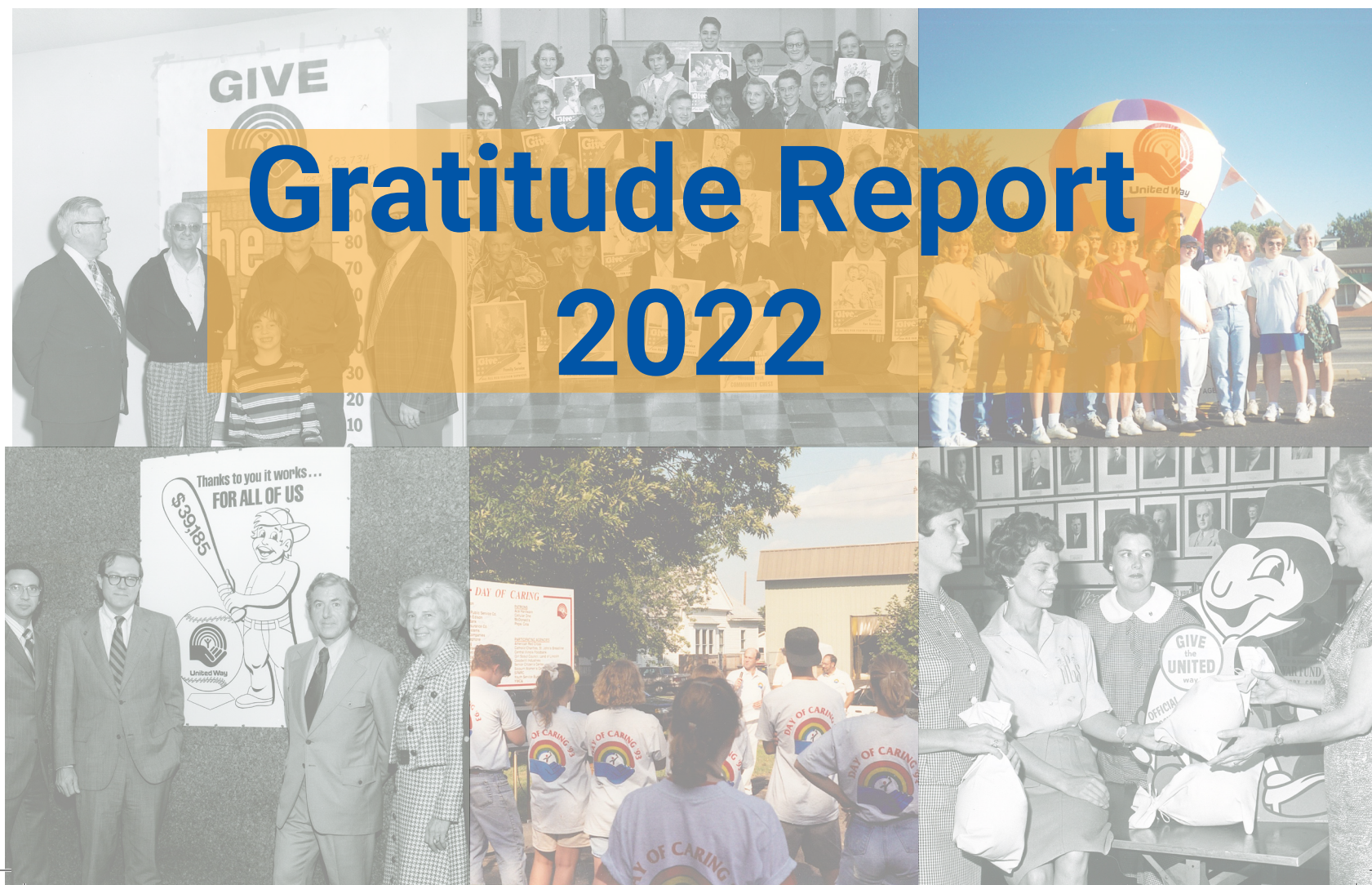


# 100 YEARS

United Way  United Way of  
Central Illinois

## Gratitude Report 2022





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# Letter from Marne

As I mark my first year as President and CEO of United Way of Central Illinois, it is hard to believe that close to 365 days have already passed. It has been an honor to meet so many amazing citizens in Sangamon and Menard County that have a true passion for making their community better.

