STDs (sexually transmitted diseases) in teens. Our programs for prevention of teen births and STDs align with reducing the number of teen mothers that are likely to develop diabetes and heart disease due to the pregnancy, or both teen males and females from developing cancer due to contracting HPV (Human Papillomavirus), the most common STD. Cancers due to HPV are cervical, vaginal, vulvar, anal, penile and oropharynx (throat). Low income was cited in the 2025 CHNAR as an underlying cause for people remaining in poorer health. Adolescents who do not complete their high school education or get trade school or college education are put in a position of holding low-income jobs, struggling to find child care in an environment where child care is very limited. When teens do not complete high school, they are likely to remain in poverty and struggle getting health care, good nutrition, and face a great deal of stressors that impact their mental health and physical health negatively (depression, anxiety). Our prevention programs are taught in both public and private schools which were venues identified in the 2025 CHNAR. Additionally, we provide a Teen Health Fair each year. Interactive booths provide a variety of health and safety topics including: nutrition, exercise, pregnancy and STD prevention, mental health and substance abuse prevention among other safety topics. These youth are often accompanied by their parents or other caretaker so often these adults are receiving the same education.

Describe the demographic makeup of the clients you would serve with funding from United Way. United Way prioritizes the needs of individuals who are marginalized (individuals living in poverty, minorities, children without parental support, etc.).

The programs proposed for UW funding, the Infant and Pregnancy Simulation programs and Sexuality Education program are held in middle and high schools in Lewis, Marion, Monroe, Ralls and Shelby counties, so the clients are not selected, they are the population present in the schools who request the programs. Therefore we present county data from Missouri KIDS COUNT from the counties where participating students attend school.

Percent children in poverty, ages 5-17

	2023	2022	2021	2020
Missouri (statewide)	13.5	15.5	15.4	14.8
Lewis County	17.4	18	17.7	17.1
Marion County	13.9	14.3	16.2	16.5
Monroe County	14.9	18	19.4	19.4
Ralls County	11.5	11.7	11.8	10.7
Shelby County	17.8	19.9	19.9	20.3

Four of the five UW counties exceeded the state average for Percent Children in Poverty, Ages 5-17. Children in poverty are at higher risk for unintended teen births.

Dollars from the United Way of the Mark Twain Area can ONLY be used to support programs in Marion, Monroe, Ralls, Lewis, and Shelby Counties in Missouri. If you serve additional counties, how can you prove dollars are only used to support the work of these counties?

The CHART Teen Task Force serves all five of the United Way counties, in addition we serve Clark and Pike counties. We have other sources of funding for Clark and Pike, specifically Buffalo Township United Fund for Louisiana. Funding from General Mills and the Community Foundation and Samantha Otte Fund can be used in all seven counties. The Sexuality Educator and Coordinator are paid by contract with Innovative Staff Solutions an hourly rate and mileage reimbursement. This information is already kept, and turned in weekly to Innovative Staff Solutions to get their paychecks. They will both continue to log hours and miles for each school served, which will clearly reflect when United Way funds can be used for services when schools are in Marion, Monroe, Shelby, Lewis or Ralls counties. How much money is spent for these programs in these five counties is reported in the quarterly reports already turned in to the United Way.

What other revenue streams are utilized to support the program you are applying to the United Way to receive funding for?

The CHART Teen Task Force has had funding in the past to support the Infant and Pregnancy Simulation and Sexuality Education programs from the Riedel Foundation, General Mills, Community Foundation, and Samantha Otte Fund. We will continue to seek funding from these sources.

Explain the impact funding from United Way will have on the work of your organization if selected to receive funding from May 2026-April 2027.

If the CHART Teen Task Force received funding from the United Way for May 2026 – April 2027 at the level requested, \$10,000 for the year, this would cover at least fifty percent of the amount of salary and mileage reimbursement to the part-time sexuality educator and part-time coordinator for the infant and pregnancy simulator programs in the five United Way counties. Two of these five counties, Marion and Monroe, had births to teens in 2023 greater than the Missouri state average, so education is still definitely needed. This would allow funds from the donations of individual donors to be used to follow our plan to replace five RealCare Baby infant simulators a year for five years to replace our aging simulators. In 7-2025, Realityworks stopped making the RealCare Baby 3, the model which we own, and only makes a more advanced, more expensive model. They also will no longer repair our older simulators. Five new RealCare Baby 4 simulators with accessories will cost approximately \$7,425 without shipping.

Explain any collaborations with other agencies.

The primary collaborators with the CHART Teen Task Force for the Infant and Pregnancy Simulations and Sexuality Education programs are the teachers, counselors, principals and superintendents in the schools served in the five United Way counties. In the 2024 – 2025 school year the schools included Hannibal MS and HS and Hannibal Career and Technical Center, Marion County R2 HS, MS and elementary, Palmyra HS, Canton HS and MS, Highland HS, MS and elementary, Monroe City MS, Madison MS and HS, Paris elementary, Faith Walk Academy in Paris, and South Shelby HS.

The CHART Teen Task Force is a member of the CHART Partnership, the original northeast Missouri organization which started when the state of Missouri started CHART (Community Health Assistance Resource Team) in the 1990's. The CHART Partnership now meets monthly, often with a speaker about health issues in our community. The members are organizations and agencies concerned with health.

For organizations that have been a United Way Community Impact Agency previously: How has your organization shown that your organization receives funding from United Way and partnered with the United Way organization?

