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Dear AFT member:

In these tough times, the United Way can be a lifesaver. As millions of Americans remain unemployed, and more and more individuals and families find themselves without essential human services, including healthcare, the United Way remains one of the few places people can turn to for help.

Working with the AFL-CIO Community Services Liaison Network, the United Way also has been there for Americans hard-hit by natural disasters and other crises. In short, the United Way has been a lifeline for many.

With that in mind, I urge you to join me in supporting the 2011 United Way Campaign by encouraging your members to invest in their communities and in our country's well being by contributing to the campaigns in their workplaces and localities.

Their contributions will help to advance the common good—a goal made more difficult in tough economic times, but one that the labor movement, the AFT and our members seek to promote every day.

We all have a stake in ensuring that Americans who have fallen on hard times have access to the resources and support they need. By contributing as generously as we can to the United Way campaign, we are investing in our community, in our neighbors and in our country's future.

Sincerely,

Randi Weingarten  
President

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