

United Way Kickoff Meeting October 3, 2013

Let me welcome everyone to UAH this morning.

Good education. Good income. Good health. All of these are important factors in one's quality of life. It's about a good quality of life for all calling Huntsville and Madison County home. That's why UAH is pleased to be in a close partnership with United Way of Madison County. The United Way is an effective agency that helps focus resources on those programs that have the most impact locally.

Some of you may be far removed from many of these issues, but it's important to understand how much you can impact many lives with your generosity. There are many who need your help, and giving to United Way is a powerful means to accomplish these things.

- Children need to enter kindergarten developmentally ready for success. They need to be safe and secure and have responsible caring adults in their lives.
- Individuals and families should be economically self-sufficient. They should know and have access to resources in the community so they can be financially literate.
- Individuals and families need access to emergency and/or transitional housing.
- Youth and children should have healthy habits, live a healthy lifestyle and create a healthy start in life. Awareness and access are ways you can help.
- Our seniors should be able to remain healthy in their homes.

With a gift to United Way, all of these things are possible. I would encourage you to be generous as you think about the ways in which a gift to United Way will impact those around you and the quality of life in the community as a whole.

Thank you.