



2010 Community Issue Survey

United Way of Southwest Louisiana needs your help. Please tell us, based on your knowledge of our community, what you feel are the most important issues. Of the following list of human services issues, what are the **MOST** important to retain/add/improve? After reviewing the entire list, please mark the blocks that you would choose as your “Top 5” in importance. Then mark the blocks of your “Next 5.” You will have marked a total of 10 blocks. This is not a scientific survey but a tool.

Thank you.

	<u>The most important community issues are:</u>	Top 5	Next 5
1	Improved family financial stability		
2	All children are "ready to learn" when they start school		
3	Domestic violence/sexual abuse		
4	Suicide prevention		
5	Quality childcare		
6	School-based after school programs as safe places and for enrichment		
7	Emergency assistance (food, housing, utilities)		
8	Youth involved with early alcohol, drug, or criminal behaviors		
9	Increasing high school graduation rates and work/college readiness		
10	Physical/mental disabilities		
11	Alcohol abuse/drug abuse		
12	Drinking and driving		
13	Information on how to find and access available services		
14	Prevention of child abuse and advocacy for children		
15	Transportation		
16	Homelessness		
17	Affordable health care, including dental care, prescriptions, mammograms		
18	Children have age appropriate literacy skills by 4th grade		
19	Home ownership for lower and medium income working families to build self-sufficiency		
20	Parent education, parenting classes, tools so that parents can raise healthy children		
21	Affordable mental health services		
22	Increase community volunteerism		
23	Teen pregnancy		
24	Lifestyle transitional programs		
25	Supplementing basic needs (food pantry)		
26	Disaster/emergency preparedness		
27	Vocational training		

Please share some information about you.

Your answers will be grouped with others to report results.

Age Group:	
19 and under	
20-29 years	
30-39 years	
40-49 years	
50-59 years	
60+ years	
Sex:	
Male	
Female	
Home Zip Code:	
2009 Household Income:	
Less than \$20,000	
\$20,001-\$40,000	
\$40,001-\$60,000	
\$60,001-\$80,000	
Above \$80,000	

I volunteer my time (choose all that apply):

at United Way at local nonprofit at school at church
 at other, please describe _____

Check all that you feel apply:

United Way of Southwest Louisiana is investing donor resources for highest impact.

operating the same as always; raises money and gives it away.

here, but I don't know what they do, beyond NFL football commercials.

communicating important issues and results to the community.

a liberal organization.

a conservative organization.

open, accountable, and transparent with all they do.

Return surveys to: United Way of Southwest Louisiana, 715 Ryan Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601 Fax: 337-433-3679

Thank you for helping build a strong community.