UNITED WE WIN

2017 United Way of Champaign County
ANNUAL REPORT
Problems.
The ones nobody talks about.
The ones that can’t be solved.
We go looking for them.
We find every dollar we can to address them.

But we are more than the fundraisers.
We are the hand raisers. The game changers.
The stop talking, start doing, band together and take on the impossible task masters.

No matter the obstacles. No matter the odds.
We surround Champaign County’s most critical problems.
And we fight.
We fight for those who need a voice and those whose names we do not know.
Because change doesn't happen alone.  
Hope isn't a one-man band.  
And there's no such thing as self taught or self made.

We have one life.

To live better, we must **LIVE UNITED**.
United Way fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in Champaign County. We go beyond single-issue solutions and temporary fixes to impact thousands of lives every year.

Our community faces problems that have persisted for generations. Problems that no single person or organization can solve on their own. That’s where we come in.

For 94 years, United Way has been the unifying force that brings together community leaders, organized labor, faith-based groups, corporations, nonprofit organizations and governments. Together, we create sweeping change that lifts up our entire community.

When you work with United Way, your voice is amplified and your dollar goes further. When we work as one, we create solutions that benefit us all. In 2016 over 5,000 donors raised their hand and stood United to improve our community. We’re grateful for every single one.

What binds us together is a powerful sense of belonging to each other, to our mission, and to the community we serve. This is what United Way is all about: the notion that we are greater than the sum of our parts, and that we all reap the rewards of the change we create together.

There is no fight we cannot win, when we fight together.

Sue Grey
President and CEO
United Way of Champaign County

Over the last 5 years, we’ve invested
$14 MILLION $$$

to improve Health, Education & Financial Stability in Champaign County.
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

POPULATION (2016): 208,419

8.3%  
Unemployment Rate 2011

4.0%  
Unemployment Rate May 2017

650  
school aged children were registered as homeless in Champaign County in the 2015-2016 school year.

40%  
of third graders’ reading and math scores are below grade level expectations

32%  
of Champaign County families are severely rent-burdened, with 50% or more of their income spent on housing

20.1%  
of our residents are living at or below the poverty level - $24,600 for a family of four

1.64%  
of our county’s population is employed in farming, compared to 1.51% of the nation’s total population that is farm employed.

94.3%  
of people in Champaign County over age 25 are high school graduates.

NEARLY 32%  
of Champaign County families are severely rent-burdened, with 50% or more of their income spent on housing

CHAMPAIGN IS THE FASTEST GROWING CITY IN ILLINOIS

THE NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIATED CASES OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY DECLINED BY 8% between 2006 and 2014. Statewide cases increased 27% over the same period of time.

Annual gift of $10,000 or more

The United Way Tocqueville Society recognizes local philanthropic leaders and volunteer champions around the world who have devoted time, talent and funds to create long lasting changes by tackling our communities’ most serious issues.

The society’s namesake, Alexis de Tocqueville, recognized, applauded and immortalized North American voluntary action on behalf of the common good. In 1835, he wrote: “I must say that I have seen Americans make a great deal of real sacrifices to the public welfare; and have noticed a hundred instances in which they hardly ever failed to lend a faithful support to one another,” eloquently capturing the essence of personal philanthropy that persists almost three centuries later.

The Tocqueville Society of Champaign County, established in 1995, echoes the American spirit of cooperation and goodwill which Tocqueville spoke about with such enthusiasm. It personifies the true meaning of philanthropy with members giving over $10,000 annually to the United Way campaign. This group of leaders recognizes the vital importance of voluntary community service and personal giving at an exceptional level.

Ordre de Fraternité
$75,000-$99,999
Anonymous

Ordre d’Égalité
$50,000-$74,999
Anonymous

Ordre de Liberté
$25,000-$49,999

Dave Downey and Jane A. Hays
Bob Henderson

Richard M. Noel and Rosann Gelvin Noel and Noel Family Foundation
David and Christina Whippo

George and Nancy Shapland
In 2014 Way of Champaign County created the Pillar Lifetime Giving Award. This award recognizes loyal supporters whose cumulative lifetime giving to our organization has reached an exceptional level. It is our hope that this award inspires the next generation of leaders in Champaign County to give back.

2017 Honoree: Ed & Carol Scharlau

Ed & Carol have supported United Way of Champaign County for over 40 years, contributing significant funds to improve our community. Additionally, Carol worked for over 25 years as a staff member at United Way. Both made their first annual gifts through their Workplace Campaigns: Ed at Busey and Carol at United Way! They started giving and never stopped.

The Scharlaus have made significant contributions to United Way’s Endowment, ensuring United Way will be a Pillar in the community for generations to come.

Thank you, Ed and Carol!
PILLARS

At the core of every community are leaders whose caring and generosity set the course for others.

United Way Pillars are a group of people who demonstrate extraordinary care for our community by donating $500 or more annually to United Way. Gifts can be made through payroll deduction, direct payments or stocks/securities. Last year 1,335 Pillars contributed over $2.1 million!

DIAMOND CIRCLE
Annual gift of $7,500 - $9,999

May R. Berenbaum
David and Patti Hood
Diane and Craig Kiddoo
Don Moyer, Jr.
J. William Bell and Elizabeth Murphy

CORNERSTONE PILLARS
Annual gift of $5,000 - 7,499

Scott and Lynn Anderson
Joe Barkmeier and Ann Tice
Andrew and Jessica Batey
Jim and Nancy Bell
Steve and Donna Carter
John Cronan
Dorothy Ann David and Steven Woodard
Lane and Vinny Dickinson
Van A. and Patti J. Dukeman
Ann Einhorn
Chris and Kim Evangelisti
Emmie Fisher and Andy Lee
Matthew and Janette Gibb
C. K. Gunsalus and Michael W. Walker
Barb and Tom Harrington, Jr.
Bruce and Jan Hinely
David E. Irwin
Paula Kaufman
Douglas and Josephine Kibbee
Susan and Ron Kiddoo
Daniel and Ellen Kirsanoff
Dave and Elizabeth Krchak
Wayne and Loretta LaFave
Rosemary Laughlin

Dr. and Mrs. James Leonard
David and Nancy Morse
Robert and Mary Anne Mulcahey
Penn and Barbara Nelson
Todd and Carolyn Petersen
Kim and John Powers
Mrs. Jack Richmond
Marlyn W. Rinehart
Jennifer and Robert Robbennolt
Arch and Amy Robison
Mr. Richard Ross
Peter and Ellen Schmidt
Martha Seeber and Family
Dave and Anita Seiler
Vern and Jeannie Snoeyink
Cindy and Mike Somers
Sid and Keti Stafford
Joy Thornton-Walter and John Walter
Bill and Sandy Volk
Jeff and Shari Wampler
PILLAR PLUS
Supporters with names in BOLD are members of our Pillar Plus program.

