

**UNITED WAY OF THE PINE BELT REGION, INC.
401 WEST OAK STREET, LAUREL, MS 39440**

YEAR 2026: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This is a Memorandum of Understanding between United Way of the Pine Belt Region, Inc., a non-share, charitable corporation organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, hereinafter referred to as UNITED WAY, and

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an Institution Member Agency, hereinafter referred to as the MEMBER AGENCY, setting forth understanding concerning the responsibilities of both parties.

1. United Way will undertake to raise funds for the operating budget of the Member Agency according to its purpose set forth in its Charter and bylaws, some of which are summarized as follows:

The purpose(s) of United Way are:

- a) To develop and continue permanently a fund known as United Way of the Pine Belt Region to be collected cooperatively through voluntary subscription as well as gifts, bequests, and other legal means, which fund shall be periodically disbursed by United Way for the maintenance of separate member agencies which participate in said United Way of the Pine Belt Region.
 - b) To study agency program effectiveness and proposed expansion commensurate to their budgetary requests.
 - c) To promote interest and incentive for "Fair Share" (one hour's pay per month for twelve months) giving, as well as payroll deduction of annual gifts.
 - d) To conduct each annual campaign to identify and stimulate interest in the work of each member as a principal.
 - e) To develop cooperation among the member agencies and their constituencies in the interest of the continued financial support and interpretation of the services of the agencies to the area served by United Way.
2. The Member Agency agrees to the conditions of membership set forth in the bylaws and Charter of United Way (copies available), and further agrees:
 - a) An active board of directors meeting at least quarterly will govern that it.
 - b) **To provide United Way an annual financial review of its operations along with the budget request.**
 - c) To cooperate and give enthusiastic support to United Way and each joint concurrent annual campaign, making available volunteer and professional leadership, and such other services as may be helpful to assure success of the campaign.
 - d) **To identify itself, wherever possible, as a "Member Agency of United Way" to its membership and to the public, through various media; but such letters and materials as produced by the member will contain no request for funds.**
 - e) To confer with United Way on any basic changes in policy, program, and staff, and on any modification or adjustment in respect to affiliation with its national association.

- f) Not to conduct any fund-raising campaign, either for operating expenses or for capital improvements, or membership campaign, or solicit funds for any project, or raise funds or sell tickets for any purpose within the area included in the annual fund-raising campaign of United Way which begins on August 1st and extends until the end of November, unless such campaign or project, is expressly authorized as set forth below in this Memorandum of Understanding, or unless the Board of Directors of United Way shall expressly authorize such campaign in writing. All special requests should be sent to the UWPBR Executive Director at least 60 days prior to the fundraising event. Where permission has been, or is in the future, granted for annual membership of the fund-raising campaigns, they shall be subject to the right of periodic review by United Way, and subject to revocation if deemed to be contrary to the best interest of United Way for all agencies.
 - g) To establish proper procedure for receiving gifts, living memorials and bequests. Such funds received from these or similar sources to be reported by the members' agency through its annual financial statement for consideration by United Way at the time of agency reviews.
3. Between the official opening and closing of United Way campaign, contributions received by United Way, specifically designated for a member agency, will be reported to the member agency, and all such amounts shall have the effects of reducing in like sum the amount to be paid to the member agency by United Way. In the event designations exceed budgeted allocations, the agency will receive such.
 4. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be in effect for the fiscal year of United Way, January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, and to be renewed annually, unless intent to withdraw shall be given in writing by either party at least ninety (90) days in advance of United Way of the Pine Belt Region's campaign. An intent to withdraw shall require the signatures of both the Executive Director and President of the Board of the respective organization.

**United Way of the Pine Belt Region, Inc.
and**

Name of Member Agency

By: _____ Date: _____
Principal Officer of Member Agency

Printed name & title of signing officer _____

United Way of the Pine Belt Region, Inc.

By: Betsy D. Ivey Date: 3-3-25
Betsy Davis Ivey, Executive Director