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Greetings Alliance partners,

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the start of what promises to be an interesting holiday season.

Perhaps now more than ever, community partners are an integral part of Kankakee County. United Way of Kankakee and Iroquois Counties is a leading entity that connects individuals with opportunities for impact. United Way focuses on improving the health, education and financial stability of our community with an ultimate goal of providing lasting change to local families.

One shining example of the United Way's valiant efforts is the Covid-19 Response Fund, a partnership with the Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley. Within nine months, \$600,000+ was deployed locally to feed families, provide emergency childcare and remote learning support, and offer mental health services necessary due to the pandemic.

Separately, the United Way has embedded an additional \$320K+ in youth success, economic mobility and access to health services in Kankakee and Iroquois counties in 2020.

Through various programs, your workforce can partner with the United Way in helping our community. There are also several free resources you can offer your employees including FamilyWize, a prescription discount program as a supplement to your company's wellness program, and 2-1-1, a resource helpline. These programs are each available in English and Spanish.

In the coming weeks Executive Director Kerstin Rust will be reaching out to discuss how your workforce can partner with the United Way of Kankakee and Iroquois Counties. You can also contact the United Way at 815-932-7476.

Sincerely,

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