

## NEWS RELEASE



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### **Statement from United Way of Sumner County Regarding Recent Changes at Children Are People, Inc.**

At United Way of Sumner County (UWSC), we are committed to transparency, trust, and the responsible stewardship of donor dollars. These values guide our partnerships and ensure that the programs we fund truly serve our community.

Children Are People (CAP) has been a long-standing partner in providing after-school support for at-risk youth. Funding for the 2024–2025 grant year was awarded based on CAP's stated plans to offer mentoring, tutoring, transportation, and more. However, throughout the year, we raised concerns about CAP's ability to fulfill those commitments due to observed leadership changes, service reductions, and a lack of communication. We made requests for additional clarification and consequently chose to temporarily place a hold on grant funding for the remainder of the grant year.

During this process, as a funder, we were not informed of CAP's decision to close its program or its shift to a scholarship foundation. This abrupt change has created urgent gaps in care.

Our priority remains with the children and families impacted. UWSC is actively working with community partners, including Sumner County Schools, the Sumner County YMCA, and Gallatin Shalom Zone, to help ensure continuity of care in the coming days and beyond.

Our funding model is built on accountability and outcomes. We take seriously the responsibility of protecting the integrity of the UWSC Community Fund and ensuring that every dollar entrusted to us is used to deliver real, measurable impact.

We remain steadfast in our mission to support Sumner County youth and advocate for high-quality, reliable services.

*United Way mobilizes communities to action so all can thrive. Since 1977, United Way of Sumner County has partnered with local businesses, schools, churches, government, community leaders, and non-profits to co-create solutions to people's most pressing challenges. We take a comprehensive approach, listening and responding to local needs.*

*With our community partners, United Way of Sumner County creates pathways to better health, education, financial security, and community resiliency (crisis/trauma recovery.) Last year, over 4,300 struggling teens received free mental health counseling; almost 400 developmentally delayed preschoolers received intervention services; close to 50,000 hungry people were given groceries; almost 700 domestic violence victims received ongoing support after abuse; and nearly 2,000 calls for help were answered and provided with resources through our 2-1-1 call center.*

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