

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is it true that a person can choose to give to their favorite charity through UWCM?

A: Yes. UWCM's designation policy encourages philanthropy for the causes people care about. We accept designations for a gift as small as \$52.00 (\$2 per week) to a 501(c)3 organization or another United Way. Most collected designations are paid to charities monthly.

Q: How do I designate a charity?

A: Online – choose a charity from the dropdown menu. By paper, list your designation in the bottom right area of the pledge card.

Q: There is no book! Where can I find a list of charities and causes to donate?

A: Here are some ways you can choose a cause to designate too.

- Look on your pledge card! There are 5 United Way program areas (Health, housing, employment, Education, 2-1-1) as well as 6 partnership boards where you can designate your pledge.
- You can find other charities to designate to on our Community Partner List. This can be found with your pledge card or online at www.uwcm.org/communitypartners.
- These websites can give you a much broader list of charities nationwide if you are still having trouble finding a charity:
 - www.guidestar.org
 - www.charitynavigator.org

Q: Can I write in the CCC code that I used last year?

A: No, the CCC codes no longer exist. To ensure that your designation goes to your intended choice, please write the name and address of the charity or the United Way code in the space provided on your pledge card.

Q: What if I want to designate more than 2 charities?

A: You may attach a page to your pledge card in order to list more designation. Remember, we ask that you give at least \$52 per designation.

Q: Where does the money go if I don't list a designation?

A: Undesignated money automatically reverts to the United Way of Central Maryland. In addition to providing grant funding to more than 100 nonprofits in central Maryland, United Way of Central Maryland manages its own unique initiatives aimed at advancing education, housing, employment and health for central Marylanders facing poverty.

Q: Can I change my designation later if I find a charity I love?

A: Yes! In order to change your designation, contact a donor services member at donorservices@uwcm.org or call 410-895-1355.

Q: How do I know which charities are in good standing with the IRS?

You can reach out to the charity directly or visit the IRS website.

<https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/revokeSearch.do?searchChoice=pub78&dispatchMethod=selectSearch>

Q: Is my donation to UWCM tax deductible?

Yes. United Way of Central Maryland is a qualified 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization (Contributions to United Way of Central Maryland, Inc. are tax deductible within the limits of current federal and Maryland state law. UWCM provides no goods or services in exchange for your contributions.)

To be eligible for a deduction for the 2016 tax year, you must donate by 9:00 p.m. on December 31, 2016. You will receive a tax receipt for direct contributions of \$250 or more made before this deadline. UWCM will send a receipt before January 31 of the following year. To ensure your receipt is delivered, please provide us with your full home address.

When filing your 2016 taxes, you must file Form 1040 and be eligible to itemize deductions. For more information, consult with your tax advisor.

If your contribution is being made by payroll deduction, you should keep a copy of your pledge card and/or email acknowledgement which, along with your pay stubs or other documents furnished by your employer, show the amount withheld for your contribution and will provide the necessary support for your contribution for Federal Income tax purposes.

A copy of the most current financial statement is available upon request by contacting United Way of Central Maryland at P.O. Box 1576, Baltimore, MD 21203-1576, 410-547-8000. Documents and information submitted to the State of Maryland under the Maryland Charitable Solicitations Act are available from the Office of the Secretary of State for the cost of copying and postage.

Q: What is this years Incentive?

A: When you increase your pledge or make a first-time gift of at least \$75 annually during the campaign, you'll receive a free, purple LIVE UNITED t-shirt imprinted with Baltimore Raven Ladarius Webb's signature!