

United Way of Northern California does not fund – nor has it ever funded – Planned Parenthood

In light of the current controversy surrounding Planned Parenthood, the United Way of Northern California released this statement today:

Redding, CA – (June 23, 2015) – *United Way Worldwide, the leadership and support organization for the network of local United Ways, does not provide financial support to Planned Parenthood.*

All United Ways that make up the United Way Worldwide network operate independently and autonomously in their local serving area. The United Way of Northern California supports only the nine far Northern California counties of: Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity. All funds donated to United Way of Northern California stay in this serving area to support our partner agencies and community programs.

United Way of Northern California does not now, nor has it ever, funded Planned Parenthood. In addition, no United Way funds are currently used, or have ever been used, to support abortion services. United Way of Northern California funds 50 local non-profit agencies in our region. Member non-profit agencies are reviewed and approved by an Allocations Committee made up of local volunteer community members. The Allocations Committee reviews each non-profit in the areas of quality programming, governance, finance and administration, community need for the program the non-profit conducts, and to ensure the program fits with the mission of the United Way. Armed with this information, the Allocations Committee decides what percentage of the Community Fund is allocated to each agency. For a list of funded agencies, visit www.norcalunitedway.org/partner-agencies.

United Ways focus on the building blocks of a good life: Education, Financial Stability, and Health. Through collaborative leadership, the United Way of Northern California is successfully connecting community members to programs and resources that improve their lives, while tackling the root causes of issues with a goal of improving the lives of all community members.