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Dear Colleague,

I've learned in my four years at Kenyon that our employees care deeply about not just the college community but also about the greater Knox County community. Many Kenyon families are actively involved with the groups supported by the Knox County United Way. I am continuously inspired by the many ways you support our neighbors with your time, talents and financial gifts.

Kenyon has supported United Way for 46 years because its mission and work aligns with our values: ensuring the health, welfare and economic stability of the place we live and work. Together we help support disaster services through the Red Cross, shelter and advocacy for the homeless at the Winter Sanctuary, a newborn home visiting program through Public Health Partnership of Knox County and child and family health and wellness promotion through Knox County Head Start - just to name a few of the 28 programs at the 17 partner agencies.

Investing with United Way is an effective way to support our community. **Your gift stays local** and has a direct and immediate impact on the lives of our neighbors. Agencies funded by United Way are vetted for excellence, reviewed by community volunteers and monitored by the United Way Board of Trustees to ensure they address priority needs and have the greatest impact.

This year, our colleagues Dane Heuchemer and Pamela Faust serve as our volunteer co-chairs for the campus campaign, ably supported by Courtney DeCosky. This group is already thinking of creative ways to keep this year's campaign in the forefront of our minds. Be on the lookout for updates and fun opportunities throughout the fall semester. The fun will officially kick off at the Fall Harvest Festival at the Brown Family Environmental Center on Saturday, October 14 between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. There will be a United Way table staffed by friendly faces who will share information about United Way programs, offer incentives to giving and take pledges.

The recent flooding in Texas has inspired an outpouring of the community spirit that is such an important part of our culture here and across the nation. Whether it is the quick response to disaster or the careful planning that goes into programming for all ages and needs, we know that great things can happen when we **Live United**. I invite you to join me by giving to, advocating for and volunteering with the great organizations of Knox County. Please help us demonstrate to all of our neighbors that **Kenyon Cares About Our Community**.

My sincere thanks in advance for your contributions to United Way and the many ways you all make a difference.

With gratitude,



Sean Decatur

