

United Way of Dallas shakes up list of nonprofits \$25 million in grants

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The United Way of Metropolitan Dallas' new system for distributing donations has winners and losers.

The local United Way executive committee voted Wednesday to disburse nearly \$25 million in grants among 78 nonprofits. Agencies that will no longer receive the grants.

The United Way previously divided donors' money among roughly the same 90 nonprofits. This year, the agency allows nonprofits to provide programs that get results in three specific areas: improving education, income or health.

"We are laser-focused on these strategies," said [Bill Morrison](#), a lawyer and volunteer chair of the United Way's committee that reviewed proposals.

Gary Godsey, the local United Way's president and chief executive officer, said all of the applicants run good programs. He said the United Way received 350 proposals from 160 agencies.

"This was not about cutting out any agencies," Godsey said. He said the United Way encouraged the groups to apply for grants.

Newly funded programs include Uplift Education, a Dallas college preparatory charter school that was awarded \$607,000.

Yasmin Bhatia, the school's chief executive officer, said the money will help the school prepare more students for college. She said the school has 100 seniors — 100 percent of whom have been accepted to colleges.

"We are incredibly results-driven at Uplift, so it was a really good fit," Bhatia said.

The Arc of Dallas, which serves people with intellectual disabilities, did not receive a grant this year. The United Way, which has reduced its funding, had reduced its contribution in recent years.

The Arc has downsized its programs as a result, serving 50 percent fewer clients and caregivers, said Sherry Wacasey. She said the loss of funding comes as the state proposes cutting services for people with intellectual disabilities.

"Texas continues to rank last in these programs, with waiting lists of 10 or more years," Wacasey said. "It is no wonder that these programs are being abandoned."

The United Way raised more than \$51 million in pledges from about 85,000 area employees in its most recent campaign. Not all of the money could be collected and \$10 million was spent on administrative costs. Another \$14 million was designated for special projects.

United Way beneficiaries

The local United Way will disburse nearly \$25 million in grants among 78 nonprofits, including 19 new beneficiaries.

AIDS Arms \$772,548

[American Red Cross](#) \$365,965

AVANCE \$785,028

Boys & Girls Clubs of Collin County \$135,502

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas \$601,814

Callier Center for Communication Disorders \$209,536

CASA of Collin County Inc. \$164,936

CASA of Denton County Inc. \$88,019

[Catholic Charities](#) of Dallas \$913,804

CitySquare (Central Dallas Ministries) \$546,542

Child & Family Guidance Centers \$276,618

ChildCareGroup \$1,259,837

Children's Advocacy Center for Denton County Inc. \$118,456

Children's Medical Center \$1,764,772

CITY House \$103,351

Collin County Committee on Aging \$68,810

Collin County Children's Advocacy Center \$433,901

Community Council of Greater Dallas \$63,454

Community Dental Care (Dental Health Programs Inc.) \$833,210

Dallas Children's Advocacy Center \$456,400

The Concilio \$170,720

Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind \$101,961

Deaf Action Center \$91,088

Denton County Friends of the Family Inc. \$51,058

The Family Place \$1,141,813

[Girl Scouts](#) of Northeast Texas \$143,057

Girls Incorporated of Metropolitan Dallas \$713,760

Goodwill Industries of Dallas \$659,607

Greater Dallas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse \$79,203

Hope's Door \$97,383

Irving Cares \$165,947

Jewish Family Service \$566,730

Lancaster Outreach Center \$247,789

LIFT (Literacy Instruction for Texas) \$367,195

[Mesquite](#) Social Services \$64,143

Metrocrest Social Services \$73,268

Mi Escuelita Preschool \$443,690

Mosaic Family Services \$505,432

Nexus Recovery Center \$213,292

PediPlace \$331,152

Rainbow Days \$228,108

Ready Start Collin & Denton \$98,811

Resource Center of Dallas \$383,409

[Rockwall](#) County Helping Hands \$149,018

Salesmanship Club Youth and Family Centers \$210,556

The [Salvation Army](#) \$1,137,260

Samaritan Inn \$221,198

The Senior Source \$368,499

Launchability (Special Care and Career Services) \$216,031

St. Philip's School & Community Center \$79,648

Turning Point \$68,111

[Turtle Creek](#) Manor \$55,335

UCP of North Texas \$120,225

Urban League of Greater Dallas and North Central Texas \$233,311

Visiting Nurse Association of Texas \$262,141

The Warren Center \$161,596

Parkland Foundation (WDYFC) \$428,083

[YMCA](#) of Metropolitan Dallas \$820,129

[YWCA](#) of Metropolitan Dallas \$405,695

*Child Abuse Prevention Center \$108,000

*Dallas After School Network \$120,000

*Dallas Challenge Inc. \$45,000

*Dallas County Community College Foundation \$138,782

*Dallas Furniture Bank \$15,000

*Dallas Methodist Hospitals Foundation \$318,412

*[Habitat for Humanity](#), Greater Garland \$50,000

*Housing Crisis Center \$148,599

*Interfaith Housing Coalition \$360,000

*Junior Players Guild \$75,000

*Museum of Nature and Science \$77,650

*Neighbors United for Quality Education \$200,000

*North Texas [Food Bank](#) \$100,000

*Open Arms (Bryan's House) \$315,106

*[Plano](#) ISD Foundation \$81,765

*Real Schools Initiative \$150,000

*Trinity River Mission \$60,000

*Uplift Education \$607,048

*Vickery Meadow Learning Center \$86,000

TOTAL\$24,894,317

The agencies that lost United Way funding:

Allen Community Outreach

**Alzheimer's Association, greater Dallas chapter

[American Cancer Society](#), Dallas metro market

The Arc of Dallas

[Arthritis Foundation](#) North Texas

Assistance Center of Collin County

Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Texas

[Boy Scouts of America](#), Circle Ten Council

**Boy Scouts of America, Longhorn Council

Bridge Breast Network

Brighter Tomorrows

Camp Fire USA Lone Star Council

Camp Summit Inc.

Center for Nonprofit Management

Children First Counseling Center

Citizens Development Center

Dallas Center for Developmentally Disabled

Galaxy Counseling Center

Health Services of North Texas

Hope Cottage

Jewish Community Center of Dallas

Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas

Maurice Barnett Geriatric Wellness Center

Mental Health America of Greater Dallas

**Our Children's House at Irving

Plano Day Care Center

Reading & Radio Resource

**Senior Adult Services

Southwestern [Diabetic](#) Foundation

Volunteer Center of North Texas

West Dallas Community Centers Inc.

* Designates new beneficiary

** Did not reapply

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