Each year the need for support from United Way rises. In response, we have created a Pillar Plus program which allows our friends to increase their support. By pledging an annual 10% increase, Pillar Plus donors are critical to helping United Way of Champaign County fully fund programs which support the Building Blocks for A Good Life: Education, Health and Financial Stability. In 2016, 34% of our Pillar supporters chose to increase their gift through Pillar Plus.

We hope you will join hundreds of others by making a Pillar Plus gift this year.

As always, we appreciate your support!

PLATINUM PILLARS
Annual gift of $3,000 - $4,999

Dick Adams and Pat Januszki
Adelaide Aime
Curt and Jo Anderson
Don and Paula Anderson
Bob and Connie Atkins
Robert and Cathy Baird
Barham Benefit Group
Dick and Lynne Barnes
Bob Bender
Kenneth N. and Mary E. Beth
Willard and Anne Broom
Roy and Ann Campbell
Sandy and Steve Chapman
Bridget and Dean Clausen
Eileen and Dennis Coleman
Thomas and Sharon Conry
Richard Daugherty
William A. Dick and Katrina Cheney
Bradley S. and Debra L. Diel
Mary Ann and Robert D. Espeseth
Dale and Joyce Ewen
Marv and Mati Frankel
John Frasca
Vera Mainz and Gregory Girolami
Tom and Sue Grey
James and Debra Halle
Terry and DiAnne Hatch
Roger and Fran Haughey
Clare and Alan Haussermann
Christina Havenland and Jennifer Crum
Dennis and Jennifer Hesch
Janice Bahr and Erwin Hoffman
Kelly and Nathan Hoffmann
Mark and Cheryl Holderbaugh
Judy and Brian Holding
James and Karin Imlay
Harold and Pat Jensen
Lyn and Mike Jones
Tim and Leanne Kopischke
Wynne Sandra Korr
Pat and Sara Kovar
Margaret and Ed Krol
Martha Landis
Charles and Annette Lansford
Jon and Judith Liebman
Mary McGrath and Dennis Lewis
Walter McMahon
T. Lee and Penny Meeker
Martin and Darla Mintz
Elaine and Joseph Nicholas
Robert K. O’Daniell
Bob and Kathy Plecki
Jennifer K. Putman
Maureen and Mark Radi
Seamus and Maeve Reilly
Linda and Randy Richardson
Blair and Joyce Rowitz
James Shepherd, MD and Matthew Gipson
Chris and Jeana Shroyer
Michael and Kathy Smeltzer
John and Mary Smith
Linda C. Smith
John and Pat Snyder
Steven T. Sonka
Glenn and Jo Anne Stanko
Nancy and Edward Tepper
Walter and Joan Tousey
Charles and Laura Tucker
Bill and Shirley Walker
John and Nancy Weimer
Herb and Yvette Whiteley
Carolyn S. Witter
Roger and Dolores Yarbrough
William and Candace Youngerman
**GOLD PILLARS**
Annual gift of $2,000 - $2,999

Barbara McFadden Allen
Carl and Nadja Altstetter
Greg Anderson
Kimberly and Todd Anderson
Marc and Fran Ansel
Ken and Sari Aronson
Carol K. Augspurger
Sam and Maureen Banks
Danda and Dennis Beard
Scott and Carol Bennett
Bertha Jean Berger
Arlene M. Blank
Marie Bohl
Charlene and Harry Bremer
Dawn Carson and Matthew Snyder
Russell and Danielle Chalfant
Louis Kuo Chi Chan
Fred and Helen Coleman
Greg and Kristie Cozad
Holly and Jeremy Dallas
Jack and Judy DeAtley
Gary Dell and Susan Garnsey
Bernie and Chris Dunn
Michael A. Dyer
Robin and W. Brooke Elliott
Daniel Feldt
Edward and Kathleen Feser
Tim and Susan Flanagan
Ted and Linda Frank
Rusty and Jill Freeland
Beverly A. and Mike Friese
Thomas Geis
Jim and Mars Gentry
Liza and Ned Goldwasser
Steve Granick
Heath and Kathy Grote
Joseph and Rebecca Guyette
Jeff Hamilton
Stacy Harwood
Curtis and Paula Hays
Al and Nina Heckman
Jim and Rebecca Heffernan
Royce and Jean Hinton
Debra and Michael Hirschki
Peter and Joan Hood
Lewis and Susan Hopkins
Barclay and Rebekah Jones
Sara and Keith Kelley
Miles Klein
Bruce and Mary Knight
Paul and Corinne Kohler
Sheila and Philip Krein
Bud and Sandy Leister
Brenda Lindsey
Erick and Meg Loven
David and Chris Main

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**IMPACT: KINDERGARTEN READINESS**

**In Champaign County we Live United against low rates of kindergarten readiness.**

Kate noticed her son Teddy wasn’t speaking like he should be around his second birthday. With support from her pediatrician she called Developmental Services Center, a United Way partner, and Teddy was enrolled in speech services.

After his third birthday, Teddy was able to enroll in his school district’s Special Education Program. “I just felt a flood of relief and hope that he would be in a program that gave him the boost that he needed to have a good education,” she said.

When Kate heard about the CU Cradle 2 Career Kindergarten Readiness Camp, “I jumped on it... I realized as a parent that you need to take these opportunities when they come up.” The Kindergarten Readiness Camp is an innovative program that gives preschoolers exposure to a classroom environment and provides parents with school readiness activities to do at home with their child.

