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Grandfathered by the solid foundations of two charitable organizations, United Ways of Texas is the product of collaboration at its best. In 1909 the Texas Conference on Charities and Corrections emerged with a deep understanding of statewide cooperation and its power to impact Texas communities. This alliance encouraged growth for the group, helping it evolve into the Texas Conference of Social Welfare in 1914, which set the groundwork for their future as the Texas Social Welfare Association in 1944. Alongside this group the Texas Community Chest Association also joined arms under the same premise in 1926, becoming the Texas United Defense Fund in 1951 and later the Texas United Fund in 1958.

The Texas Social Welfare Association and the Texas United Fund took their mission and vision of community collaboration to the next level in 1969 and formed Texas United Community Services. This organization would serve as the final piece of United Ways of Texas' formation in 1980. After almost a century of dedicated community service United Ways of Texas continues to make Texas a better place to live and do business.