Women United is a group of energetic, passionate and philanthropic women empowered by UWGCR to make a true impact in our community. The members mobilize change by investing in, advocating for, and creating programs with a mission to drive equity and excellence for all women and children.

Women United Members are encouraged to join the committees driving the group’s work all year long.

**Advocacy Committee Members**
Champion improving policies directly affecting women and their families.

**Membership Growth & Engagement Committee Members**
Assist in Women United outreach and membership growth through networking, social campaigns and more.

**Nonprofit Partnership Committee Members**
Partner each year with the winner of Perfect Pitch and work with the nonprofit to learn how we can best support its mission and efforts to improve our community.

**Events Committee Members**
Take a lead role in the coordination of Women United events including Perfect Pitch, International Women’s Day and United Way’s 5.18 Day Community Celebration.

**Save the date for two upcoming signature events!**

**PERFECT PITCH**
**DECEMBER 1, 2021**
Support women doing work in the nonprofit sector by joining us for Women United’s third annual Perfect Pitch event! Local nonprofit agencies will “pitch” an innovative idea to a panel of judges. The agency with the best pitch will be awarded $10,000!
unitedwaygcr.org/PerfectPitch

**518 DAY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**
**MAY 18, 2022**
“Stuff the Bus” drive with Women United in support of local agencies
unitedwaygcr.org/518Day
Erin Napolenone, owner of Choice Physical Therapy, has stepped up to become the Women United Advisor for United Way GCR. Erin oversees the Women United Leadership Committee, where her leadership helps drive the group's mission to strive for equity and excellence for women in the Capital Region.

On Oct. 1, 2020, with hundreds of people watching virtually, the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants was awarded a $10,000 grant at Women United's Perfect Pitch virtual event, powered by the United Way of the Greater Capital Region. USCRI competed against Albany Can Code, Schenectady Community Ministries, and the Veterans & Community Housing Coalition in this "Shark Tank" style event to win the grant money for their innovative "pitch." The grant funded USCRI's Women Connect program, a peer support group for refugee women.

From Mar. 8-12, 2021, Women United served as the convener of a week-long International Women's Day Celebration. To help raise awareness about causes that impact women and the actions needed to create sustainable change, Women United partnered with 20 other women-led organizations and networking groups in the Capital Region to honor equity for all women and share ways to get involved. The week ended with a virtual community conversation with Kathleen McLean of the McLean Group, who led a discussion on celebrating, elevating, and striving for equality for all women.