As I reflect on the last year, I have to thank my UWCIL team. They have been collaborative and willing to look at what we are doing, why we are doing it, and what do we need to do better. Also, meeting so many donors, partners, and non-profit leaders has been eye-opening, and I appreciate their time and candor. Their passion and commitment to the mission they represent are truly remarkable.

With your continued partnership, I am confident we can continue to forge a new path forward. Thank you for an incredible first year! I am excited about what we can do together and in the years to come. I deeply appreciate your friendship and support.

I look forward to LIVING UNITED with you.

Yours in service,



Marne Fauser  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
United Way of Central Illinois



# 100 years of United Way



**1888 - 1921**

Multiple attempts to create a formal council focused on collaboration between social service agencies.

**1923**

The council raised \$150,000 through a community campaign to support Springfield's social service agencies.



**1939**

Another name change to The Springfield Community Chest.

**1946**

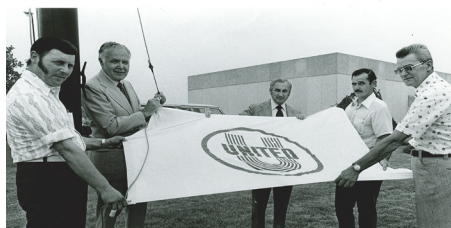
This time the name changed and broadened to The Community Chest of Springfield and Sangamon County.

**November 6, 1922**

Under the guidance of the Chamber of Commerce, a formal meeting of representatives of organizations devoted to charity and character building occurred with a goal to establish a community chest in Springfield. Robert Carr Lanphier was chosen as the chairman.

**March 5, 1923**

The first regular monthly meeting of the Springfield Council of Social Agencies was held.



**1934**

The name was changed to Associated Welfare Agencies.

**1942**

Reorganization and name change to The War Fund Council.



**1955**

Organizational shift and name change to United Community Services of Springfield and Sangamon County.



**1971**

First campaign to raise over \$1 million under the leadership of John R. Chapin as President and John M. Bunn as Campaign Chairman.

**1995**

The organization's name changed to reflect the addition of Menard County to the service area and became United Way of Central Illinois (UWCIL).

**October 2011**

Under the leadership of UWCIL, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library began providing books to children ages birth to 5 in Sangamon and Menard County.

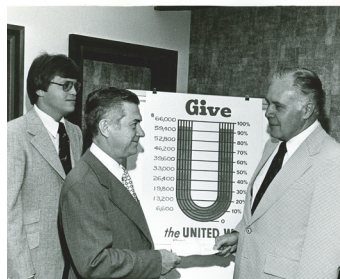
**July 2013**

GetConnected began as a website to help local volunteers and agencies partner for a better community.



**1975**

United Community Funds joined 2,200 local United Ways around the country by becoming United Way of Sangamon County.



**1997**

100% message is implemented, which means selected corporate gifts underwrote all expenses associated with the Community Fund.



**May 2012**

2-1-1, a 24/7 free resource line was implemented by UWCIL. This service uses trained professionals to connect people to resources and community programming.

**TODAY**

United Way of Central Illinois is the largest private funder of health and human services in Sangamon and Menard County.



# Our Impact *at a glance*

## COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

UWCIL invests in local programs that align with our strategic priorities of **basic needs, education, financial stability, and health.**  
**23 Programs funded**  
**\$1,028,913 awarded in Community Fund grants**

## COMMUNITY IMPACT

Together, we **LIVE UNITED** with our community investment partners to have a greater impact.

Thanks to YOU in the past year...

