

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HAVE A STRONG COMMUNITY?

For many, a strong community is about neighbors looking out for other neighbors. It's about providing a support network that creates opportunities and hope. It's about addressing big problems with big solutions.

HOW DO WE BUILD A STRONG COMMUNITY?

We do it United. When we come together, we don't just respond to the challenges of today. We create lasting solutions that shape our community for generations to come.

- United is the way we ensure kindergarten readiness.
- United is the way we reduce barriers to employment and provide job skills to students.
- United is the way we provide food and shelter to those in need
- United is the way we provide health & wellness support and services so that individuals are equipped to face life's challenges.

FOR OVER 75 YEARS,
OUR UNITED WAY HAS
HAD ONE SIMPLE
PURPOSE: HELP
PEOPLE LIVE BETTER
LIVES.

WAYS YOU CAN CREATE A STRONG COMMUNITY

GIVE BACK: DONATE NOW

By making a donation to United Way, you are providing hope, opportunity, and a brighter future for those in need. Every dollar makes a difference—UNITED, we can change lives.

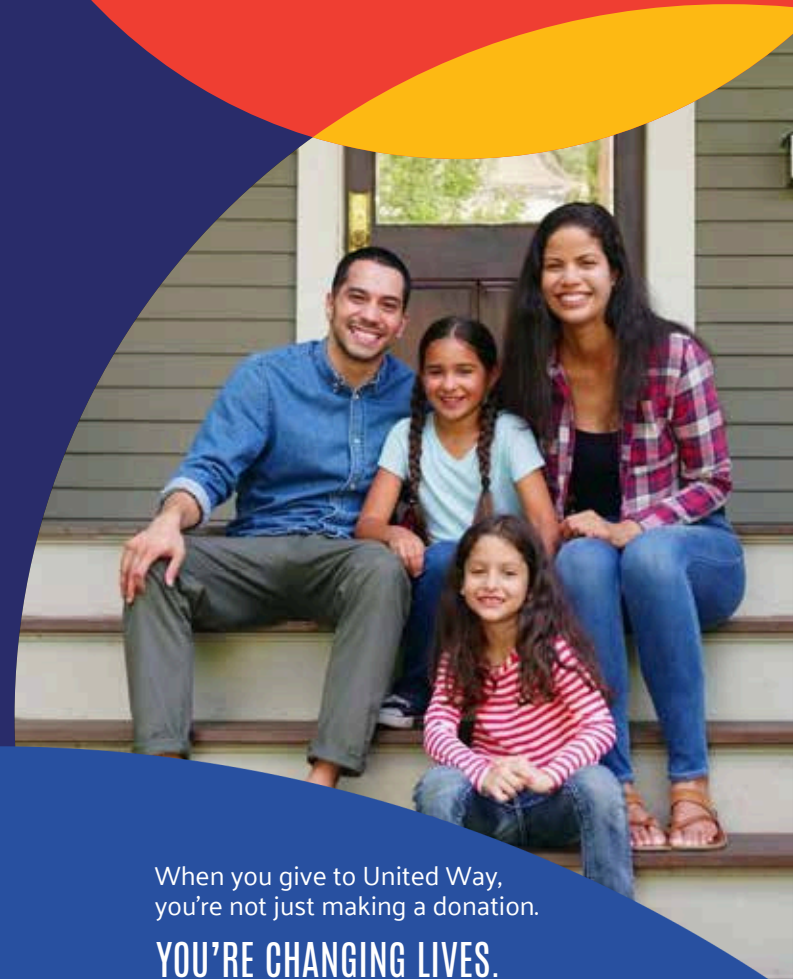
GET INVOLVED: VOLUNTEER

When you volunteer, you invest in your community's future. Your time, skills, and energy can uplift those around you. Get involved today.

TAKE ACTION: SHARE YOUR VOICE

Real change starts with action. Strong policies can shape the future of our community, so stand up, speak out, and help lift up those who need it most.

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WHY UNITED WAY?

UNITED WAY COMMUNITY IMPACT

United Way mobilizes people to action so that all can thrive. Each year, thousands of corporate partners, donors, volunteers, and local nonprofits all work together for lasting change in Carroll, Jo Daviess and Stephenson counties.

TOGETHER, WE'RE CREATING A FUTURE WHERE EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE CAN REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

For years, United Way supporters have made a lasting difference in so many ways. We measure success in lives changed. Together, we've done some amazing things.

- We led efforts to bring awareness to gun violence prevention, hosting community conversations and creating a community needs assessment.
- We established a regional childcare consortium, bringing awareness to early childhood issues in our region.
- We are a part of the 211 resource national network, providing families access to resources available to them.

Your donation directly supports solutions to big problems in our community, and uplifting individuals and families in need.



United Way is using community impact to drive solutions to our community's problems that are too big for one organization to solve. Community impact is the commitment of a group of people from different sectors to a common agenda for solving a specific social problem, using a structured form of collaboration.

We know there is no shortage of great nonprofits in our region, but there is a shortage of efficient ways to collaborate more effectively.

FEW NONPROFITS ARE RESOURCED TO LEAD THIS KIND OF NEEDED WORK. UNITED WAY- IS LEADING THE WAY.

Youth Opportunities:

Our goal: To ensure that every child is ready for Kindergarten and reading at grade level by third grade.

Financial Security:

Our goal: To increase resiliency in our communities by providing services that equip families and individuals with the tools and resources to stay or become economically independent

Healthy Communities:

Our goal: To improve the health of our local community through a wide variety of programs and initiatives.

Community Resiliency:

Our goal: To support programs and services that provide temporary and short-term food and shelter, to stabilize those individuals and families faced with barriers in being able to meet their immediate needs due to loss of employment, housing, domestic violence, etc.