A recent United Way study showed 33% of local kindergarteners weren’t prepared for the first day of school. Through the Kindergarten Readiness Camp and other initiatives like our Walk as One and Getting Ready for Kindergarten Calendar, United Way aims to reduce that number.

Starting early is critical - kids who are prepared for kindergarten are more likely to graduate from high school. Dr. Cate Stallmeyer-Gerard, Elementary Teaching & Learning Coordinator, sees the importance of early intervention and school readiness programs every day. “The potential impact for the United Way Kindergarten Readiness initiative is that all kindergarteners enter on a level playing field. They have all had experiences talking, reading and playing. They are engaging in social activities that are going to set them up to be successful to working with partners in a classroom, working in small groups, and listening to a story on the carpet.”

United Way’s Community Impact Fund supports 10 education programs and initiatives that help people like Kate and her son Teddy. This is your IMPACT.
EDUCATION

The Fight

33% of Champaign County kids are not prepared for kindergarten

40% of local third graders are reading below grade level

89.6% Champaign County High School Graduation Rate (2016)

Our Wins

10 grant-funded programs fighting for every child to have an equitable start in school and graduate with a plan

1000 Getting Ready for Kindergarten Kits distributed in 2 years

286 children improved academic performance last year

2 Born Learning Trails installed

Sally and Jim Martinie
Ravi Mehta
Anna Merritt
Caleb and Deserial Miller
George and Diane Miller
Judith K. Miller
Drs. Henry and Sofia Moore
Dale and Susan Morrissey
Dennis Muncy
Deena Noel-Horberg
Michael Novak and Lee Ann Rotz
John and Sara Olson
Tom and Diane O’Rourke
Tom and Jo Overbye
Todd Kinney and Peggy Patton
Robert and Vicki Patton
Mark E. Peecher
Roscoe and Ann Pershing
Tom and Michelle Ramage
Dan and Helen Richards
Renee Romano and Robert Sherwood
Michael and Taya Ross
Dilip and Sandhya Sarwate
Richard and Susan Schnuer
Tom Seals and Ruth Wene
David and Jan Sholem
Frank and Carol Shupp
Kathleen Simmons
Carol Slough
Jim and Sandy Snodgrass
Bob Spitze
Elaine and Case Sprenkle
Michael Stevenson
Neil Strack and Mary Bissey
Mike and Daughn Sutter
Allison Sutton
Bob and Bonnie Switzer
Arthur and Shirley Traugott
Larry and Joanne Walther
Art and Cindy Warren
Don and Berta Wendel
Joe and Mary White
Judy Wiegand
Barbara Wilson and John Lammers
Murray and Valerie Wise
Kevin Yonce
Sarah Zehr
In Champaign County we Live United against financial instability.

It is a reality that many members of our community struggle to find or maintain affordable housing for themselves and their families. In Champaign County, a person would have to work 73 hours a week at minimum wage simply to afford the average two-bedroom apartment and the cost of utilities.

In an effort to support members of our community who find themselves homeless, United Way of Champaign County collaborated with local churches, businesses, individuals and community organizations to create the Men’s Winter Shelter.

“It took a whole lot of collaboration, over six months to get where we are now. Providing shelter is more than just opening the doors to a building—there are so many factors involved,” said Beverley Baker, United Way’s Director of Community Impact.

The Men’s Winter Shelter serves as an emergency shelter option for homeless men, something that had been missing and needed in Champaign County. The Men’s Winter Shelter is a clear example of how community collaboration can directly identify and address needs in our community.

Homelessness can affect anyone, including entire families and children. For local families that are in need of temporary and immediate shelter and housing, the Emergency Shelter for Families is available. Before the Emergency Shelter for Families, Champaign County did not have an emergency housing option where families could remain together. Through the pilot testing that occurred for the program, it became clear that the need for this form of housing is very high in Champaign County.

“Even though 30 days is a short time, it’s stable. They have a place that they can call theirs for that amount of time,” said Lisa Benson, CCRPC Social Services Director. The permanent model for this program opened in June of 2016 thanks to dedicated and complete community collaboration.

Without stable housing, it is difficult to take steps towards a brighter future. Both the Emergency Shelter for Families and Men’s Winter Shelter are not simply about shelter but are about providing a path forward, toward success and stability for everyone in our community. This is your IMPACT.
FINANCIAL STABILITY

The Fight

73 hours per week at minimum wage - the amount one person must work just to afford the average two-bedroom apartment and utilities in Champaign County

59% of single mothers with children under five live in poverty

32% of households spend 50% or more of their income on housing

650 school-age children were homeless at some point last year

Our Wins

10 grant-funded programs fighting for every community member to develop employment skills, manage money and have safe shelter

188 people improved financial stability or employment skills last year

111 men sheltered in winter 2016-17

103 people are no longer homeless

SILVER PILLARS
continued

Laura Clower
Jim Conlin
Tom and Rosemary Costello
Marietta K. Coufal
Dan Crawmer and Nancy Clinton
George and Sally Czapar
Mark Czys
John and Melinda Dabrowski
Barb Daly
William Davey
Al Davis and Janis Chadsey
Benjamin and Jennifer Davis
Millie Davis
Debbie Day
Mike and Joyce Day
Steve and Jayne DeBruyn
Michael and Stacey DeLorenzo
Timothy D. Denoyer and Keith Cameron-Smith
Mike and Christy Devocelle
Harold and Nancy Diamond
Gifts Fund
Meg and Rob Dickinson
Cale and Tracy Doubet
Greg and Paula Douglas
Jay and Hyon Downey
Bob and Cheryl Easter
Melissa Edwards
Brian and Sara Egeb
Robert W. and Jane Elliott
Cathy and Tom Emanuel
Brent Endsay
Ron and Barbara Endsay
Rhoda R. Engel
James W. and Jean P. Evans
Jeff and Tammie Fago
Frederick and Constance Fairchild
Greg and Kay Fink
Cynthia Fisher
Jill Flessner and Jay Scott
Cherie and Rod Fletcher
Mrs. Richard Foley
Mike and Karen Folk
Shari Fox
Jona and Lonnie Franklin
Mike and Linda Fred
Tom and Bev Frey
Jill and Jeremy Frieburg
Scott and Vida Friedlein
Sue Fristoe
Samuel and Pamela Furrer
Teresa and Rich Gabel
Ann Gallivan
Charles Gammie
Caroline Garrard
Beth Geis
IMPACT: MENTAL HEALTH

In Champaign County we Live United against barriers to good health.

