There is more than meets the eyes,
Of the laughter of someone who internally cries
There is a need in the city for families and children,
Who may think that genuineness is hidden
Because, doesn’t kindness come with a price?
Isn’t money people’s true vice?

But nothing makes me more excited to see someone wearing a shirt that says LIVE UNITED
Then I hear, “But I thought that I was uninvited because isn’t it rich people who write it?”
No.
People for the people, by the people, with the people wrote it
LIVE UNITED says we care more about others than ourselves
That we take what we want and put it on a shelf to better encourage those around us to do the same
Put yourself on a shelf and leave space to help someone who can’t reach it

LIVE UNITED means that we are one and that our journey has just begun
It is the home of such amazing donations
Sharing gentle smiles that form great motivations
Whose ambition is to give and not sell
To encourage those in despair to aspire to do well
Who gives an abundance of t-shirts, I have too many to keep track
From the collection stacked in my closet, the same name, that’s how much they give back

Assisting families so that they never feel alone,
Because no one should have to struggle all on their own
I know that there is more work to be done and they will be here to stay
To acknowledge the past, invest in the future, and empower today
And with the utmost joy I am proud to say
Thank you, United Way

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