

# 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, Financial Stability, 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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Children from Lincoln-Douglas School take part in the Kids Run 5k.

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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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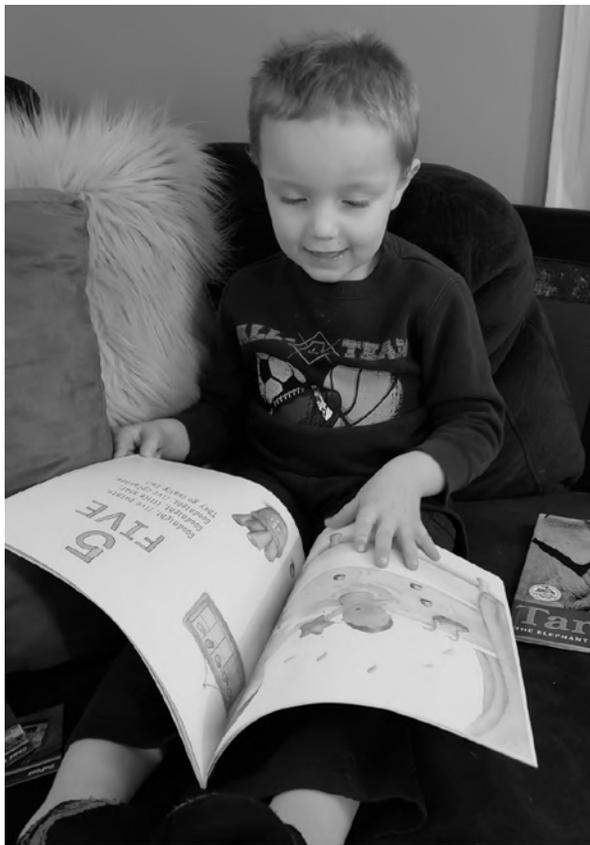


**UNITED WE FIGHT.  
UNITED WE WIN.**

**LIVE UNITED**

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A Jo Daviess County Dolly Parton Recipient enjoys reading his book at the comfort of his own home.

## 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.

## Our Mission

The United Way of Northwest Illinois, Inc. is a leader in providing human and financial resources in response to indentified 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.