As the Illinois state government has grappled with the state budget, our community has dealt with limited and unstable access to mental health services. This has been a persistent issue that ultimately causes more harm the longer it goes unaddressed. The assessed cost of untreated mental health conditions is a whopping $100 billion a year in the United States!

Champaign County has witnessed how loss of funding has the ability to create a large hole in our community’s behavioral health services. In 2016, United Way partnered with local mental health providers after state funding changed and three fourths of the funding that was once provided by the state was cut. Through community collaboration, it was possible to avoid many members of our community losing access to behavioral health services.

Nancy Greenwalt, Promise Health Care Executive Director, recognized how much Champaign County would have been affected. “To lose access to your psychiatrist and access to the medications that are keeping you healthy, it would have been devastating,” she said.

Through community teamwork and a seamless transition of services, 1,200 community members were able to maintain a sense of normalcy and stability. “Patients can still go to the clinic that they were going to, see their psychiatrist and nurse and get the care that they are used to and that they need,” said Nancy Greenwalt.

Unmet mental health needs can lead to other issues such as homelessness, poor physical health, substance abuse or suicide. Without access to services, community members often cycle in and out of emergency rooms or the criminal justice system. In Champaign County, thanks to a community effort, mental health services were saved for over 1,200 people in our community. This is your IMPACT.
HEALTH

The Fight

44% of all violent crimes in Champaign County are domestic battery

8.3% of babies are low birthweight

57% of residents reported at least one day in the past month where their mental health was not good

Our Wins

21 people received preventative medical, dental or mental health care last year

7624 people were able to keep their psychiatry services thanks to a United Way grant

1200 grant-funded programs fighting for everyone to have access to food, healthcare, independent living supports and safe environments

SILVER PILIARS continued

Rachel Joy
George T. Justice
Mary Kalantzis and Bill Cope
Chris and Robin Kaler
Richard and Judith Kaplan
Troye and Herlinda Kauffman
Marilyn and David Kay
Brad and Linda Kent
Sandee Kibey
Napoleon and Pamela Knight
Kris Koester
Joan and Charles Kozoll
Dave and Barb Kuhl
Michael J. Lambert
Andrew Lemoreux
Charles and Sarah Lee
Tony and Haruko Kinase-Leggett
Eric and Tammy Lemke
Rena Lee Lenz
Mike and Elizabeth Lindemann
Marlin and Denise Livingston
Tom and Cathy Lockman
Kelly Duitsman Loschen
Cindy and Michael Loui
Joseph and Barbara Lyding
Ron and Lynne Lyman
Rick and Melanie Manner
Janice McAteer and Mike Smith
Brad and Sandra McBride
Jane and Michael McCulley
James K. McEnery
Mark and Melinda McHale
Scott McMillan
Stu and Susan Meacham
Jan and Karen Miller
Sallie and Norman Miller
Diane and Paul Mortensen
Allan G. Mueller
Robert Muncaster
G.A. and Aparna Naidu
Traci Nally
Robert Neathammer
James A. and Carol L. Neilson
Randall and Marcia E. Nelson
Mark Netter and Eve Harwood
Ty and Debra Newell
Margaret and Terry Noonan
Alan and Kassandra Nudo
Timothy Oberg
Stephen M. O’Byrne
Charles and Jan Olson
Michelle Olson
Gerald and Isabel O’Neill
Doug and Charlotte Palm
Lorrie Pearson and Jeff Kohmstedt

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1. SET COMMUNITY GOALS
United Way continuously monitors the conditions in our community to ensure we’re working in the areas of highest need.

“We do a ton of research to understand the biggest challenges in our community. How much is the average rent? How many kids are graduating high school? What’s the unemployment rate? We ask hundreds of people in the community about the difficulties they see every day. We embrace these challenges and set our Community Goals: improving education, health, and financial stability. These goals guide our entire grant funding process.”

– Dr. Blair Rowitz, Board of Directors

2. DETERMINE METRICS
How do we know your gifts are making a measurable difference in the community? We use common measurements called metrics.

“People who invest in United Way want to know how we are making an impact in the community. We have impact measures to track that. Each program applying for a United Way grant chooses from a list of metrics we think are important. For example, an afterschool program may choose the number of children who improved their GPA. Then we know our funds are supporting kids for success”.

– Dr. Wynne Korr, Community Impact Committee

3. LETTER OF INTENT
Every two years, United Way formally opens the grant funding cycle with a Letter of Intent.

“All programs in the community are invited to learn about United Way and our funding priorities. If an organization thinks United Way and their program are a good fit, they can submit a Letter of Intent, which is reviewed by staff and a committee. In the Letter of Intent, we are looking to see if the program is working to achieve measurable results in our community goal areas of education, health or financial stability.”

– Dave Wetherell, Community Impact Committee

4. APPLICATION
We invite the most promising programs from the Letter of Intent to complete a full Grant Application.

“We ask for a lot in the application, so we use an online system to track the process. We ask programs for a budget, an overview of the program, a success story... but most importantly, we are looking for measurable impact. Can the program show they are addressing our most difficult community challenges? What metrics did they choose, and what evidence-based methods are they using to achieve their goals?”

– Amy Huang, MSW, United Way Staff
5. PROGRAM REVIEW

There are a lot of good programs in our community. Our commitment to United Way donors is to find the very best ones that are advancing our community goals. To do this, a team of over 100 volunteers reviews each program that applies.

“As a program reviewer, we meet personally with each program that applies for funding. They share their work, and we talk about the community challenges their program is addressing. Sometimes we have to ask tough questions. We’re representing the thousands of United Way donors.”

