



50 Years of Serving our Community

United Community Services unveiled its commemorative logo last month as we prepare to celebrate 50 years of partnering with city and county leaders, local government, United Way, health and human service agencies, and volunteers from throughout the community to address issues that impact the county's most vital resource, its residents.

UCS was incorporated in 1967 thanks to the efforts of concerned community members who came together to address the present and potential challenges of a rapidly growing community. A variety of service agencies were springing up almost as fast and as many as the homes in the burgeoning suburbs. Coordination of services was needed, as was planning to address unmet needs. The agency was originally established as the Johnson County Health, Welfare and Recreation Council, Inc., affiliated with the Regional Health and Welfare Council. It had as its goal the promotion of health, welfare, recreation and education services for Johnson County residents. Over the years, a core function of UCS has been and continues to be serving as United Way's planning partner in Johnson County.

UCS' first board was comprised of business, civic, and religious leaders who had a far reaching vision for Johnson County and included: Mrs. Robert Buehler, Richard S. McAnany, Dr. H. F. Coulter, J. Leo McMahan, Ben Craig, Dr. Robert Meneilly, Mrs. R. A. Dunmire, Mrs. Louis D. Meyers, Mrs. Robert L. Falkenberg, Ray Morgan, Arthur Gabriel, Mrs. Robert C. Olsen, Walter C. Griffin, Robert C. Owen, Mrs. Richard J. Harman, Kenneth P. Rankin, Rev. Harlan J. Hartner, Mrs. Henry H. Peper, Murray Hodges, Robert D. Sanders, Ralph Holland, John J. Sullivan, Jr., Wilbur Hook, Dr. Marvin Wollen.

Share Your Memories

Throughout 2017, we hope to share stories of UCS' work in our community. UCS would also like to hear your stories. Many volunteer leaders have served on our board and Council of Advisors. We invite you to share your memories by clicking [here](#). Shared memories will be posted on UCS' Facebook page and through our eNews.

Planning For Our Future

With funding support from the REACH Healthcare Foundation, UCS has launched a yearlong organizational and community strategic planning effort focused on preparing for the future health and human service needs of our community and UCS' role in addressing those needs. UCS looks forward to engaging our partners and community members in this process.

Make A Donation: Giving to honor our past and prepare for our future is a great way to

help us celebrate 50 years and those who have served our community through UCS. We are happy to offer this easy [online giving option](#).

Our mission: Provide data analysis, lead collaborative planning and mobilize resources to enhance the availability and delivery of health and human services.

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