**161,716 meals provided**

**91.7% of clients decreased debt**

**94.3% of children improved social emotional skills**

**94% of individuals are getting and staying healthy**

## EDUCATION

**15,900**  
hours of one-on-one tutoring

**92%**

of children in summer programs achieved growth in math skills

## HEALTH

**700**  
hours of counseling provided

**95%**

of individuals increased their use of primary care services

## BASIC NEEDS



**29,999**  
nights of shelter

**195,000+**  
pounds of food served

## FINANCIAL STABILITY

**98.5%**

of clients maintaining housing after 6 months in housing and assistance program

**2,839**  
one-on-one sessions to help seniors find stability



# Our Community Investment

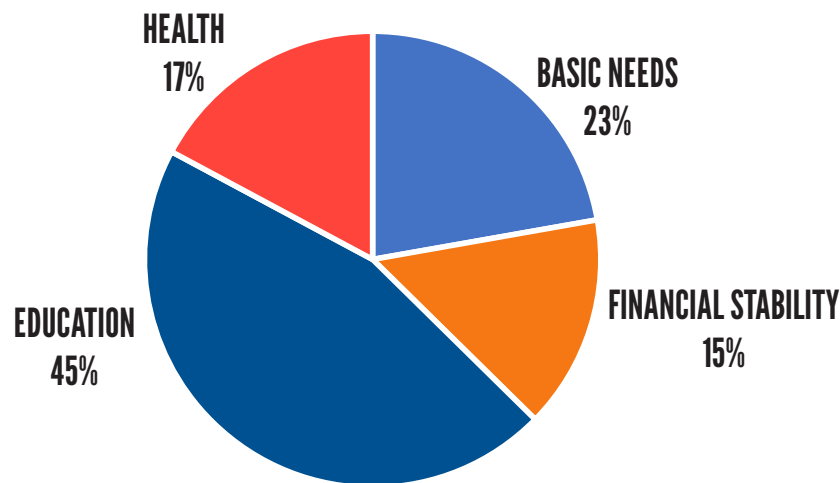


“It’s in the name UNITED. One common mission, a common goal...when they bring us together around an issue... we are UNITED.”  
-Jackie Newman, Springfield Housing Authority

## COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

United Way aims to create a prosperous community with equal access to basic needs, education, finance, and healthcare. We achieve this by supporting exceptional programs and services that align with our community identified priorities through a competitive grant process, evaluated by volunteers.

## 2022 Impact



The following pages contain more information about the positive impact that we make as a team, including specific stories from four of our program partners. We are honored to support the efforts of these organizations, as well as all of our community programs, in our shared mission to promote equitable access for all members of the community.

# Our Community Investment

“I know the dollars are going to good. There’s a lot of great not for profits doing wonderful work, and without United Way, we wouldn’t have that.”



-Carol Harms, Senior Services of Central Illinois

 **UNITED WAY  
COMMUNITY FUND  
SNAPSHOT**  
**\$1,028,913**  
*funded*   
**23 LOCAL PROGRAMS**

## Red Feather Grant



Homeless Management Information System administered by MERCY Communities (\$20,000)



Disaster Services provided by the South Central Illinois Chapter of the American Red Cross (\$24,000)



Dolly Parton Imagination Library provided by the United Way of Central Illinois (\$15,415)

## Venture Grant

\$25,000 - FUSE Program at Helping Hands of Springfield





# Programs *made possible by you!*



## BASIC NEEDS

- St. John's Breadline - Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois
- Emergency Shelter and Support for Women, and Women with Children - Contact Ministries
- Emergency Shelter - Helping Hands of Springfield, Inc.
- Crisis Nursery Core Program - Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery
- Daily Bread Home Delivered Meals - Senior Services of Central Illinois
- Adult and Children Shelter - Sojourn Shelter and Services, Inc.



## EDUCATION

- Comprehensive Mentoring - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Illinois
- Project Learn - Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Illinois
- Camp Compass - Compass for Kids
- Club Compass - Compass for Kids
- Girl Scout Leadership Experience Outreach - Girl Scouts of Central Illinois
- Camp Kindergarten: Ready, Set, Go! - Springfield Public Schools
- Freedom School - Springfield Urban League, Inc.
- Brandon OutREACH - Springfield Urban League, Inc.



## FINANCIAL STABILITY

- Helping Hands Representative Payee Program - Helping Hands of Springfield, Inc.
- Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) - Memorial Behavioral Health
- Permanent Supportive Housing - MERCY Communities, Inc.
- Transitional Living Program - MERCY Communities, Inc.
- Comprehensive Elder Assistance Services - Senior Services of Central Illinois
- The Empowerment Program - Springfield Urban League, Inc.