- Carolyn Petersen, Community Impact Committee

6. BOARD REVIEW

At this point in the process, over 150 volunteers from all across the community have reviewed the grant applications. The United Way Board of Directors makes the final decision on which programs receive a grant and the amounts.

“Our donors are generous, but the United Way of Champaign County has a limited pool of funds when awarding program grants. Sometimes programs are approved for a grant amount less than was requested or not approved at all, and those can be difficult decisions. However, it is our job as Board members, an organization and as stewards of our community’s resources, to ensure donors’ gifts have the greatest impact and are used to address the most critical and emergent problems in our community”.

- Randy Green, Chair, Board of Directors

7. FUNDED!

It’s an exciting day when we call programs to let them know they are receiving a United Way grant.

“When a program is approved for funding by United Way’s Board, we receive a contract. This outlines how United Way will pay the funds for the next two years. Sometimes United Way includes contingencies if their volunteers had questions about aspects of a program. Both our program and United Way mutually agree on the terms. Once the contract is signed, our program is officially a United Way partner for the next two years!”

-Sheldon Turner, Operation Hope

Thousands of generous community members, corporations and foundations make annual gifts to United Way’s Community Impact Fund! United Way of Champaign County allocates these undesignated gifts via two-year grants to local programs working to create long-lasting, measurable change in Education, Health or Financial Stability. Over 150 volunteers are involved in this process! Visit uwayhelps.org for the full list of our grants and to learn how you can get involved.
IMPACT: HUNGER & NUTRITION

In Champaign County we Live United against hunger.

“We’re sitting here in Illinois, with some of the richest ground in the world. There’s no need for someone here to be looking for something to eat.” - Perry “Pete” Sage, Thomasboro Farmer

33,340 people in Champaign County are food insecure. Many of those affected by food insecurity are senior citizens, rural residents, veterans or kids. Through the Farmers Feeding Families program, United Way of Champaign County focuses on reducing hunger and its associated health issues in our community.

Every year, Sage Farms helps United Way plant corn and beans on 80 acres of land to fund five local programs that provide food to Champaign County residents. Thanks to all the input and labor that is donated by agribusinesses, all of the profits go directly to the local programs.

As a result of Farmers Feeding Families, United Way of Champaign County has been able to increase our funding of local food programs by 31 percent! This includes huge wins for our community in the form of 91,210 nutritional meals provided by a network of local food pantries, 50,000 home-delivered and congregate meals for senior citizens and a mobile market that provides fresh vegetables to 400 low income families.

Food plays a large role in maintaining a healthy life. United Way believes everyone, in every corner and county of our community should have access to healthy food for themselves and their families. Since 2014, $76,606 has been raised through the Farmers Feeding Families program! This is your IMPACT.
FARMERS FEEDING FAMILIES

Our Wins

$76,606 raised since 2014

31% increase in United Way funding to food programs

91,210 more meals provided by food pantries

50,000 more home delivered and congregate meals

400 more families had access to fresh vegetables

SILVER PILLARS
continued

Glenna Simpson
Todd and Amie Smith
Rick Snider and Tim Nelson
Marjorie E. Sodemann
John and Pam Soloman
Ryan and Elizabeth Squire
Rosemary Garhart & Frederick Stavins
Mary Noel and Zach Stefan
Michael Stone
John and Anne Storsved
William and Jerilyn Stratton
Steve and Lynette Strode
William C. Sullivan
Jonathan and Kathy Sweedler
Kevin Teal
David and Carol Thomas
Jennifer Thompson
Mark Toalson
Steve and Jane Tock
Sandy Tompkins
Patrick Tranel
Tim and Dorothe Trick
Ralph W. Trimble and Carolyn Casady Trimble
Marietta Turner
Jim and Louise Turpin
Bob and Mary Twardock
Michael and Beverly Ujich
Joni and Bill Utnage
Charles and June Van Vorst
Debra R. Vaux
Jim and Dena Vermette
Steve Ward
Robert A. Weatherford
John and Laura Weis
Warren Wessels
David and Laura Wetherell
Brian and Stephanie Wheatley
Caroline White
Jewell White
Glen L. Whitmer
Gary T. and Connie L. Wikoff
Matthew Williams
Lori Williamson
Michael Williamson
Carl and Diane Williford
Kerri Wiman
Mark and Stacy Wisniewski
John and Tina Withers
Rodney G. Woodworth
Ruth Worner
Mary Ellen Wueflner and Ann Panthen
Michael Zeidler
Joan and Ted Zernich
BRONZE PILLARS
Annual gift of $500 - $999

Annie R. Abbott
Daniel Abrams
Harold N. Adams
Steven Aden
Kim Adkinson
David Allen
Shane and Renee Allen
Alexandra Almasov
Sandra and Jeff Alsop
Penny Ames
Magnus and Daly Andersson
Matthew Ando
Julie Angel
Glenn Aquino
Terry and Kathy Archibald
Mary Arends-Kuenning and Matthew Kuenning
Sean Arie
Don and Suzi Armstrong
Paul Arroyo
Peter Ashbrook and Amanda Shepherd
Brant and Tammy Asplund
Crystal and Greg Bailey
Jonathan Bailey
David A. and Laurel D. Bailie
Brad and Kelli Baker
Dan and Beverley Baker
Michael Ball and Laurie Vial
Bryan and Dr. Kayla Banks
Marilyn L. Banks
Teresa Barker
Laura L. Barnes
Chad and Cheryl Barringer
Timothy Bartlett
Laura Bauer
Sally and Neal Bauer
Curt and Joan Beckemeyer
Steve and Barbara Beckett
Karen Bender
Ann Benefiel and Joe Kunkel
Anna and Anthony Benjamin
Mike Benner
Lori Cowdrey Benso
David Bergandine
Corey Betka
Christine Beuoy
Gale and Gary Bickel
Annette Bicknese
Ken and Joy Bilger
Kim Billman
Todd and Sara Black
Steven Blauwkamp
Richard Bodine and Linda Coomes
Eric and Jill Boland
Sarah and Randy Boltinghouse
John Braden
Natalee Bretz
Bill and Debbie Brinkmann
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Michael and Pamela Brown
Tom and Mary Ann Brown
Melody Brucker
Beth Burke
Ronald Burris
John and Judy Busey
Jim & Donna Butler
Jim and Anne Button
David and Ann Byers
Mike and Rita Byrd
Ralph Caldwell
Deanna Capel
Janet and Dave Carr
Matthew and Starla Carr
Lea Carson
Marla Castor
Kathryn Cataldo
Kelley Chambers
Margaret A. Chambers
Woody and Miriam Chenault
Barbara Childers
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Paula Cler
John Stanley and Daphne Cline
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Richard Cooke
Rhonda and Michael Costa
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Sonovia Crocket
Bradford Cronk
Jon and Kathleen Crowder
June Cullum
Carol E. Cushing and Margo E. Chaney
Elizabeth and Robert Czys
Del and Sara Dahl
Greg and Abby Davis

