

What is the United Way?

The [United Way](#) is an international, not-for-profit organization which improves lives by moving people from poverty to possibility, helping kids be all they can be, and building strong and healthy communities.

Why would I give through United Way when I can give directly to an agency?

United Way has participation from hundreds of funded community partners in the social services sector, delivering key community impact programs and initiatives. By donating to United Way, donations can support a broad number of these worthy organizations.

Shouldn't Carewest employees be encouraged to give to the Calgary Health Foundation?

Absolutely! The Calgary Health Foundation plays a role supporting healthcare services throughout our organization. Learn more by clicking [here](#), you can make a [gift directly to Carewest](#).

How is giving to the United Way different from giving to the health foundations?

The United Way is dedicated to building healthy communities; they focus on preventative health and wellbeing. The foundations support equipment, programs and research that enhances healthcare services throughout our province. While each has a different focus, they complement each other's efforts.