## HEALTH

- Counseling - Lutheran Child and Family Services
- Senior Connection and Transport Program - Senior Services of Central Illinois
- CIRCLe 211 - SIU Center for Family Medicine

# Thanks to YOU...

*...Myles has more than just a ride.*

Seniors have a high likelihood of becoming isolated, especially when they lose the ability to drive themselves. Myles is 78 years old and relies on others for transportation. When his friend became upset with him, he realized that he needed more assistance from professionals. He was worried about grocery shopping and even about paying for the groceries as his friend often helped with that as well.

Myles reached out to 211 and found resources that he could use. First, they solved his immediate food need by referring him to food delivery from a local food pantry. Other food pantries were also contacted which could help him until his LINK funds replenished the following week.

Myles is thankful for the transportation services but also the coordination of other services to give him long term sustainability.



Families experiencing medical crisis are stressed. Aisha and Eli were juggling multiple children while trying to focus on their two-year-old daughter, Ava, who needed to have eye surgery. The surgery required multiple visits out of town both before and after surgery. This left them wondering how they would care for their other children with this amount of travel. They needed more help. Thanks to United Way funding that helped elevate childcare concerns, both mom and dad were able to go to all the appointments and the surgery.



*...this family has peace of mind.*



*...a family has assistance.*



Moving to a new town is difficult. Olivia just moved from Peoria to Springfield and knew her family would need help with the move. Her son, Levi, needed help making sure he could transition to the correct grade level in high school, and her younger children could use more engagement outside of school. Olivia was so happy to connect her kids with United Way resources and to keep her kids on track academically. The entire family successfully adapted to their new home and their new town here in Springfield.

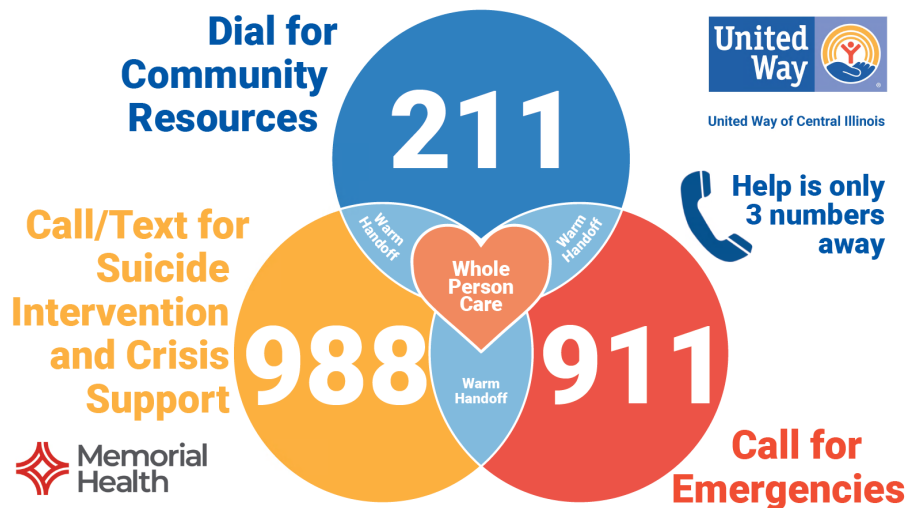
*...Jade gained stability.*

Dollars allocated to United Way Financial Stability initiatives helped Jade prepare for school, set and achieve financial and personal goals, and improve her public speaking. Jade has always been nervous about speaking in front of groups, so she started taking a Public Speaking Class to work on her strengths and weaknesses. She said that class and the credit building class, which helped her understand her credit report and learn financial goals, were the most beneficial to her.

“The coaches...believed and encouraged me to better myself, and I am so grateful. Hopefully one day I can give back to my community like they helped me.”  
- Jade



# Thanks to YOU...



Since 2011

**197,468**

**BOOKS HAVE BEEN MAILED OUT TO CHILDREN IN SANGAMON AND MENARD COUNTIES**

**6,482**

**CHILDREN HAVE GRADUATED FROM THE PROGRAM IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS**



**THANK YOU TO OUR LOCAL PARTNERS FOR GIVING THE GIFT OF READING IN SANGAMON AND MENARD COUNTIES.**

SCHEELS

American Business Club of Springfield

Broadgauge

Petersburg Women's Club

Athens Lions Club

Germeraad Family Fund of the  
Community Foundation for the Land of  
Lincoln

Loken Family Fund of the Community  
Foundation for the Land of Lincoln



# STUDENT UNITED WAY

This new program at Glenwood High School which began in the fall of 2022 has started off with a bang! President Greta Lopp is leading by example on how to LIVE UNITED. They have participated in our holiday cards for seniors and worked with a Ball Chatham School District teacher to develop a girls junior high strength and leadership group. They have some great ideas to get started in 2023 with drives and volunteering with seniors in the community.