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52 volunteer spotlights on WCIA in 2016
30+ local volunteer opportunities available every week
Donald Elder
John and Lois Elder
Celia and Jeff Elliott
Kenn and Chantel Ellis
Carol Emmerling-Dinovo
Keith and Mary Emmons
Neal Erdmann
Cynthia Eustice
Charles and Ruth Ann Evans
James and Marlene Evans
Ed and Karen Ewald
Laurence and Cathy Fallon
John and Stephanie Farney
Michael and Sara Farruggia
Michael and Gretchen Faullin
Drs. Eleanor and Walter Feinberg
Victor and Judy Feldman
Sheila Ferguson
Dave & Marietta Fernandes
Joan Fiesta
Doug Fink and Elizabeth Weathers
Pat and Susan Fitzgerald
John and Jill Flodstrom
Beverly J. Flood
Robert and Deborah Foertsch
John Foreman
Matthew Frank and Kathy Shannon
Steven J. Franke
Kim and Daryl Fritchey
Keith and Amy Fruehling
Donald Fulfer
Rochelle Funderburg
Rick and Jenny Garinger
Benjamin Garlock
Sherry Garrelts
James and Betty Gauze
Ann F. Gehant
Mark and Lorna Geiler
Barbara Geissler
Jolene Gensler
Cheryl Gerow
Karl Gnadt
Kenny and Terry Goode
William and Rose Goodman
Joseph J. Gordon
Alexia Gossett
Michael W. Goudy
Darrell and Terry Gray
JoAnne Gray
Jim and Bianca Green
Randy and Theresa Green
Jason and Jennifer Vallowe
Nancy Greenwalt and Mark Aber
Kim Griffith
David and Isak Griffiths
William and Patricia Gropp
Nicki Grubaugh
Stacie and Robert Guido
Jon Gunderson
Aleshiea Gustafson
Nichole Guthridge
John Gutzmer
Dean and Karla Hagan
Laura Hahn

500+ graduates
925 volunteer hours in 2016
11 Years of Giving Back
BRONZE PILLARS
continued
Bruce Hajek
Anthony Haley
William and Elaine Hall
Joe and Helen Hallbeck
Jeffrey and Catherine Hallett
Linda L. Hamilton
Stephen and Paula Hamilton
Mike and Elizabeth Hannan
Christopher Hannauer and Jody Hanger
Dave and Terry Harby
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Frances Harris
Karen Harris
John D. Hart
Javed Hassan and Lexia Swope
Connie Hasty
Julia Hawthorne
Janet Haynes
Jerry Hazel
Paul and Margaret Heald
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Josh and Melissa Hendricks
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Malcolm and Sandra Hill
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Kimberly S. Hislope
Andrea Hoey
Patrick Hoey
Serena Hoff
Andy and Tammy Hoggatt
Pamela Hohn
Robert and Hilary Holbrook
Joseph Hooker
Tonya and Josh Horn
John Hoskins
Lyndsay Howell
Harold and Amy Huang
Susan Hudspath-May
Graham Huesmann
Gordy and Pam Hulten
Joan Hunt
Markeisha L. Hunter
The Hunzingers
Brice Hutchcraft
Heidi Imker
Sally Jackson
Jerry and Helen Jahn
Sanjiv and Namita Jain
Diane Jeffers
Aaron E. and Nicole A. Johnson
Barry and Janeen Johnson
Cynthia J. Johnson
Gregory Johnson
Jeff and Liz Johnson
Mark Johnson
Patricia Johnson
Stephen and Tracey Johnson
Stephen Johnson
Susan Johnson
Rocky Franklin and Sharla Jolly
John and Brenda Jones
Marie Jones
Janice Juraska
Patricia A. Justice
Tom and Helene Kacich
Jennifer and Martin Kaufmann
Patrick Keenan
Julie Kellogg
Mark and Tamara Kesler
Tammey Kikta
Jan Kiley
Gerri Kirchner
Kirk Kirkland
Ken and Angela Kleber
Pam and Phil Knox
Gene and Lisa Koch
Tom and Brenda Koester
Matthew and Andrea Kolb
Rob Kowalski
Letha S. Kramer
Lawrence Krause

DAY OF ACTION

50 volunteers
2,000+ books collected
1,000 Getting Ready for Kindergarten Kits distributed
Curtis and Susan Krock
William Krudenier
Andy and Janet Kulczycki
Betsy Lancaster
Reed and Sharon Larson
Randy and Linda Laugges
Brian Laughlin
Dave and Rhea Lawrence
Ben LeRoy
Melanie and Brandon Lewis
Carol Libby
David and Cynthia Line
Erin Lippitz and Tom Gelsthorpe
Mark and Patricia Lipton
Eva Liu and Gary Xu
Jeff and Sarah Livesay
Charlee and Geoffrey Lin
Melanie Loots
James Lowe
Steven and Lacey Lowe
Mary Ann Luedtke
Anne Lukeman
Patti and Jim Lyons
Kim Lytle
Carol W. Maddox
Sinead R. Madigan
Daniel Mandel
Gary Mandich
Allison Manolakes
Walter F. Manske
Kyle Marcellus
John Marden
Dan and Angie Marker
Kelly and Jennifer Marquardt
Stephen and Kathryn Marshak
ChaiVay and Remi Martin
Ann and Tim Marty
Dan and Heather Masters
Jeff and Danielle Matthews
Jeff and Kim Matthis
Alyssa Mayer
Brent McBride
Elizabeth McClary
Dannel and Jeanette McCollum
Carla McCowan
Thomas McCowan
Aron and Laurie McDonald
Chris McDonald
Peter and Debarah McFarland
Reubin McGuffin
James and Maggie McGuire
Devlin McKee
James and Tiffany McNeely
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Dr. Patricia and Mr. Jon McNussen
Prashant Mehta
Kimberlee Meier
Evan M. and L. Lee Melhado
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Ken Napper
Andy and Kelly Nelson
Deontree R. Nelson
Joseph and Christine Nevitt

