

# EXTENDING THE WAY



Dear Friends,

To the people of the Flint Hills there is a natural desire to extend your hand to the person beside you when they may be in their darkest hour and say to them "I am with you, you are not alone." When others are in need we unite. We don't ask "What can I do?" We ask "what do you need?" We do not walk past and say, "there's nothing I can do." We extend our hands and say, "we will find a way."

I myself have suffered through times of uncertainty, despair and fear. And in the darkness, there was always someone willing to reach out and pull me forward and my story is not entirely unique. We can all recount a moment in time where someone reached out and pulled us from times of uncertainty and despair. For some it was a family member, others a trusted friend and for many in this region it was the United Way.

The United Way has always stood as a beacon of hope and reliance for those who may be suffering through the darkest times of their life. More than just generating needed dollars for community partners and those they serve, the United Way has carried on the proud tradition of our region of extending a hand to a neighbor in need, no matter the cost and no matter the situation. As a society, our traditions can only continue through action, not simply through words.

I ask that you help us take that action, help us to continue the proud tradition of selflessness and unity we as a region have become accustomed to. Help us to continue extending the hand to those in need.

Help us continue to give through the gift of giving. I ask that you please help support the United Way by giving to the United Way Campaign. Together through your generosity and actions we will always find a way.

Join me in being United in Purpose and give to the United Way at [uwfh.org/donate](http://uwfh.org/donate).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tegan Trahoon".

Tegan Trahoon  
2024 Campaign Chair