*Greta Lopp*  
**PRESIDENT**



**myfree**  
**taxes.com**

“As a retiree, the fact that I’m not paying a CPA [to file my taxes] really eases the crunch that a fixed income can create.”

- Mary M.  
(a retiree and a free tax prep client)

**IN THE PAST 5 YEARS**  
**\$58,784**  
*saved*  
BY CENTRAL ILLINOIS CLIENTS

 **SingleCare®**

**\$3,382,929**

TOTAL SAVINGS SINCE INCEPTION

**76,635** *Wow!*

TOTAL INSTANCES OF SERVICE

“The thing I like most about SingleCare is how easy it is to save. You just put your drug name into the app, and then it gives you a radius around where you live with all the different pharmacies and their prices so you can find the cheapest option.”

-Ben  
[SingleCare.com/blog/singlecare-review-ben-gilmore](https://singlecare.com/blog/singlecare-review-ben-gilmore)

# Your Successes

BE THE  
**ONE**



We would love to talk to you about the ways your business can partner with United Way. Please don't hesitate to contact Jarid Brown at 217.726.7000 to learn more. Thank you!

**The United Way Workplace Campaign** unites employees in a company to donate, volunteer, and advocate for their community. It promotes teamwork and benefits important causes, allowing individuals from all industries to make a significant impact where they live, work, and play.



“I think it's important that people *IN* our community support the work that is going on *FOR* our community.”  
-Cinda Klickna



## 2022 CAMPAIGN RECOGNITION



AMEREN ILLINOIS  
BANK of SPRINGFIELD  
BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS of CENTRAL ILLINOIS  
CONTACT MINISTRIES  
CRAWFORD, MURPHY, & TILLY  
EXPRESS EMPLOYMENT PROFESSIONALS  
FIFTH THIRD BANK  
GREATER SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER of COMMERCE  
HENSON ROBINSON COMPANY  
INB  
MARINE BANK  
MEMORIAL HEALTH  
MERCY COMMUNITIES  
SCHEELS  
SENIOR SERVICES OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS  
SIKICH  
SOJOURN SHELTER AND SERVICES  
SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 186



CATERPILLAR  
ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR  
FEDEX  
GIRL SCOUTS of CENTRAL ILLINOIS  
HELPING HANDS of SPRINGFIELD  
LINCOLN LAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
MEDICS FIRST of SPRINGFIELD  
PNC BANK  
RSM US  
RUTLEDGE YOUTH FOUNDATION  
SPRINGFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY  
STATE of ILLINOIS EMPLOYEES

# Grateful for *you!*



**AMCO FENCE CO.**  
**ANVIL & FORGE BREW & DIST. LLC**  
**CITIZENS FOR McCARTY**  
**DON'S CHIMNEY SWEEP**  
**FIRST BANKERS TRUST COMPANY**  
**HARVATIN LAW OFFICES**  
**HENNESSY & ROACH, PC**  
**HILL MEADOW APARTMENTS**  
**KIRBY RISK**  
**LAUREL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**REMAX PROFESSIONALS**  
**ROCKET FITNESS**  
**SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.**  
**SILVERLEAF CHILDREN'S ACADEMY**  
**WAY LAW OFFICES, L.L.C.**  
**WILKERSON'S SERVICE CENTER, INC.**  
**WILSON PARK FUNERAL HOME**



**ATHEN'S LIONS CLUB**  
**BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS**  
**BRUNCHFIELD CAFE**  
**CHALRES W. ADAMS & COMPANY**  
**ENGRAINED BREWING COMPANY**  
**GRAB-A-JAVA**  
**JIM WILSON INTERIORS INC.**  
**JOSEPH'S FINE CUISINE**  
**MEL-O-CREAM DONUTS**  
**PEASE'S AT BUNN GOURMET**  
**S&K BUICK GMC, INC.**  
**WESTMINSTER PREBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Y-T PACKING COMPANY**



