

United Way and Friends of 1776, Inc.

Background: The United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta has officially kicked off its annual fundraising campaign. Most people contribute to the United Way through workplace campaigns which will begin shortly. Because of your donations, volunteers awarded Community Impact Fund grants to nearly 400 programs, from over 200 nonprofit organizations, that align with the Mission of the United Way across a 13-county region.


Wouldn't it be great if you could donate to the United Way and have some of your donation directed to Friends of 1776, Inc? **You can!**

Last year, Friends of 1776, Inc. received donations from several individual donors who made the election (option 4 checked below) via their corporate United Way campaigns. It was effortless – and the amounts donated to Friends of 1776, Inc. were included in the capital campaign toward the building of our Scout Lodge. In fact, Friends of 1776, Inc. received 100% of the donated amounts given through the corporate United Way campaigns with no deductions for administrative fees. These donations to Friends of 1776, Inc. will truly make an impact to our organization.

Friends of 1776, Inc. recognizes and applauds the impact that contributions to the United Way makes to worthy charities within our community. This letter is intended to provide the specific instructions and information should you choose to direct a donation to Friends of 1776, Inc. through your workplace United Way campaign.

Donation Options:

The United Way generally has several donation options:

1. **Community Impact Fund:** This option allows the United Way to allocate the contributions to those member agencies and charities that they designate as needing it most.
2. **United Way Community Giving Categories:** This option allows the donor to target a specific group of member agencies, such as homeless or young children.
3. **Specific Care Programs:** This option allows the donor to choose or exclude any number of specific affiliated member agencies already approved and slated to receive United Way funding.
4.  **Non-Affiliated Charity:** ***This option allows donations to any not-for-profit agency with a 501(c)(3) status in the IRS database.*** The United Way relies on the donor to research the charity and provide the required information. The United Way will verify the IRS status of the charity and will send funds to the organization at the frequency designated by the donor. On several United Way forms this is noted categorized as a Directed Contribution or a Write-In Non-Profit Charitable Organization. Regardless of the title, **Friends of 1776, Inc. falls into this category.**

When choosing this option utilizing the electronic donation system, the donor may be directed to utilize the "Find an Agency" option to search for non-United Way member organizations. If you can not find Friends of 1776, Inc. through this search, you can generally choose to "Provide Agency Information". You may need the following information about Friends of 1776, Inc.:

- Name of Organization: **Friends of 1776, Inc.**
- Address: **4479 Mountain Creek Drive, Marietta, GA 30075**
- Federal Identification Number: **20-4717811**
- Non-Profit Entity Status: **501(c)(3) Educational Entity**
- Contact & Phone Number: **Rodrigo Cano at 770-654-1940**

It truly is easy to make a donation to Friends of 1776, Inc. via your corporate United Way campaign. Many of us are “strongly encouraged” by our employers to participate in the United Way campaign. With this information, you can actively participate in the corporate United Way campaign and designate funds to Friends of 1776, Inc. Each month, Friends of 1776, Inc. receives detailed information by donor. We will credit your donated funds towards our various giving levels. In addition, we will contact you to advise that we have received your donation via United Way.

We appreciate your financial support of Friends of 1776, Inc.!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call:

Rodrigo Cano – 770-654-1940

Louis Cole – 770-565-2318 or

Tom Morin – 770-633-9409

Sincerely,

Friends of 1776, Inc.