

# **LIVING UNITED Monthly Newsletter**

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### **BACK TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

Back to school season is here! Take advantage of the community resources available to families and upcoming back to school events for those schools supplies, immunizations, and more!

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### 88TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE

What priorities are our legislators currently working on? Advocating for some key bills pertaining to early childhood education and draft letter to state leadership for greater support for child care.

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### **COLLECTIVE IMPACT WITH WORKPLACE CAMPAIGNS**

Collective impact and awareness of community challenges we face, this is one of the many efforts that makes Waco-McLennan County so unique!

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## **Upcoming Events** (next 4 weeks)

#### **August**

- Waco ISD's Back to School Family Fest August 5 from 9-12 at University High School
- Rosalinda's 7th Annual Back to School Bash August 5 from 2-5 pm at Bellmead Civic Center
- Tax-Free Weekend August 11-13, 2023
- China Spring ISD first day of school Monday, August 7
- Waco ISD first day of school Monday, August 14
- Midway ISD first day of school Tuesday, August 15
- Robinson ISD first day of school Tuesday, August 15
- La Vega ISD first day of school Thursday, August 17

Please email info@unitedwaywaco.org if you have any upcoming events that you would like us to feature in the next newsletter!

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# Board Member Spotlight



Brandon Guerra Holt Cat

#### Tell us about yourself and how you became a United Way Board Member

My name is Brandon Guerra and I was born and raised in Corpus Christi, TX. I've been married for 5 years to my beautiful wife Jamie and we have 2 amazing boys and a girl due in January! I've worked at Holt CAT for 22 years and have held different positions across our territory which brought me to Waco. Holt CAT and the Holt family have been a huge supporter of United Way and I have helped with our campaigns each year which ultimately led to being asked to serve as a Board Member.

#### Why do you love United Way?

United Way encompasses many of the values that are important to me and my family. I believe in building a good community willing to support those in need. I believe there needs to be a greater focus on our youth and their growth and development and giving them all the opportunities to succeed. I believe in healthy families and strong role models that will make a positive difference in the community. I love that United Way tackles many of these tough issues. United Way partners with very passionate and talented people that drive change and work to impact our community. I love how the United Way supports our community by helping families so better lives can be built

#### United Way Waco looks forward to continued partnerships to impact our community. What impact do you hope to see this year?

With young children of my own, I'm very passionate about the Child Well-being Movement. I'm hoping through the studies conducted and reports generated, that there will be a greater awareness of community needs. I look forward to growth in early childhood development programs and more impactful opportunities for both parents and their children to succeed.