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7,124 calls answered
83% of callers report they received
the help they needed
STATE BUDGET ADVOCACY

3 partner programs received stopgap funding to prevent services from closing

$25,000 Safety Net grant awarded to Rape Advocacy, Counseling, and Education Services, allowing agency to remain open

15+ personal calls and visits to state legislators advocating for a budget
Angela Smith
Gregory and Vicky Smith
Joseph and Linda Smith
Rona Smith
Stuart Smith
Carol Smith-Hassell
Bryan Snodgrass and Bryan Lake
Bethany Socie
Catherine Somers
Tim Spear
Michelle and Gregory Stallmeyer
Brooke and Lee Starks
Jane Stegmaier
Cecile Steinberg
Margaret K. Stewart
Chris and Sara Stohr
Les K. Storm
Stacey Storm
Robert L. Stovall Jr.
David and Nancy Strang
Diana and Ron Stroud
Dane Strube
John Sturmanis and Lisa Kinderman
Elizabeth Su
Rich and Nancy Suchomski
Jim and Rachael Sullivan
Ada Sum
Quint and Kim Summers
Aaron and Jenn Sutton
Tara and Jeff Swearingen
Jedd and Myra Swisher
Charles and Linda Tabb
Gary and Cristina Taylor
Mark D. Taylor
Richard Taylor
David and Johanna Thies
Dick and Marilyn Thies
John and Terry Thies
Susan Thomas
Alexis Thompson
Marshall and Lelah Thompson
Nick Thorstenson
Tracy Thurman
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Teresa and Tom Twigg
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Lou Van Den Dries
Phillip and Cheryl Van Ness
Marla and Rob Vearil
Helen Vedder
Marty and Annette Verdick
Patricia Verstrat
Mitzi and Rafael Villalon
Andrew Voitik
Colleen Vojak
Gary and Karyl Wackerlin
Ben Wackler
Monty and Rebecca Wade
Jon Walden
Karen and John Walker
Joan Walls
Stephen Wanzek
Karla and Wayne Ward
Thomas Watembach
Dennis Watson
Emily Watts
Don Wauthier
Cecelia and Morton Weir
Fran and Jim Welch
Ruthann Westfall
Kyle and Molly Wetters
Dan and Joanie Wheatman
Aaron and Hope Wheeler
John and Julie Wilcox
William Wilder
Marc Williams
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Williamson
David Wilson
Bud Windelborn
Alex and Karen Winter-Nelson
Richard Wolf
Denise Wolken
Donald and Barbara Wuebbles
Dan and Kim Wurl
Vicki Wyatt
Betty J. Zeedyk
Richard E. Ziegler

POWER OF THE PURSE

450 stylish guests
206 purses auctioned
$68,000 raised in 2017
Each year United Way recognizes the leaders of exemplary workplace giving campaigns. They go above and beyond to encourage giving in their workplace. Workplace giving campaigns are a critical source of support for United Way, raising over $1.7 million in 2016!

Lori Johnson, pictured left, and Samuel Furrer of the Urbana School District

Ellen Kirsanoff and Alex Ivanova of the Urbana Park District

Judy Weaver of Ameren Illinois

Grace Mitchell, Christy Lazzell, Angela Bell, and Hattie LeNoir-Price of Family Advocacy in Champaign County

Sheri McKiernan and Jennifer Cord of Presence Covenant Medical Center

CAMPAIGN CHAMPS: SCHNUCKS

Aleshiea Gustafson, Champaign Courtesy Center Manager, and Dan Wheatman, Savoy Store Manager, credit the success of the Schnucks workplace campaign to United Way’s easy payroll deduction giving option, the fact that donations stay local, and a little friendly competition between departments. The three Champaign County Schnucks stores raised $33,092 for United Way last year!

Even though he’s been involved in the Schnucks United Way campaign for many years, Dan Wheatman said one thing still surprises him every year. “It’s the generosity of the Pillars. I’m shocked because I know some of them aren’t making much money and they are a Pillar giver, $500 a year. They always have a reason. Something happened in their life and there’s a reason they give. We really try not to miss anyone with the campaign, because you never know who wants to give. If they aren’t asked, you miss them.”
ANNUAL WORKPLACE CAMPAIGN PARTNERS

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Ameren Illinois
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AT&T Mobility
Bacon & Van Buskirk Glass Company
BankChampaign, N.A.
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Benefit Planning Consultants
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Berns Clancy & Associates
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Big Brothers Big Sisters
Black & Company
The Bromley Group of Companies
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Busey Bank
Carle Foundation Hospital
Carter's Furniture
Caterpillar Logistics Services
Center for Youth and Family Solutions
Central Illinois Bank
Champaign Country Club
Champaign County CASA
Champaign County Chamber of Commerce
Champaign County Forest Preserve
Champaign County Government
Champaign Park District
Champaign Surplus Store
Champaign Urbana Schools Foundation
Champaign-Ford Counties Regional Office Education
Christie Clinic
City of Champaign
City of Urbana
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Family Service of Champaign County
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Federal Express
First Federal Savings Bank
First Financial Bank
First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust
First Midwest Bank-Champaign County
Frasca International
Girl Scouts of Central Illinois
Habitat For Humanity of Champaign County
Heartland Bank
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Heyl Royster
Hickory Point Bank
Human Kinetics
Illini Radio Group
Illinois American Water Company
Iroquois Federal Bank
Jeld-Wen
Kirby Risk Electrical
The Kraft Heinz Company
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Marine Bank
Martin, Hood, Friese & Associates, LLP
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Meijer, Urbana
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We would like to thank the following organizations for their generous outright gifts, matching gifts, sponsorship, special events, in-kind gifts or grants in fiscal year 2017.

