

Why UNITED WAY? United Way creates opportunities by focusing on the building blocks for a good life.

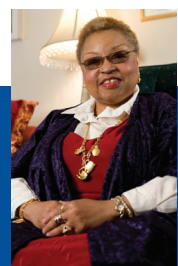
BASIC NEEDS

GOAL: THE COMMUNITY SUPPORTS THE MOST BASIC NEEDS OF ITS RESIDENTS.

United Way of Allen County is leading the effort to ensure local families have access to the right mix of services that help them survive a crisis and build better lives. United Way funds programs that offer food; rent, mortgage and utility assistance; emergency shelter; information about the wide range of social services in the community; and health care.

FUNDED PROGRAMS

Disaster Assistance	American Red Cross
Multicultural Information Exchange	American Red Cross
Food Bank System	Associated Churches
Medical Translation	Catholic Charities
Rent/Utility/Food Assistance	Catholic Charities
Rent/Utility Assistance	Community Action of NE Indiana
Transportation (Medical)	Community Transportation Network
DeafLink	The League for the Blind & Disabled
Rent/Utility/Food Assistance	Lutheran Social Services
Dental Services	Neighborhood Health Clinics
Medical/Dental Referral Services	Neighborhood Health Clinics
Medical Services	Neighborhood Health Clinics
Emergency Shelter	Rescue Ministries
Transitional Housing	Rescue Ministries
Rent/Utility/Food Assistance	The Salvation Army
Respite Care	SCAN
2-1-1	United Way of Allen County
Hospice Care	Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home
Shelter (Domestic Violence)	YWCA



MEET SANDRA

Local senior citizen Sandra White is disabled and on a limited income, but she maintains her independence with help from United Way partner agencies that provide transportation to places like the grocery and the doctor.

FAMILY STABILITY

GOAL: LOCAL FAMILIES WILL LIVE PRODUCTIVE AND ECONOMICALLY STABLE LIVES.

Our approach is to support programming that: enhances the ability of local residents to secure and maintain employment, helps individuals and families to stabilize their housing and finances, helps individuals maintain the highest level of independence possible and helps caseworkers work with clients to achieve stability.

FUNDED PROGRAMS

Comprehensive Care Services	AIDS Task Force
In-Home Services	Allen County Council on Aging
Transportation	Allen County Council on Aging
Refugee Services	Catholic Charities
Domestic Violence Support (Spanish)	Center for Nonviolence
Nonviolence Education	Center for Nonviolence
Family Development	Community Action of NE Indiana
Family Support	Community Action of NE Indiana
Counseling	Family & Children's Services
Case Management	Fort Wayne Urban League
Family Economic Stability	Fort Wayne Urban League
Transitional Housing	Genesis Outreach
Transitional Housing	Hope House
Independent Living Skills	The League for the Blind & Disabled
Orientation & Mobility	The League for the Blind & Disabled
Adult Learning Centers	The Literacy Alliance
Family Literacy	The Literacy Alliance
Life Enhancement Services	Turnstone Center
Transitional Housing	Vincent Village
Transitional Housing - Family	Women's Bureau
Case Management & Outreach	YWCA



MEET NICOLE

Local resident Nicole Easley has a college degree, is self-sufficient and taking care of her children thanks in part to United Way-funded programs that helped her access parent education classes, utility assistance, child care and case management.

SUCCESS IN SCHOOL

GOAL: LOCAL CHILDREN AND YOUTH WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HEALTHY SOCIAL AND ACADEMIC GROWTH.

Our approach involves providing a continuum of support throughout a child's life: early childhood education programs, after-school and summer activities, tutoring, mentoring and support in the classroom.

FUNDED PROGRAMS

Academic Support	Big Brothers/Big Sisters of NE IN
Mentoring	Big Brothers/Big Sisters of NE IN
Youth Development	Boy Scouts of America/Anthony Wayne Council
Youth Development	Boys & Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne
Academic Support	Catholic Charities
Child Care & Early Education	Early Childhood Alliance
Child Care & Youth Development	East Allen Family Resource Ctr.
Academic Support	Fort Wayne Urban League
Child Care & Early Education	Fort Wayne Urban League
Child Care & Early Education	Gingerbread House
Youth Development	Girls Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana
Youth Services Program	The League for the Blind & Disabled
Academic Support	Lutheran Social Services
Child Care & Early Education	Lutheran Social Services
Child Care & Early Education	Martin Luther King Montessori School
Prenatal Care	Neighborhood Health Clinics
Community Youth Center	The Salvation Army
Healthy Families (Home-Based)	SCAN
Child Care & Early Education	Turnstone Center
Youth Services for Homeless Children	Vincent Village
Academic Support (2 programs)	YMCA
Status Offender Court Alternative Program	YMCA



MEET GARRETT

Garrett and his third grade classmates recently developed an enthusiasm for reading thanks to Learn United's Real Men Read program, designed to help all local children read at grade level by third grade.

LEARN UNITED



More than 1,000 Allen County third-graders can't read at grade level. National studies show that 74

percent of those children will never catch up and will have troubles with employment and self-sufficiency later in life.

That's why United Way and our community partners have launched Learn United, a 10-year initiative to ensure all local children can read at grade level by the end of third grade.

One key goal of Learn United is to connect local volunteers with struggling readers. Last year, more than 300 volunteers worked in classrooms at all four Allen County public school systems. You can volunteer at www.LearnUnited.org or by calling 260.469.4030. Your gift to United Way is also critical to supporting the Learn United effort.



2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember three-digit phone number that provides residents of 10 area counties with information about more than 2,000 northeast Indiana government, non-profit and community services. Last year, 2-1-1 answered more than 40,000 calls. 2-1-1:

- Helps connect individuals in need to social service agencies;
- Helps agencies share information;
- Creates efficiencies by relieving agency staff of some incoming phone calls/inquiries;
- Assists in disasters by taking non-emergency phone calls and relieving the burden on 911;
- Tracks social service/client needs of the entire community; and
- Reports gaps in services/unmet needs in the community.