**BROADGAUGE**  
**BUTLER FUNERAL HOMES**  
**EXPRESS EMPLOYMENT PROFESSIONALS**  
**FLAT BRANCH HOME LOANS**  
**HANSON INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INC.**  
**HICKORY POINT BANK**  
**ILLINOIS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**  
**KERBER, ECK & BRAECKEL LLP**  
**M.J. KELLNER CO. INC.**  
**MEDICS FIRST OF SPRINGFIELD**  
**SECURITY BANK**  
**SPRINGFIELD LUCKY HORSESHOES**  
**THE GODDARD SCHOOL**  
**WOLTER, BEEMAN, LYNCH AND LONDRIGAN**

## SMALL BUSINESS RECOGNITION LEVELS

### Sapphire Level

#### Donation of \$100-\$364

- Live United 365 Business Circle Member decal sticker and logo for display
- Listing and link on United Way of Central Illinois' website
- Listing in Community Impact Report and other relevant publications
- Thank You and highlighting members in Springfield Business Journal (nonprofit issue currently in April)
- Recognition at annual Campaign Kickoff and Community Report Events
- Opportunities for additional networking, social and philanthropic activities

### Emerald Level

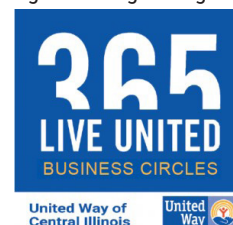
#### Donation of \$365-\$999

- Live United 365 Business Circle Member decal sticker and logo for display
- *All of Sapphire Level Benefits*
- 365 Recognition in digital newsletter
- Invitation to Leaders Guild Reception
- Social media Mentions across United Way channels
- Recognition on membership recruitment materials

### Diamond Level

#### Donation of \$1000+

- Live United 365 Business Circle Member decal sticker and logo for display
- *All of Emerald Level Benefits*
- LIVE UNITED yard sign for display
- 365 Spotlight Message in digital newsletter





# Campaign Recognition

MEMORIAL HEALTH  
HORACE MANN  
SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 186  
AMEREN ILLINOIS  
CRAWFORD, MURPHY & TILLY  
SCHEELS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS EMPLOYEES  
MARINE BANK  
SPRINGFIELD ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.  
INB



KEB  
CATERPILLAR  
HANSON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD  
SIKICH  
TROXELL  
HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST  
HENSON ROBINSON CO.  
SCHNUCKS  
U.S. BANK



(Under 200 employees)  
GREATER SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
COMPASS FOR KIDS  
BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS  
M.E.R.C.Y COMMUNITIES, INC.  
SOJOURN SHELTER AND SERVICES, INC.



**BRICE MAGOWAN and  
DAN BARCIK**  
*Bank of Springfield*

**MEDICS FIRST  
of SPRINGFIELD**

**COMPANY: BANK of SPRINGFIELD  
NONPROFIT: SOJOURN SHELTER and  
SERVICES, INC.**

# Day of Action



“I feel like we all got more out of volunteering... seeing the kids, and interacting with them...it just **BROUGHT ALL OF US JOY.**”

*-Riley Brockmeyer,  
Clark & Co. Beauty Lab*

**DAY OF  
ACTION**

Find out more about  
volunteering at  
[volunteer.uwcil.org](http://volunteer.uwcil.org).



*Thank you!*

To all the volunteers who  
gave their time and talents,  
**THANK YOU.**

A special thank you to our  
sponsors:





# Board Members



**Evan Davis, Memorial Health  
2022-23 UWCIL Board Chair**



**Roger Austin,  
Crawford  
Murphy & Tilly**



**Amy Beadle,  
Springfield Convention  
and Visitors Bureau**



**Carolyn Blackwell,  
Retired**



**Phil Capps,  
KEB**



**Ginny Conlee,  
Retired**



**Jon Erickson,  
Marine Bank**



**Lashonda Fitch,  
Oak Ridge Cemetery**



**Nick Gentile,  
Town and  
Country Bank**



**Tammy Gilchrese,  
Security Bank**



**Bryan Gleckler,  
Lincoln Land  
Community College**



**Janet Gooch,  
University of Illinois  
Springfield**



**Brandi Goodin,  
BUNN**



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Horace Mann**



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Troxell**



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School District 186**



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Company**



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Springfield Electric  
Supply Company**



