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Welcome to the twelfth edition of our 211 newsletter, where we share information on 211 services and benefits, funding updates, and opportunities for you to become an advocate for 211.

211 to Launch in Late September

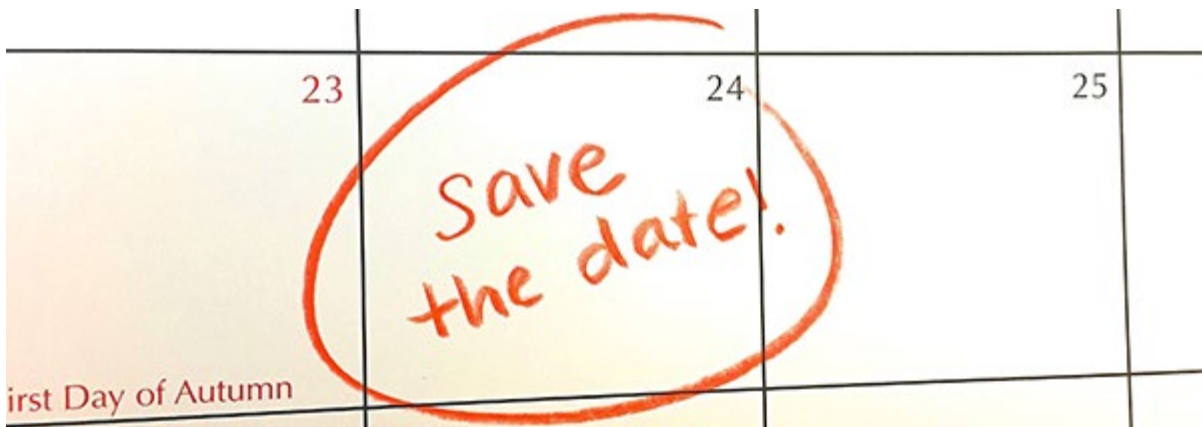
United Way of Lake County's free, confidential, 24-hour information and referral helpline is on track to launch in late September thanks to the incredible collaboration and support of our many partners and volunteers.

Soon, [211](#) will be Lake County's one-stop shop for help. Lake County residents will be able to connect to a wide range of health and human services by phone, text and online, including mental health services, addiction support and rehabilitation, crisis counseling, supplemental food programs, shelter and affordable housing options, employment and education support, financial support, disaster information and relief...and much more!

Right now the service is being thoroughly tested in preparation for our late September launch. The testing process enables us to fine-tune the service to ensure that the best 211 program possible is in place for Lake County. Resource navigators at our 211 contact center, who are experienced, trained specialists, are gearing up to respond to calls and texts. It's all coming together!

211 is a vital service and proven solution leveraged by millions of people across North America to improve and save lives. In 2018, more than 94% of the United States had access to 211. United Way of Lake County is proud to join soon.

Watch for an update on our launch plans in the next edition!



Save the Date!

Don't miss United Way of Lake County's 211 launch event! Mark your calendars for breakfast on **Tuesday, September 24**, at Independence Grove in Libertyville where we are excited to celebrate the official launch of 211 in Lake County, share examples of how 211 helps residents and our community, and recognize the efforts of all of our many partners and volunteers who have joined with us to bring 211 to Lake County. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.



Our Community of 211 Donors

United Way of Lake County is grateful to the following community partners and individuals for their generous financial support in bringing 211 to Lake County:

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Join the 211 Club!



Become a member of United Way of Lake County's 211 Club. Donating \$211 helps us to ensure that all Lake County residents are aware of 211 and the benefits. We know that successful 211 programs invest in extensive outreach to the community. When you join the 211 Club, you will become part of a growing team of individuals whose support is helping to ensure everyone in Lake County who needs help gets connected to resources.

Thank you 211 Club members!

- Wajiha Azher
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How Can You Help?

1. Share this email and encourage your network to [opt-in to 211 communications](#).
2. Follow United Way of Lake County on social media to receive more timely 211 updates.
(Click the social icons below.)
3. [Help to sustain 211 in its second year!](#)
4. **Invite us to present 211 to your company.** [Click here to submit a request.](#)



Best regards,

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P.S.

"It has been an honor to be part of the marketing and testing phase of the 211 24-hour information and referral helpline. This amazing resource will certainly benefit the countless members of our Lake County community. The Highwood Public Library is looking forward to partner and participate in the launch of 211."

– Carmen Patlan, Executive Director, Highwood Public Library
