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Fun Fact about you:

I love to read, and I'm on track to complete 52 books this year. I also have two book loving kiddos. I completed reading the entire Harry Potter series aloud to my 10 year old son throughout 2022, only to have my 8 year old daughter ask for me to start reading the series to her this year. I've inadvertently become a Harry Potter Trivia nerd. Our family has been to both Harry Potter Land in Universal Orlando and Harry Potter Studios London in 2023.



What's been your favorite Women's Initiative moment?

There have been so many fun moments, but the ones that are most memorable are those tied to the mission on United Way. One that comes to mind often is when the Women's Initiative participated in Read Across America Day. Engaging directly with the children, reading a book to them, and then giving them their own book to take home was so powerful and reminds me that the work doesn't stop.

What keeps you giving to United Way?

When I moved to Houston over 20 years ago, I could see there were so many in need throughout this large city, and I chose to give to United Way then because they had their finger on the pulse of those needs and had solutions that could give individuals not just a helping hand but guidance on how to stay on the road to prosperity. I continue to give because that same mission still exists today. United Way creates opportunities for people to prosper, whether that's through financial stability services, early childhood and youth development programs or healthcare programs. And while the mission is the same today, United Way continues to innovate in the way it achieves that mission. For example with the Integrated Client Journey, which allows clients to create customized pathways based on their goals and needs, and orchestrates programs to break down barriers and increase client success.

What song would you choose to play every time you walk into a room?

Fighter, Christina Aguilera (the chorus). Every challenge, adversity or failure pushes me to get up and keep fighting.