

# Get Involved, By Volunteering

United Way provides meaningful volunteer experiences for individuals, community groups, and corporate groups of all sizes. We can customize your experience to fit your needs.

Whether its signing up for a regular volunteer opportunity or for an hour, a day, or more, we can help you manage the entire process.

## Volunteer Opportunities

- Volunteer events such as *Day of Action* are perfect for both individuals and groups.
- Custom United Way kit packing events such as a backpack stuffing are perfect for groups and companies.
- Virtual opportunities such as United Way's *Holiday Cards for Seniors*, is perfect for those wishing to make an impact at their convenience.
- You can also find dozens of volunteer opportunities from organizations throughout our community on our GetConnected platform at [volunteer.uwcil.org](http://volunteer.uwcil.org).

## Trustworthy & Effective



United Way of Central Illinois is recognized nationally and locally for our high rate of efficiency and consistently receives a four-star rating by Charity Navigator - its highest ranking.



United Way maintains a Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest level of recognition offered by GuideStar, the world's largest source for nonprofit information.

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**UNITING OUR COMMUNITY  
IMPROVING LIVES**



# 2023-2026 Grant Cycle

United Way of Central Illinois provides grants and resources to effective human services programs across our community.



# Why United Way?



## Your Investment Stays Local

Your contribution to United Way of Central Illinois helps improve lives right here in your community. That means you are investing in the success of your neighbors, coworkers, family and friends.



## Measurable Outcomes

You can trust that your dollars are doing exactly what they are supposed to do through our community investment process and reporting. Outcomes are under ongoing evaluation to ensure program effectiveness.



## Collaboration

27 diverse volunteers and subject matter experts dedicated approximately 600+ hours of due diligence. ALL decisions are made by volunteers after multiple levels of review.

**100%** of your investment in UWCIL or your directed gift goes to support programs in your community. Fundraising and administrative costs are underwritten by the United Way Endowment and select corporate gifts.

# Together, We Help People in Need

## BASIC NEEDS

Supporting a safety net of food and shelter for our community's most vulnerable members.

**Together, We provided over 439,000 Meals and 34,000 Nights of Shelter**

### Grant Partners

- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Springfield in IL
- Contact Ministries
- Helping Hands of Springfield, Inc.
- Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery
- Senior Services of Central Illinois
- Sojourn Shelter and Services

## Where to find Help

Wherever you are in life, you never know when a friend, loved one, co-worker, or even you may need help. In fact, last year, over **4,500** people in our community turned to **211** for help.

24 hours a day, 7 days a week, trained 211 operators are available to connect you with community resources during your time of need.



# Together, We Create Better Tomorrows

## EDUCATION

Helping children prepare for kindergarten, stay on track, and graduate with a plan for their future.

**Together, We provided 16,000 Hours of one-on-one tutoring to students**

### Grant Partners

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Illinois
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Illinois
- Compass for Kids
- Girl Scouts of Central Illinois
- Hope
- Springfield Public Schools
- Springfield Urban League, Inc.

### Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Our local Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Program delivered more than **25,000** new books and family engagement activities in 2023 alone. All children in our community, under the age of 5, are eligible to enroll in this free program.



Visit [www.uwcil.org](http://www.uwcil.org) to learn more and enroll your child.

## HEALTH

Helping every person access nutritious food, physical activity, and good healthcare to live a healthy life.

**Together, We provided 750 Hours of one-on-one mental health counseling**

### Grant Partners

- Lutheran Child and Family Services
- Senior Services of Central Illinois
- SIU Center for Family Medicine
- Springfield Public Schools
- Springfield Urban League, Inc.

## FINANCIAL STABILITY

Helping families and individuals achieve financial stability through supportive housing, work skills support, and financial literacy programs.

**Together, We helped 92% of clients decrease debt**

### Grant Partners

- Helping Hands of Springfield
- Memorial Behavioral Health
- MERCY Communities
- Senior Services of Central Illinois
- Springfield Urban League, Inc.
- Wooden It Be Lovely

### Financial Literacy Workshops

United Way Financial Literacy Workshops are topical learning sessions hosted by local professionals and community partners as a service to the community.

### FreeWill

**FREEWILL** FreeWill gives you a free, easy way to write your legally valid will. The service is 100% free, and you can also use the tools to begin your plans before seeing a lawyer. Learn more at [www.uwcil.org](http://www.uwcil.org).

### SingleCare

  
**SingleCare** Since partnering with SingleCare, we have helped over 39,000 people in our community save more than \$3.4 millions in prescription drug costs.

Whether you are insured or uninsured, SingleCare can help you save up to 80% on prescription medications. There's no registration or eligibility criteria required.

Download your card at [www.uwcil.org](http://www.uwcil.org).

# How You Can Help



When you give to United Way, your contribution helps both those in crisis today and those building a better, more financially stable tomorrow.

No matter where you are in life, United Way offers a variety of options for donors to support our work, whether through your employer, online, Donor Advised Fund, IRA, a donation of stock, or an estate gift.

## Levels of Leadership

The extraordinary generosity of the members of United Way's annual leadership giving networks opens doors to a better life for all of us living in our community.



- Tocqueville Society.....\$10,000 +
- Leaders Guild Society.....\$1,000 - \$9,999
- Community Builders.....\$500 - \$999

## Estate Planning

Every day we are on this earth brings new opportunities to transform the lives of the people in our community. Those opportunities can continue for generations to come through a legacy gift. Legacy giving creates hope beyond a lifetime by continuing your impact to our community in perpetuity.

Some ways to define your legacy include considering UWCIL in your:

- Will
- Beneficiary Designations
- Charitable Remainder Trust
- IRA Rollover Gifts

Call us at (217) 726-7000 to learn more about how you can create a legacy of hope for our future.