



United Way
of Elkhart County

WORKING FAMILIES IMPACT



Community Partners, Innovation Partners & Emergency Services Partners

Helping hard working families in Elkhart County access the support they need to survive and thrive through **Care of Children**, **Job Skills** and **Financial Empowerment**.

Each year United Way generates revenue through generous workplace campaigns. Citizen-led panels direct this funding towards impactful programs that help working families in Elkhart County.

Funded Community Partners and Innovation or Special Project Partner programs are vetted and funded through our allocation process. These programs must adhere to strict United Way standards, measurements and outcome performance. United Way also allows donors to designate their gift; these funds may be used by each agency independent of United Way's allocation process for whatever purpose the agency deems fit.

CARE OF CHILDREN

1. **Boys & Girls Clubs of Elkhart County:** The Learning Centers in Elkhart, Goshen, Middlebury and Nappanee exist to create a positive impact on the academic success of children.
2. **C.L.A.S.S. Education (Elementary School):** Develops students' leadership skills, traits and personal norms which will impact their success in the workplace and life. (INNOVATION)
3. **Early Childhood Alliance (Director of Gr8T Beginnings Elkhart County):** Constructs a unified approach to strengthening Elkhart County's early childhood efforts including: common messaging, broad engagement and community awareness. (INNOVATION)
4. **Early Childhood Alliance:** Assists in the professional credentialing and development of early childcare providers.
5. **Elkhart- READ UNITED Coordinator of Volunteers:** The coordinator engages community volunteers to improve student engagement in literacy skills and overall academic success through United Way reading initiatives.
6. **Five Star (Middle School Engagement):** The Five Star Life Middle School Program provides students with the tools and resources they need to be successful in middle school.
7. **Goshen College Write on Sports (Middle School Engagement):** This alternative education program teaches writing skills by harnessing students' love for sports. (INNOVATION)
8. **Goshen-READ UNITED Coordinator of Volunteers:** The coordinator engages community volunteers to improve student engagement in literacy skills and overall academic success through United Way reading initiatives.
9. **Move2Stand (Middle School Engagement):** Move2Stand is part of a comprehensive bullying prevention initiative in the Elkhart Community Schools. (INNOVATION)
10. **Walnut Hill:** provides affordable and high quality early care and education for working families with young children.

NUMBER SERVED **12,142**

JOB SKILLS

1. **Boys and Girls Club - Money Skills:** This financial skills program helps parents and children gain the skills they need to budget, plan for their future and improve their financial situation. (INNOVATION)
2. **Goodwill Career Center; Working Families Track:** Addresses the employment needs of the working families population by matching opportunities to the needs of the individual. (INNOVATION)
3. **Y.W.C.A. North Central Indiana - Money Skills:** Utilizes Bridges Out of Poverty, Getting Ahead and Financial Literacy Programs to assist women in getting their families out of poverty and alleviate the struggles of working families in precarious financial positions. (INNOVATION)

NUMBER SERVED **280**

FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT

1. **LaCasa Financial Empowerment Center:** This program improves the financial capability of local working adults and creates opportunities for attaining valuable assets.
2. **LaCasa Neighborhood Development:** Helps residents acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to work with one another and with city officials to effectively manage and enhance their neighborhoods.
3. **LaCasa Renter Financial Empowerment:** The program develops and tests a model for integrating financial capabilities services into renter populations. (INNOVATION)
4. **SPA Spiritual and Personal Adjustments Women's Ministry Homes Case Manager:** a qualified case manager works with women who are struggling with life and addiction issues. (INNOVATION)

NUMBER SERVED **6,864**

A large portion of our funding portfolio continues to be in our traditional issue areas of **EDUCATION, INCOME & HEALTH**. Many of the EDUCATION and INCOME programs have primarily been included in our **Working Families Platform (ALICE Initiative)** under CARE OF CHILDREN, JOB SKILLS or FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT. Additionally, many of our funded HEALTH programs could be considered BASIC NEEDS.

EDUCATION

1. **ADEC Day Services:** Day Services provides a meaningful, fulfilling day to adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities.
2. **Boy Scouts, LaSalle Council:** Boy Scouting for boys ages 11-17 provides a dramatic growth experience, both physical and emotional.
3. **CAPS:** The Healthy Families program is a home visitation program that serves families for three years.

NUMBER SERVED **1,994**

INCOME/BASIC NEEDS - Emergency Services Tithe

1. **American Red Cross:** Provides a critical safety net to Elkhart County families touched by disaster.
2. **Salvation Army – Elkhart:** Keeps individuals and families in their homes with heating, electricity, running water and food in their stomachs.
3. **Salvation Army – Goshen:** Emergency Assistance program aids clients in crisis while promoting self-sufficiency and temporary relief for many choosing between paying a utility bill or paying for medicine.
4. **Y.W.C.A. North Central Indiana:** (Safe Haven) The only shelter in Elkhart County that is available to victims fleeing a life of violence that provides housing, food and other basic necessities.

NUMBER SERVED **13,897**

HEALTH

1. **Council on Aging (Independence Services):** The Transportation Program maintains the health and well-being of Elkhart County seniors through access to medical, business and nutritional goods and services.
2. **Family Christian Development Center MAP:** Most MAP clients are without health insurance and/or prescription coverage. This program strives to find solutions for patients who are unable to purchase medications due to financial constraints.
3. **Heart City Health Center MAP:** The primary goal is to assist the uninsured and underinsured patients of Heart City Health Center (HCHC) in acquiring their prescription medications at a reduced or no cost.
4. **Oaklawn MAP:** The MAP Coordinator assists with gathering documentation, completing the application, and tracking the process over time to ensure an uninterrupted medication supply.
5. **Ribbon of Hope Volunteer Coordination:** Recruits and develops a team of compassionate people who are equipped to provide emotional, spiritual, and practical care for cancer patients and their families.

NUMBER SERVED **1,684**. \$3,320,000 leveraged value, leveraged value is the cost savings of the medication had the client not received free or reduced price.

TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED ACROSS ALL ISSUE AREAS: 36,861