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**UNITED WAY
By Dave Chapman**

UAW members and the United Way have enjoyed a cooperative partnership over the years. This partnership provides vital services and assistance to Union members and their families across these United States.

Walter Reuther of the UAW is credited with developing the payroll deduction plan for United Way giving. The dollars raised by payroll deduction have been spectacular and as a result two thirds of all United Way contributions nationwide can be attributed to payroll deduction by working men and women.

UAW Local 974 enjoys the same cooperative partnership with our local United Way that our International Union does. Labor volunteers participate in all levels of the United Way decision making process. Organized Labor Representatives are on their board of directors, fund distribution panels, campaign cabinet, and our own 974 member Terry Freeman serves on the Labor Campaign Committee. With the assistance of our AFL-CIO Community Services Liaison, Connie Higgins, we are able to provide services and programs for our members.

- ❖ Financial Aid and Education for the unemployed
- ❖ Retiree Social and Health Programs
- ❖ Food Drives for the needy
- ❖ UCAN Educational Programs

The financial support of the United Way provides program funding for 44 member agencies that are providing critical services to over 1100 family, friends and neighbors every day! Some of the agencies include:

- ❖ Alzheimer’s Association
- ❖ The Center for Prevention of Abuse
- ❖ Easter Seals
- ❖ TCRC

I am asking the Membership of Local 974 to join me through payroll deduction and give as much as you can to support our Local United Way! Together we can continue to provide access to services that are critical to the health and well-being of our families, coworkers and friends.