



UNITED, WE MAKE THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE.

FROM FOSTER HOMES TO FOSTERING HOPE

Dez grew up in the foster care system. Her foster family considered showers and hairbrushes a luxury, and some days she was only given one meal.

At the age of 17, Dez became homeless. She tried going to shelters but was turned away because she wasn't 18 yet. She experienced abuse and violence on the streets, and found herself sleeping under bridges to stay safe.

One day, Dez decided to visit a United Way-supported facility helping homeless and at-risk youth. Determined to get out of homelessness, Dez signed up for all the available programs.

Today, Dez is a 25-year-old woman on her way to starting her bachelor of child studies. She is determined to use her life experience and her education to help homeless youth rebuild their lives.

[Read more about Dez's story here.](#)

THE MORE YOU GIVE, THE MORE YOU GET BACK

Giving to United Way helps the most vulnerable in your community and offers valuable tax benefits.

TAX BENEFITS	CORE DONORS \$1 - \$1,199		LEADERSHIP DONORS \$1,200 - \$9,999	
Annual Donation	\$120	\$600	\$1,200	\$5,000
Alberta Tax Credit	\$12	\$104	\$230	\$1,028
Federal Tax Credit	\$18	\$146	\$320	\$1,422
Cost After Tax	\$90	\$350	\$650	\$2,550

*These examples are based on an annual taxable income of less than \$216,511. Please consult a financial advisor to learn more.

We are proud to have one of the lowest fundraising costs in Canada.

United Way of Calgary and Area estimates fundraising and related operating costs to be 13% - 15%.

For a detailed breakdown, please visit [calgaryunitedway.org/financials](#).

#BEUNITED

Help us change these stats and improve lives.



189,000
Calgarians live below the poverty line



1 in 5
kids in Calgary do not complete high school on time



1 in 3
Calgarians don't feel like they belong in their community.

Thanks to donors like you, more than

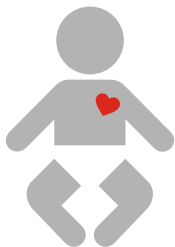
150,000

local people are helped every year.

We collaborate with local organizations to find new approaches to social issues and care for the most vulnerable in our community.

Together, we can create ripples of positive impact in our community that swell to waves of change.

HELP LOCAL PEOPLE THRIVE



\$12⁵⁰/month
= **\$150**/year
Provides formula or diapers for six infants



\$50/month
= **\$600**/year
Provides four sessions of trauma counselling for frontline staff



\$100/month
= **\$1,200**/year
Provides a damage deposit for a family transitioning out of homelessness.

IMPROVE LOCAL LIVES. **GIVE TODAY.**

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