

COMMUNITY IMPACT VOLUNTEER PANELS

**Have you ever wondered how the dollars raised in the United Way campaign are distributed?
Are you curious about the most pressing issues we face in Midland County?**

United Way invests in non-profit programs that impact prioritized issues in our community. There is a very high level of accountability to be a funded partner and programs must align in one of three priority areas: Youth Success, Health or Household Stability.

Funded partners submit a detailed application each August for funding consideration, including budgets, program overview, demographics and number served. In addition, they are required to report yearly outcomes that illustrate the ways participant's lives are being changed.

Community volunteers sign up to serve one of five Impact Panels. Each panel consists of a blend of returning and new volunteers, chaired by an Impact Team Leader. To ensure continuity year-to-year, we ask new panel members to serve a minimum of three years.

Panel members review applications in September via an online portal and can pose questions electronically. In October, they hear in-person presentations from each potential funded partner during an evening meeting and then complete a scoring rubric at home.

In December, volunteers will utilize aggregated evaluations and a consensus model to deliberate and make funding recommendations. Those recommendations then go to the Impact Team Leaders for further deliberation and make final funding recommendation to the United Way Board of Directors.

Funding decisions are announced in late December each year and provide sustainable program funding monthly throughout the next calendar year.

ANNUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 14 to 16 hours (September – December)
- Attend two early evening meetings (October and December)
- Engage in community learning/conversations year-round
- Evaluate numerous program requests
- Complete online evaluation forms

GET INVOLVED

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VOLUNTEER CRITERIA

- Interest in Midland County human service needs
- Strong analytical/critical thinking skills
- Effective communicator/collaborator
- Commitment to process
- Utilize consensus model to make decisions