**$200,000 +**
- Carle Foundation Hospital

**$50,000 - $99,999**
- Busey

**$25,000 - $49,999**
- Ameren Illinois
- Farmers Feeding Families

**$10,000 - $24,999**
- Barham Benefit Group
- Champaign Rotary
- Christie Clinic
- Caterpillar Logistics Services
- C-U At Home
- LyondellBasell Industries
- Northwestern Mutual
- The Illinois Marathon
- The Noel Foundation
- PNC Bank
- Sage Farms

**$5,000 - $9,999**
- BankChampaign, N.A.
- Champaign West Rotary
- CN
- C-U Sunrise Rotary
- Exelon Clinton Power Station
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- Human Kinetics
- Illinois American Water Company
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- Martin, Hood, Friese & Associates, LLP
- New Beginnings Lutheran Church
- UpClose Printing

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- Aetna
- AFL-CIO of Champaign County
- Bacon & Van Buskirk Glass Company
- BankChampaign, N.A.
- CORE Spaces
- Eli Lilly & Company
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- U of I Community Credit Union
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**$1,000 - $2,499**
- Allstate Insurance Co.
- AT&T
- CliftonLarsonAllen
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- Comcast Communications
- Commerce Bank
- Cozad Asset Management
- C-U Mass Transit District
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- Enterprise Rent-A-Car
- Ezra Levin Foundation
- Faith United Methodist Church
- Federal Express Corporate Account
- First Mennonite Church
- First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust
- First Midwest Bank-Champaign County
- Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Hickory Point Bank
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- Muncie Baptist Church
- NICOR Gas
- Peoples Gas
- State Farm Corp Head-McLean Co
- Stratford Park Bible Chapel
- Sterling Wealth Management
- Target
- The Andersons

**$500 - $999**
- Black & Company
- Champaign Surplus Store
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- Dr. Pepper/ Snapple Group

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- Pat. Chapel Memorial Fund
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- Terminix Pest Control
- Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center

**$100 - $499**
- AFSCME Local 3700
- Archer Daniels Midland Company
- Better World Books
- Carter's Furniture
- Champaign County Seed
- Champaign Jewelers
- Champaign Park District
- Church of the Advent Hope
- COUNTRY Financial
- CU Illini After Five Rotary
- Family Service of Champaign County
- Farnsworth Group
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- First Financial Bank
- General Electric
- Kirby Risk Electrical
- Laborer's Local 703
- Macy's
- Mahomet Rotary
- Pizza M
- Rosecrance
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- Safeworks Illinois
- Savoy 16 Theater
- Schnucks Stores-Champaign
- Shaff Implement Co., Inc.
- Shell Oil Company
- Urbana Champaign Friends Meeting
- Wesley United Methodist Church
SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT: BARHAM BENEFIT GROUP

Barham Benefit Group is a local, independent insurance agency. They are a small firm, but don't let their size fool you – this company makes a BIG impact in our community through their United Way sponsorships.

Barham Benefit Group is one of the top sponsors of Power of the Purse. In addition to sponsorship, the company provides a Signature Purse for the silent auction – a desirable, high-end bag that generates a flurry of bids each year.

That’s not all – BBG sponsors the Pillars Leadership Giving program and most recently signed on as the sponsor of a Born Learning Trail in Champaign’s Beardsley Park. This great partnership shows that companies of all sizes can successfully partner with United Way. Small business, BIG community impact – that’s Barham Benefit Group!

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

The inspirational, energetic duo of Stacey Cole and Justin Spring helped our 2016 Annual Campaign reach new heights!

Justin Spring is the Head Coach of the Illinois Men’s Gymnastics Team. He is an accomplished gymnast, earning an Olympic Bronze Medal at the Beijing games.

Stacey Cole is the Director of Development for the University of Illinois College of ACES. She has been named Central Illinois Business Magazine’s Woman of the Year and is a lifelong resident of Champaign County.

Stacey and Justin never missed a chance to speak about United Way. They visited over two dozen of our partner workplaces, the Emerging Community Leaders graduation, Pillar Celebration, Employee Campaign Coordinator awards, and so much more. They brought an irresistible energy to the Annual Campaign.

We’re thrilled that Stacey and Justin will serve a second year as Campaign Co-Chairs in 2017!
United Way’s Community Impact Fund is changing lives! Programs working to improve Education, Health or Financial Stability apply for two years of funding. The review process is thorough, volunteer-led, and competitive. All decisions are made on a local level. United Way has awarded Community Impact Fund grants to 41 programs making significant, measurable change in our community!

For a full list of programs, please visit [uwayhelps.org/impact](http://uwayhelps.org/impact)

**EDUCATION GOAL:**
Children and youth develop to their full potential and are equipped to become positive, contributing members of the community.

**TARGET ISSUES**
- Children enter Kindergarten developmentally on track
- Increase high school graduation rates

**HEALTH GOAL:**
People have the resources, knowledge and support necessary to meet their physical and behavioral health needs

**TARGET ISSUE**
- People have improved physical and behavioral health

**FINANCIAL STABILITY GOAL:**
Families and individuals will be financially secure and stable so they can meet their basic needs with hope and confidence for their future.

**TARGET ISSUES**
- Adults develop the financial literacy skills necessary to better meet their basic needs
- Adults and children will have access to safe and secure housing

### Fiscal Year 2017 Financial Statements

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In the last 10 years, we have doubled our unrestricted net assets.

This allows United Way to quickly respond to emerging community needs – like mental health (page 14), and the state budget impasse (page 24).

For a complete listing of our program funding, a copy of our unqualified audit report or a copy of our form 990, visit [www.uwayhelps.org](http://www.uwayhelps.org) or contact our office.

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