

Great Game of Huddle Notes

September 18, 2018

Angie Crews opened today's meeting by introducing Danielle Conti from United Way of the Ozarks and Holly Hunt from Great Circle. **"The mission of United Way of the Ozarks is to improve lives in the Ozarks by uniting community support. We incorporate our values of accountability, collaboration, compassion, leadership, integrity, and impact into every aspect of our work."**

By supporting the United Way of the Ozarks, you help the community grow stronger. UW unites partners, to solve problems that no one organization can solve alone. In 2017, 289,000 people in our community were impacted by the United Way of the Ozarks.

<https://youtu.be/WaFiZiet3Ng>

Facts about United Way:

- Nonprofit for over 125 years
- Local, national and international organization
- Been in the Ozarks for over 88 years
- A few of the organizations that UW partners with:
 - Community Partnership of the Ozarks
 - Big Brothers Big Sisters
 - American Red Cross
 - Boys and Girls Clubs of Springfield
 - NAMI
 - OTC
 - Great Circle
 - Harmony House
 - Victim Center
 - YMCA
 - Salvation Army

Holly Hunt spoke on behalf of how UW helps Great Circle:

- Helps fund a 20-bed emergency shelter for children/teens, birth-18
 - These funds assist with providing clothing for the youth, medical care, therapeutic services (which may consist of individual, family or group therapy, as well as crises therapy), along with engaging in activities with the children/youth while they are receiving placement services.
 - These children/teens can be in foster care or they may not, who have gone through some type of traumatic related experience or may be "homeless." The Empowering Youth Program, "Provides shelter and critical aftercare services to help meet basic needs for homes and unsafely housed youth and teens, to prepare them for success on the path ahead."

Why United Way? Because we are ALL in this together. To donate:

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