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Summary Information

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Access

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- Charity
- United Way for Southeastern Michigan
- United Foundation (Detroit, Mich.)

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