

Where UW Oshkosh and United Way meet...

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As the Oshkosh Area United Way celebrates its 50th year, the 1,700-employee and 13,500-student UW Oshkosh community is more connected than ever to vital agencies, campaigns and projects serving thousands with food, shelter, safety, education and support.

“The breadth and variety of UW Oshkosh community members who ‘Live United’ is impressive,” said UW Oshkosh Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Petra Roter, who is serving as the president of the Oshkosh Area United Way Board of Directors.

The Oshkosh Area United Way Kick-Off is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 12 at the Oshkosh Convention Center. It will launch a busy year of events, giving and volunteerism at UW Oshkosh, Roter said.

“In so many ways, the missions of United Way and UW Oshkosh are intertwined,” she said. “Our students are regularly volunteering and serving as interns within United Way agencies in the community and region as a way to not only learn but also to give back. Our faculty and staff have, for decades, offered their expertise and leadership while serving on United Way-supported agency boards, if not stepping up to directly serve as United Way board directors. We have a long, deep connection to United Way, and we are incredibly proud of it.”

Roter said the UW Oshkosh community is strengthening its internal United Way campaign this year, with faculty, staff and students working collaboratively to develop new fundraising and awareness-building events.

UW Oshkosh employees will also have access to an easy-to-use, online United Way donation system, expected to be unveiled after the start of the new academic year.

UW Oshkosh honored the Oshkosh Area United Way for 50 years of service to the community during the nonprofit’s 50th Annual Campaign and Volunteer Recognition Meeting on May 17.

Roter presented a certificate, on behalf of Chancellor Richard Wells and the institution.

“We look forward to continuing to celebrate the United Way’s 50th Anniversary through a year of strong giving and volunteerism,” Roter said. “It is the best way to honor this community agency’s legacy and future is to continue to demonstrate this educational community’s commitment to, every day, ‘Live United.’”

Check out the video below to see UW Oshkosh students and staff volunteering with United Way-supported agencies, such as the Oshkosh Area Food Pantry, the Day by Day Warming Shelter and the Boys and Girls Club of Oshkosh...

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