



Hello!

Welcome to the fourth 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.

2-1-1 Expected to Launch in Spring 2019

United Way of Lake County's free, confidential county-wide referral service is one step closer to reality thanks to support of all of our generous supporters. Soon, residents will simply be able to dial 211 for personal assistance, much like they dial 9-1-1 for emergency assistance. The new 211 service will connect residents to various resources from shelter and housing options, supplemental food programs, services for veterans, health care, and many other critical services to help improve and save lives.

Recently, the Village of Gurnee announced their support and the Lake County Government Board voted to allocate \$80,000 to 211. Due to this additional funding, **we are excited to announce that our expected launch date of 211 is Spring of 2019.**

Watch this video as Lake County Board Member Steve Carlson explains what this service will do for residents in Lake County.



“This will change lives. This will save lives. This is one of the most important things we’ve done on this board in many years.” - Steve Carlson, Lake County Board Member



Thank You, 211 Partners!

United Way has reached our goal to launch 211 and we could not have done it without all of our amazing partners!

- Astellas
- AT&T
- Benton Township
- BMO Harris Bank
- Comcast
- Lake County Workforce Development
- Libertyville Township
- MacLean-Fogg Component Solutions
- Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas Community Fund
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Partner Spotlight: Astellas



Astellas USA Foundation is a nonprofit corporate foundation that awards grants to support charitable organizations for scientific, literary and educational purposes. This includes a focus on supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all, to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

Thank you, Astellas, for supporting our launch of 211 in Lake County!

Our Work is Not Over!

Look forward to an update on our next steps to bring 211 to Lake County in our December newsletter.

Here's how you can 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.
3. [Help to sustain 211 in its second year!](#)



Best regards,

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P.S.

“211 brings a much needed single point of contact for those in need during crises. At a time when it seems everything is going wrong for a family, 211 will be there to guide them to the best sources of help. People have enough to worry about when disasters or problems strike. 211 will take a little of the load. Our agencies will also benefit from earlier notification of a problem and a vast treasure trove of big data around which to plan and justify future services. I look forward to seeing 211 come to our area soon.”

– Andrew Warrington, United Way of Lake County's Board Chairman and President of United Conveyor Corporation