**Frank Lynch,  
Wolter, Beeman,  
Lynch and Londrigan**



**Rabbi Barry Marks,  
Temple Israel**



**Penny McCarty,  
HSBS**



**Nikki Monari,  
SCHEELS**



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Springfield Housing  
Authority**



**Christine Novaria,  
M.J. Kellner  
Foodservice**



**Sarah Sevener,  
Franklin Middle School**



**Rob Waller,  
Hanson Professional Services**



# 12 Things *You* Need to Know

## LOCAL

United Way of Central Illinois is a local, independent, nonprofit organization governed by a local volunteer board of directors. In exchange for nominal dues, United Way Worldwide provides training, community research information, local resources, and ongoing consultation services to local United Way offices.

## 100 YEARS

Since 1922, United Way of Central Illinois has served Sangamon and Menard Counties. Countless volunteers and donors have made it possible to impact individuals living in Central Illinois.

## 100% MISSION

All donations stay local. Administrative and fundraising expenses have been underwritten by the United Way Endowment and the generous support of local companies. This means that every dollar you donate goes directly to provide services in our community. This is unique to our office and thanks to generous local partners.

## DOES MY GIFT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

When you invest in United Way, you join thousands of local supporters who have raised their hands, opened their hearts, dug in, shared resources, and supported programs for a thriving region. From \$1 to \$1 million every gift matters. Investments in United Way's Community Fund support critical programs to improve basic needs, education, financial stability and health in order for more people and families to thrive.

## VOLUNTEERS

We are a hub for local volunteers. United Way links our community's dedicated volunteers and corporate groups with local nonprofits that are seeking support for specific projects and volunteer opportunities. Every year, United Way hosts Days of Action to help not-for-profits across the region with everything from painting, planting and mulching, to getting camps ready for kids.

## ISSUE AREAS

Our four issue areas allow United Way to be nimble and respond to the most urgent needs in the community.

These issue areas work together to best help individuals in our community thrive. These issue areas are: basic needs, financial stability, health and education.

## HOW ARE UNITED WAY INVESTMENTS DETERMINED?

Investment decisions are made by volunteers from the community. As part of a competitive grant process, community volunteers meet to review submitted proposals aimed at achieving the community impact goals and addressing the four issue areas. Proposals showing the greatest ability to meet the goals are awarded funding. United Way staff and board members have no influence over which proposals receive funding.

## DIAL 2-1-1

United Way 2-1-1 is your link to community resources. When you dial 2-1-1, you will be connected to a trained specialist who is available 24/7/365 with access to a comprehensive database of services in Sangamon and Menard Counties. This three-digit hotline number can connect you with information and resources including information related to emergency food and shelter, rent and utility assistance, elderly or child care services, consumer help, volunteer opportunities, crisis intervention, healthcare, and more. A call to United Way 2-1-1 is free, confidential, and available 24/7.

## COMMUNITY FUND

The United Way Community Fund is a grant opportunity for area nonprofits to help address emerging or emergency community needs. Grant requests made for the Community Fund are heard by the United Way Vision Councils (a group of volunteer community members), whose recommendation is sent to the United Way Board of Directors (also volunteers) for final approval.

## LEGACY GIVING

You have the power to advance the common good well into the future. Including United Way in your will or estate plan can continue your impact for years to come.

Our team can help you make sure your plans reflect your specific intentions. We will follow your decisions to create a legacy plan that passes on your assets and your values.

## DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

United Way inspires a love of reading in young children by gifting books free of charge to children age birth to five. This program is open to all children under the age of five - just sign them up online!



### THE UNITED WAY LOGO

At the bottom of the logo is a helping hand. The hand symbolizes the services and programs you support through United Way. The image in the center, the symbol of humanity, is cradled by the helping hand. It shows that all people are uplifted through United Way. And a rainbow springs from the helping hand, representing the hope of a better life made possible through your generosity.

And, now introducing the new  
layout for:

[WWW.UWCIL.ORG](http://WWW.UWCIL.ORG)

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Looking forward to our  
United Way 101 Employee Giving  
Campaign in 2023!

