



THE STEPHENS GRETH FOUNDATION MAKES HISTORIC INVESTMENT IN UNITED WAY OF METROPOLITAN DALLAS

\$15.5 million gift will strengthen education, financial stability, and health across North Texas

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DALLAS (SEPT. 9, 2026) – [United Way of Metropolitan Dallas](#) today announced a \$15.5 million investment from The Stephens Greth Foundation to support communities across North Texas in building brighter, healthier futures. The largest philanthropic gift in United Way of Metropolitan Dallas' history will help expand proven programs, support new approaches to persistent challenges, and direct resources where they can make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals and families across the region.

The grant will support United Way's Community Impact Fund and five initiatives—Healthcare Navigators, Data Capacity Building, Once Upon A Month, Pathways to Work, and Social Innovation—that advance education, income, and health outcomes across North Texas. These initiatives reflect The Stephens Greth Foundation's commitment to expanding access to education and healthcare and helping individuals, families, and communities reach their full potential. The funding will provide both targeted support for high-impact programs and the flexibility needed to respond to emerging needs and pursue long-term solutions that strengthen communities.

"This transformational gift reflects the power of visionary philanthropy to create meaningful change across North Texas," said Jennifer Sampson, McDermott-Templeton President and CEO of United Way of Metropolitan Dallas. "The Stephens Greth Foundation's leadership demonstrates a deep belief in the importance of investing in solutions that strengthen communities and improve lives. Their generosity will help United Way continue advancing innovative solutions, strengthening community partnerships, and delivering measurable impact for North Texans. We are profoundly grateful for their trust and partnership."

For The Stephens Greth Foundation, the investment reflects a belief that strong communities are built by people willing to work hard, take responsibility, and help others move forward. Through its partnership with United Way, the Foundation is supporting locally informed efforts that can strengthen families, open doors, and help communities across North Texas prosper for generations to come.

"At The Stephens Greth Foundation, we believe meaningful change happens when organizations have both the vision and the capacity to tackle complex challenges over the long term," said Lyndal Stephens Greth, Executive Chairman of The Stephens Greth Foundation. "Humility, hard work, integrity, compassion, and a belief in opportunity earned and shared—these values guide our family's philanthropy and our commitment to organizations that create real, lasting change. United Way of Metropolitan Dallas consistently brings people together, invests strategically, and delivers measurable results for North Texas. We are proud to support their work and look forward to the difference this investment will make for generations to come."

Jim Burke, Annual Campaign Chair for United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, said the Foundation's leadership demonstrates the extraordinary impact that philanthropic partnerships can have on a community.

"This remarkable commitment is an inspiring example of how visionary philanthropy can create meaningful, lasting change," Burke said. "The Stephens Greth Foundation's generosity reflects the power of investing in solutions that address our region's greatest challenges. We hope this extraordinary example encourages others to join us in strengthening North Texas and creating opportunities for all who call our region home."

As United Way of Metropolitan Dallas enters its second century, this unprecedented gift will help deepen its impact across North Texas. Together, United Way and The Stephens Greth Foundation are building on a shared vision for a stronger community—one where more individuals and families have the opportunity to thrive.

About United Way of Metropolitan Dallas

United Way of Metropolitan Dallas is a social change organization that unites the community to create access and opportunity for all North Texans to thrive. We bring together passionate change-makers alongside corporate, civic and nonprofit partners to drive lasting change and equity in education, income and health – the building blocks of opportunity. United Way is committed to leading a fully inclusive, multicultural movement right here at home. We invite all North Texans to Live United and be part of this change. To give, advocate or volunteer, visit UnitedWayDallas.org.

About The Stephens Greth Foundation

The Stephens Greth Foundation strives to empower individuals, strengthen families, and promote a brighter, healthier, and more compassionate future for all. Rooted in North Texas and the Permian Basin, the Foundation carries forward the values of its founder, Autry C. Stephens—among them community, compassion, and opportunity. Its giving focuses on educational excellence; healthcare access; animal welfare; first responders, veterans and their families; women and children; and the local organizations and entrepreneurs that drive community transformation. To learn more, visit www.stephensgrethfoundation.org.

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