The CHART Teen Task Force has received funding from the United Way prior to this application. We do not have a physical office space, or we would display the UW logo there. We do not have employees, so there is no UW workplace campaign. The United Way is listed as a Diamond member on the Donor page on the CHART Teen Task Force website, <https://chartteentaskforce.org>. The United Way is on our Facebook page. On the last billboards sponsored by the CHART Teen Task Force about sexually transmitted diseases, the United Way logo was at the bottom of the billboards posted in Hannibal, Center and Shelby. The CHART Teen Task Force had a table at the Charcuterie for Charity event at the Rialto on 12-2-25. The United Way sign was posted at the Teen Health Fair on 2-7-26, to show that the CHART Teen Task Force is a United Way agency.

If your organization previously has been a United Way Community Impact Agency, outside of receiving monthly financial support, how else has your organization benefited?

The CHART Teen Task Force has benefited greatly by having two of its board members attend the non-profit leadership training offered by United Way, Sandra Ahlum in 2023 and Sherry Nelson in 2024. Sandra Ahlum attended the United Way annual meeting on 4-24-25. Claudia Buckman attended the instructional program on Giving Tuesday on 9-30-25. On December 2, 2025, Giving Tuesday at the Rialto, Sandra Ahlum had a table with apple charcuterie and information about the CHART Teen Task Force and the Teen Health Fair. At the event on December 2, the CHART Teen Task Force collected donations of \$1,205, plus \$200 online. A match of \$1,351.90 was received from United Way, which was a great benefit to our organization.

Organization Best Practices Questionnaire

Complete the following form answering questions relating to organization best practices. This information will not necessarily make an organization ineligible for status as a Community Impact Agency with United Way, but might result in the need for additional information for United Way.

PROGRAMS & MISSION:

Is your organization's mission statement able to be found prominently at your organization, on your organization's website, and on printed materials about your organization?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Does your organization ensure all programs of your organization align with the mission of the organization?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Does your organization have a strategic plan?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ Need more information

BOARD:

Does your organization have a board of directors that meets at least once a year to oversee the affairs of the organization?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Does your organization have a board of directors made up of a diverse group of people (age, gender, education, background, ethnicity, etc.)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ Need more information

Does your organization have a process to recruit new board members?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ Need more information

Does your organization provide training to new board members?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Has your organization reviewed its bylaws in the last 12 months?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Does your board approve the annual budget?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Does your board review financial statements on at least a quarterly basis?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Does your board annually disclose conflicts of interest?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Does your organization maintain meeting minutes for all board meetings?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

How frequently does your board meet?

At least quarterly

Does your organization's bylaws include term limits for board members?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Do all of your organization's board members give financially to the organization, or if they are unable to give financially, do they volunteer their time to the organization?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

EMPLOYER QUESTIONS:

If your organization has employees, do you have an employee handbook?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information
- ☒ N/A

If your organization has employees, are there up to date job descriptions for those employees?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information
- ☒ N/A

If your organization has an Executive Director, is that director evaluated on an annual basis by the board of directors?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information
- ☒ N/A

FINANCE & LEGALITY:

In the last year has there been any government agency led investigations of your organization?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ Need more information

Is your organization registered with the Secretary of State's Office and is that registration up to date?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Did your organization file the IRS Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-N in a timely manner (within ten and a half months of your last fiscal year end)?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Was a copy of the IRS Form 990 provided to the organization's board of directors before it was filed?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Has your organization reviewed its policies and procedures in the last 12 months?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Does your organization have a financial policy in place to oversee the paying of invoices?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

Does your organization have a policy in place to reimburse employees or volunteers for expenses?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ Need more information

Does your organization have a policy in place for receiving cash and making deposits?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Need more information

How much does your organization have in operating reserves per your most recent financial statement?

\$93,808.07

How many months does that operating reserves equate to in regards to average monthly expenses?

25 months

Any details you want to share about your organization's operating reserves?

\$68,873.23 in cash bank accounts, \$24,934.84 in two CDs, for total of \$93,808.07 on 7-1-25.

File Uploads

Following are the required documents - United Way must receive ALL required documents by Saturday, February 15th in order to be eligible to become a Community Impact Agency.

NUMBER SERVED: Please submit your numbers served using THIS link:

[2026 Number of People Served at the Agency – Fill out form](#)

Number of Individuals Served - USE THIS LINK: [2026 Number of People Served at the Agency – Fill out form](#)



Form Submitted

Organization Budget - Form found on Website or can use own format - Upload as Spreadsheet



Organization Bud...



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Program/Project Budget (if applying for program/project dollars) - Form found on Website - Upload as Spreadsheet

 Project Budget 2...

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Most Recent IRS 990

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Federal IRS Determination Letter - Not required for returning applicants

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For budgets over \$300,000 please upload your most recently completed audit.

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For budgets of \$20,000-\$300,000 please upload a Compilation Report prepared by a CPA (or bring a copy to the United Way Office if no full audit).

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For budgets under \$20,000, please upload most recent approved financial statement.

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Board Member Listing - Form Found on Website - Upload as Spreadsheet

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Key Employee Listing - Form Found on Website - Upload as Spreadsheet

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Organization's most recent Annual Report (if applicable)

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Upload Agency's Bylaws - Required for new applicants, required for returning applicants if any changes have been made in past year.

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