**Join the Fight**

**GIVE**
Workplace and residential campaigns are the easiest and most powerful way to invest in your own community. You can direct your contribution to one or all of the Community Impact Focus Areas: Education, Income, Health, and Basic Needs.

**ADVOCATE**
Lend your voice to champion the cause. United Way of Northwest Illinois needs people who are passionate about the education, income, and health of their community to make some noise.

**VOLUNTEER**
United Way of Northwest Illinois works with volunteers and local nonprofits to develop the best opportunities for youth, adults, and seniors. Visit our website or give us a call for volunteer opportunities.

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**Community Impact Initiative Partners**
- Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library
- It Takes A Village Reading Mentor Program
- Boys & Girls Club of Stephenson County
- Amity Society of Freeport, Inc.
- YMCA Children’s Center
- Early Childhood Consortium
- Stephenson County Public Health Foundation
- CareerTEC
- RAMP
- FHN Foundation
- Salvation Army
- NICAA- Golden Meals
- Girl Scouts on Northern Illinois

**Fully Participating Partner Agencies**
- CONTACT of Northern Illinois
- Family YMCA of Northwest Illinois
- FHN Family Counseling Center
- Freeport Area Church Cooperative (FACC)
- Mother Hubbards Kiddie Cupboard
- Senior Resource Center
- Sojourn House
- Tyler’s Justice Center
- VOICES of Stephenson County

**Donor Designated Partner Agencies**
- American Red Cross- Northwest IL Chapter
- Boy Scouts of America- Blackhawk Area Council
- Catholic Charities
- HomeStart
- Malcolm Eaton Enterprises
- New Horizons Counseling Center
- Norman C. Sleezer Youth Home
- Rolling Hills Progress Center- Carroll County
- The Workshop Galena

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Our Mission

The United Way of Northwest Illinois, Inc. is a leader in providing human and financial resources in response to identified health and human service needs to improve the quality of life in Carroll, Jo Daviess, and Stephenson Counties.

We aspire to be the critical link which brings together our diverse communities to build stronger, healthier, and more sustainable communities as cost effectively as possible.

Our Focus

Education

To ensure that every child is ready for kindergarten and reading by third grade.

Education is the cornerstone of individual and community success, but many factors impact a child’s ability to perform in the classroom. This is why we partner with many organizations to:

• Provide access to literacy based programs proven to help reading skills.
• Foster stable and nurturing home environments.
• Provide access to a high quality learning environment.

Health

To improve the health of our community through a variety of programs & initiatives.

Whether it is a neighbor without health insurance, a victim of abuse, or someone struggling with addiction, United Way is working with organizations to ensure everyone has access to affordable and quality care.

• Provide the support and resources needed to manage and combat chronic disease and live a fulfilling life.
• Engage individuals and families in behaviors that support their health, wellness, and safety.

Financial Stability

To provide services that equip individuals with the tools and resources to stay or become economically independent.

As many as one-third of working Americans do not earn enough money to meet their basic needs. For families walking a financial tightrope, unable to save for college, a home, or retirements, we partner with organizations to:

• Reduce barriers that keep individuals from obtaining and retaining employment.
• Provide good access to employee trainings and skill developing resources.
• Provide students with tools and resources to help plan for life after graduation

Basic Needs

To ensure individuals and families faced with barriers are able to meet their immediate needs.

When an individual is unable to meet their basic needs, it becomes more difficult to focus on long-term goals. We are partnering with organizations to support intervention-related activities that address short-term needs.

• Provide individuals with short-term food assistance who are facing economic hardship and/or individuals who are homebound, with the goal of moving them to food security.
• Provide short-term housing for people who are homeless or escaping domestic violence.