

United Ways of Texas (UWT) is the statewide association of Texas' local United Ways. UWT's members represent 75 communities and the overwhelming majority of Texans. United Ways of Texas' priorities for the 2009 Texas Legislature are fully aligned with United Way of America's priority goals of Education, Health and Income for "advancing the common good." In addition, we will continue our efforts to support Texas nonprofits, to increase disaster preparedness and to promote 2-1-1 Texas.

EDUCATION – Helping Children and Youth Achieve their Potential

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- Expand and Improve Access to and the Quality of Pre-Kindergarten
- Increase Pre-Service Training Requirements for Child Care Workers
- Increase the Graduation Rate and College Readiness with Proven Strategies

INCOME – Promoting Financial Stability and Independence

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- Create Incentives for Participation in State-Supported College Savings Plans
- Promote Financial Stability Among Texas Seniors
- Increase Utilization of the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit

HEALTH – Improving People's Mental and Physical Health

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- Support Efforts to Expand Access to the Health Insurance for Children and Adults
- Increase the Dental Health of Low-Income Children
- Improve and Expand Prevention Efforts to Improve Health and Save Money
- Address Obesity among Texans of All Ages
- Support Efforts to Assist Texas Seniors to Age Healthy and Well

BUILDING CAPACITY of Texas United Ways

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- Sustain Public and Private Investment in 2-1-1
- Protect the Tax Exemptions and Advocacy Voice of Texas Nonprofits
- Ensure Appropriate Representation of Nonprofits in Disaster Preparedness
- Monitor Issues Relevant to the Work of Local United Ways