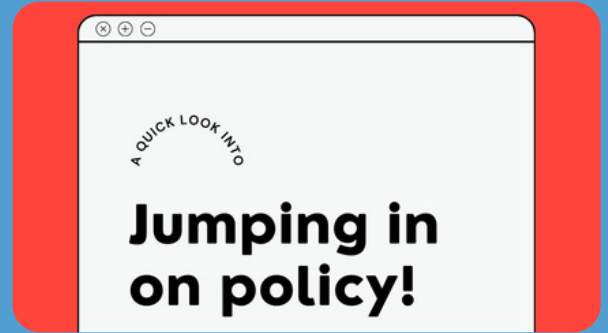




RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Our Loaned Executives are wrapping up the campaign season with some great insight on how the program can grow in 2023.

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CHILD WELL-BEING MOVEMENT

The 88th Texas Legislative Session is underway and Early Matters Waco is jumping in!

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THE IMPORTANCE OF DEI TRAINING!

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Pursuing the values of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion is not an overnight achievement, but rather a journey that we have committed to walking for the long haul.

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COMMUNITY

We are focused on our mission and achieving our vision this year and every year. What's your word of inspiration for the year? Read along as we share the words bringing us inspiration this year!

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Upcoming Events (next 4 weeks)

January & February

- Donate Your Time, Caritas of Waco, 300 S 15th St, Waco, TX 76701 ([sign up here](#))
- Sign up and register to learn some new skill through training programs at UpSkill Waco. ([Sign up here](#))
- HEB Celebrity Cookoff benefiting the Waco ISD Education Foundation. Located at the BASE at Extraco Events Center, February 10, 2023. 7-10pm. Find out how to support the event [here](#).

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

Board Member Spotlight



Reagan Fitz-Gerald

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

I have been an accountant for most of my adult life, which is why I can say with confidence that the assumption is that after we deal with numbers and taxes, there's simply no room left for fun! It's a good thing then that working with numbers is simply what I do, who I am is an awesome wife of almost 16 years. I'm a mother to 4 amazing children who are all taller than me now. We moved here 4 years ago from South Africa, which was the hardest thing we as a family ever did. I'm originally from Waco, so for me it felt like I was coming back home. I got involved with United Way through our Senior Partner, Jennifer Manning. Her suggestion to join United Way in their support of our community has been an amazing and humbling journey.

Why do you love United Way?

United Way and their staff all have a true passion for service. I see the impact United Way has on people, from all walks of life, all corners of our community. It both inspires and challenges me to be an authentic voice to help improve the quality of life for others.

What do you think about and focus on as you start a new year?

The start of a new year for me means focusing on the positives of what we have achieved or learnt over the year. Especially in our light-speed culture where everything is instant and at our fingertips, it is difficult to celebrate how far we've come or how much we've learnt and grown. Personally, I spent much time in physio learning how to walk again. On my dark days when I felt I couldn't continue, my physiotherapist looked at me and said, "If you give it your all, give it your best, I promise you in the end, we will triumph. If you provide the 'try', I'll provide the 'umf'". That is my hope as I go into the new year, with everything I do, or hope to do, or want to do: "You provide the 'try', I'll provide the 'umf'".