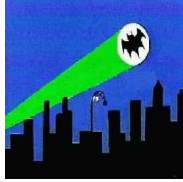


Batman and Robin?

Okay, they might not be allocation panel volunteers, but they sure know the importance of teaming up to make good decisions about the health and welfare of people in their community! The Caped Crusaders combine their individual strengths to tackle tough community issues and find the best solutions.



The Dynamic Duo: United Way and Community Volunteers!

Just like the Dynamic Duo, United Way partners each year with 60-70 volunteers from across the community for fund allocation. This 'citizen review process' evaluates the effectiveness and efficiency of health and human service programs applying for United Way grants and ultimately makes funding recommendations to the United Way Board of Directors.



Panel members listen to a presentation at the Community Food Bank site visit.



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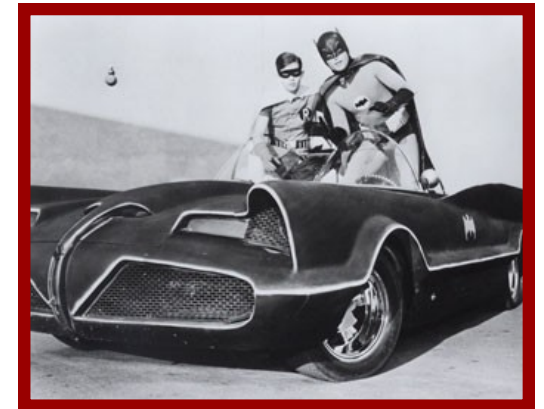
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Allocation Panel



VOLUNTEER



Community Impact Starts Here!



What are the expectations?

The task of the allocation panels is to evaluate program funding applications in light of identified community needs.

As a panel member, you will be assigned to one of 8 panels within three investment areas: **Building Strong Stable Families, Promoting Health, and Increasing Self-Sufficiency.** Panel assignment is based on your interests, on information disclosed on individual Conflict of Interest Statements, and with an eye to panel diversity.

In early February, you will attend an **orientation and a training session.** During the remainder of February and March, you will read 6-8 funding applications, discuss them as a panel, and then visit each program with your group. In April, your panel will convene one last time to evaluate what you have read, seen and heard, and based on those observations, make funding recommendations to the United Way Board of Directors. The Board then reviews those recommendations and affirms final allocation decisions.

Attendance at all panel meetings and site visits is critical. A panel member may expect to spend about **20-30 hours total** over these few months working through the process of review, site visits and the final meeting to make funding recommendations.

What's in
it for me?



Eye-Opening Experience

"I have found my third year as a United Way allocation panel member to be another fulfilling year. My eyes have been opened a little wider each year to both the needs in our community and the wonderful organizations, groups and individuals willing to reach out to meet those needs. Serving on the Self-Sufficiency panel and the Building Strong, Stable Families panel have been experiences I can highly recommend to others who would like to paint a full picture of the county in which we are blessed to live."

Jane Wild
St. Mary's Hospital



Panel members discuss program merits at a funding decision meeting.

Critical Needs Exist

"Anyone who hasn't been a part of the United Way allocation process or directly involved with a human service agency supported by United Way cannot have a full appreciation for the depth of services they provide or the critical needs that exist within our community. Nor can they appreciate the diligence and incredible hard work and dedication of the volunteers and staff of these agencies and the United Way organization."

Ed Reed
GJ Real Source

I'm interested! How do I sign up?

It's easier than sending out a Bat Signal! Fill out the information block below and fax this page to 970-242-6719, or simply email the same info to:

Amber Pfennig, Manager of Community Funding and Volunteers,
amberpfennig@acsol.net.

You will be mailed an **information packet** in November, panels will be formed by early January, and training will begin in February.

Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Best daytime phone: _____
E-Mail: _____
Employer: _____

Robin: "You can't get away from Batman that easy!"
Batman: "Easily."
Robin: "Easily."
Batman: "Good grammar is essential, Robin."
Robin: "Thank you."
Batman: "You're welcome."

