

## **UNITED WAY AND PLANNED PARENTHOOD**

The national organization, United Way Worldwide, does not fund ANY nonprofit, including Planned Parenthood. They are simply a trade association for local United Ways, each of whom makes its own local funding decisions. What confuses people is that there are a few of the larger United Ways such as New York City that do provide some funding for their local Planned Parenthood organization. The vast majority of local United Ways do not. Inevitably people hear that (for example) the New York group does the funding, and they assume all United Ways do. But our local ones don't. That's the advantage of having a LOCAL United Way – they are free to reflect local values and needs in whatever they do. The national UW provides local United Ways with some very good services for very little in return. But they don't fund anybody.

### **UNITED WAY OF ACADIANA OFFICIAL POSITION STATEMENT:**

United Way of Acadiana does not now nor ever has funded Planned Parenthood. United Way Worldwide, the leadership and support organization for the network of local United Ways, does not provide financial support to Planned Parenthood. All funding decisions by local United Ways are made by individual United Ways based on an assessment of local needs. United Way Worldwide does not dictate funding decisions to local United Ways. Out of nearly 1,200 local United Ways in the United States, only a small number (less than 6 percent) provide support to Planned Parenthood. The amount of financial support represents less than one tenth of one percent of total United Way revenue. In many of these instances, funding for Planned Parenthood is the result of specific requests from individual donors. No United Way funds in Louisiana are currently used, nor have ever been used to support abortion services.