**FINAL DAY(S) EMAIL**

**EMAIL SUBJECT: Last Chance to Participate**

We’ve shared why giving matters. We’ve had some fun. Now the United Way campaign is winding down, but we still have important work to do.

Our goal is high participation -- 100% if possible -- because collaboration is what really benefits people. Please read how people working together have made a difference for Ann.

**Ann’s Story**

Ann\* arrived at **HOPE Center** early one Monday morning with just the clothes on her back, some diapers and two small children in tow. The humiliation, degradation, and emotional and verbal abuse from her boyfriend had come to a head. She left home with no resources, no place to stay, no phone.

Fortunately, she found Rice County’s HOPE Center, which works with victims of domestic violence. HOPE Center partnered with United Way agencies: **Community Action Center**, **Three Rivers Community Action** and **Ruth's House**, a women's shelter. Childcare, food stamps and basic needs such as toiletries, clothes and toys for her children were all provided by United Way partners.

Today, Ann feels safe and supported, and she is relieved to be able to go back to work. Leaving a partner and home is costly on every level -- financially, emotionally, physically, and mentally. It can be a mountain far too steep to climb unless you have agencies like these in Rice County that can act as a guide and rest stop along the way, says Erica Staab-Absher, executive director of Hope Center.

*Homelessness can happen to anyone, as life circumstances can shift unexpectedly.*

*– Suzzanne Fox, Executive Director, Ruth’s House of Hope*

Your chance to make an empowering, collaborative gift is now. Our campaign officially ends **(DATE).** One moment of your time to make your donation can be a moment of change for someone else.

Best,

[name] Your United Way Coordinator

***Change Doesn’t Happen Alone***

\*Her name is changed to protect her privacy.