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Thousands of Hand Raisers and Game Changers Join United Way of Central Indiana to Celebrate the Culmination of its Centennial Year

Central Indiana residents provide an hour of impact with Hand Raisers on April 19th and celebrate with 'A Future United' at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on April 20th

INDIANAPOLIS – Hand raisers across Central Indiana are invited to participate in two unique events on Thursday, April 19, and Friday, April 20, as United Way of Central Indiana celebrates its 100th anniversary of serving Marion, Hendricks, Hancock, Boone, Morgan and Hamilton counties. United Way has made the Central Indiana community a stronger, more vibrant place to live for 100 years.

April 19, 2018 – All Day

Hand Raisers for 100: One Hour of Impact

United Way invites every person to find just one hour on April 19 to do something that makes a positive impact on a person, a place or within the community. Examples could include helping an elderly neighbor, reading to a child, cleaning up a neighborhood park, organizing a food drive with your fellow employees, volunteering at a local nonprofit, or simply donating supplies to a teacher for United Way's initiative, "Restock the Classroom." Need some ideas? We have 100 more!

[Click here](#) to add your organization to list of United Way first 100 Hand Raisers. Don't forget to share your "hour of impact" through social media on April 19. Use the hashtag #uwci100 and tag United Way @uwci

April 20, 2018 – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (gates open at 10 a.m.)

A Future United: The Greatest Spectacle in Hand Raising

Join thousands of fellow hand raisers as United Way celebrates its 100th anniversary on the famed oval of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. This unforgettable event is complete with a community lunch, a parade of United Way's 100 heroes, agencies and a collective hand raising experience right on the yard of bricks.

"A Future United" is a family-friendly experience and a historic moment of unity for our community. [Register](#) to confirm your free lunch, parking and the opportunity to participate in a once-in-a-lifetime event on the IMS track.

"United Way is a shining example of what it means to have community cohesiveness," said Allison Melangton, senior vice president of Hulman Motorsports and co-chair of United Way's 100th anniversary committee. "These capstone events remind us all that it takes every person in central Indiana to come

together, care, volunteer and participate to make our community stronger – for we will see that impact now and for future generations.”

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About United Way of Central Indiana: United Way of Central Indiana fights for the education, financial stability, health and basic needs of all people in central Indiana by creating, managing and investing resources in sustainable solutions to the most stubborn barriers to self-sufficiency. United Way invites all members of our community to LIVE UNITED by giving, advocating and volunteering to improve lives in Central Indiana. Visit uwci.org to learn more.

United Way of Central Indiana – 100 Years

The United Way movement began 131 years ago in Denver, Colorado, when several leaders in the religious and human service sectors had united around one cause: helping to serve people who were living in poverty.

In April of 1918, the United Way movement arrived in Indianapolis in the form of a “War Chest.” The gigantic Chest was placed on the steps of Monument Circle, and a campaign to raise contributions involved every person in the community. The result: more than \$3 million (\$50 million in today’s dollars) was collected and donated to dozens of charities and relief organizations throughout the region.

One hundred years later, United Way of Central Indiana is not just a fundraiser. With a strong network of agency and community partners, United Way is a social change organization that is fighting for the education, financial stability, health and basic needs of every person in the community.