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## **United Way of the Midlands Review Team Visits Local Nonprofits**

United Way of the Midlands (UWM) invests millions of dollars into our community each year through various funding sources. As part of the investment cycle, UWM utilizes a group of volunteers from the Omaha-Council Bluffs metro to create a Community Investment Review Team (CIRT). This team is made up of more than 100 individuals who generously donate their time, talents and expertise to help UWM review grant applications and recommend funding decisions.

"These community members work to ensure funds are awarded to programs making the most significant impact in the community, while also addressing the highest needs areas," said UWM Senior Vice President Community Impact and Analytics Matt Wallen. "They truly understand their work can make a difference."

As part of their role, in addition to reviewing grant applications – CIRT members follow-up and visit many of the nonprofits they recommended funding for to learn more about their programs, see the work they're doing first-hand and even roll up their sleeves to help out with a project.

Two locations where CIRT volunteers will not only be learning more about our nonprofit partners, but also donating their time are:

- Nebraska Diaper Bank, 9100 F Street, Suite 100, Omaha
  - Tuesday, April 25, 1-2:30 p.m.
     CIRT volunteers will be wrapping diaper bundles for local families.
- New Visions, 1435 N. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Council Bluffs, IA
  - Wednesday, April 26, 11 a.m. Noon
     CIRT volunteers will help serve lunch and assist with some gardening.

For more information on the CIRT program and how to get involved as a CIRT volunteer, go to: **UnitedWayMidlands.org/CIRT.** 

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## **About United Way of the Midlands**

For 100 years, United Way of the Midlands (UWM) has served the Omaha-Council Bluffs metro by bridging the business and not-for-profit sectors to create a Circle of Support that helps our neighbors overcome difficult challenges and start building a better future. UWM's funded programs and direct services address social and economic disparities and meet families' essential needs such as healthy food, safe and stable housing, physical and mental health services, career preparation and job training. For more information, visit UnitedWayMidlands.org.

