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United Way of Cumberland County Seeking Community Impact Review Panel Volunteers

United Way of Cumberland County (UWCC) is currently seeking volunteers to serve on Community Impact Review Panels. Community Impact Review Panel (CIRP) Volunteers put the “action” into United Way’s funding process. Each year, CIRP Volunteers are recruited to serve on panels developed to review and evaluate funded programs and services provided by United Way’s Community Partners. Review Panel evaluations and recommendations will guide funding decisions for programs and services that impact United Way’s targeted community impact areas: Education, Financial Stability, Health and Critical Basic Needs.

CIRP Volunteers participate with 5-10 Panel Members to review 2 (two) or more Program Request for Funding Proposals submitted by UWCC’s Community Partners. CIRP Volunteers review each program’s written proposal materials, financial reports, and prior program evaluation reports. CIRP Volunteers also make a site visit to meet with the Community Partner Agency’s Executive Director, the Chair of the Board of Directors and any necessary staff to see first-hand the program/service in action. CIRP Volunteers then complete an individual evaluation form to score the overall program and/or service. The entire review panel will compile everyone’s evaluation forms and come to a consensus on a group evaluation score. The Panel Chair will present these scores and any recommendations from the panel to the Community Impact Council who will determine each program’s allocation/funding award for the upcoming fiscal year. These funding decisions and recommendations are then submitted to the United Way of Cumberland County’s Board of Directors for final approval.

CIRP Volunteer key responsibilities are: To attend the Review Panel Volunteer Orientation Workshop; To review partner agency request for funding proposals and any submitted documentation; To participate in on-site partner agency visits to learn about the programs/services first-hand; To attend all review panel meetings and be an active participant in discussions and decision-making; To evaluate and make recommendations of each program on its own merit; and To respect the confidentiality of materials, discussions and decisions. Total time commitment is 8-10 business hours during the months of March and April.

Please contact Crystal Moore Williams, Community Impact Director, via email at crystalmmcnair@unitedway-cc.org or call 910-483-1179 to volunteer or for more information. Volunteer Registration Forms may be obtained from our website: www.unitedway-cc.org .

About United Way

United Way improves lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities around the world to advance the common good. United Way of Cumberland County strives to advance the common good by focusing on the building blocks for a good life: education, financial stability, health and critical basic needs. At United Way, we recognize that lasting changes are achieved by addressing the underlying causes of problems. United Way partners with other nonprofit agencies to improve lives right here in Cumberland County. Give. Advocate. Volunteer. LIVE UNITED.

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