













YOUR INVESTMENT CHANGES LIVES

United Ways serving Linn, Benton, & Lincoln Counties brings our communities together to ensure a safety net for those who are vulnerable, to help our kids succeed in school, to create a pathway for families to achieve stability, and to take care of our neighbors young and old.

YOUR GIFT MATTERS.

 \$1.00 PER PAY PERIOD = AN ANNUAL MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION	OR	 Emergency food boxes for 5 FAMILIES in need for three days
 \$2.50 PER PAY PERIOD = ONE FULL TANK OF GAS PER YEAR	OR	 Two-hours of behavioral health counseling for 5 CHILDREN
 \$5.00 PER PAY PERIOD = THE OCCASIONAL CUP OF COFFEE	OR	 Medical or Dental visits for 9 LOW INCOME INDIVIDUALS
 \$10.00 PER PAY PERIOD = LUNCH OUT EVERY OTHER WEEK WITH YOUR COWORKERS	OR	 One month of shelter and case management for 10 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS
 \$20.00 PER PAY PERIOD = MONTHLY MOVIE TICKETS	OR	 Two home visits for parental support and education for 10 FAMILIES IN NEED
 \$50.00 PER PAY PERIOD = ONE DATE NIGHT WITH YOUR SWEETHEART	OR	 One year of free books for 43 PRESCHOOLERS

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WE ARE ABOUT BIG DREAMS AND HARD WORK.
WE ARE ABOUT CREATING LIFE CHANGING MOMENTS
AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

TO BUILD A STRONGER COMMUNITY
WE NEED YOUR HELP



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TO LIVE BETTER, WE MUST LIVE UNITED

LIVING UNITED ACROSS LINN, BENTON, & LINCOLN COUNTIES

United Ways serving Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties is a community of donors, advocates, volunteers, and partners who fight for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in every community. **YOU are United Way.**

We are working all over our communities every day to **empower our neighbors to live better lives**. With your help, we are transforming individual lives and creating long-lasting, positive change in our community. Our dreams are simple: To develop children and youth to their full potential, to strengthen families and neighborhoods, and to support those rebuilding their lives.

Our investment decisions are intentional, **backed by research and data**, made by trained volunteers and approved by our volunteer Board of Directors.

United Way is committed to helping you invest your community dollars where they matter most to you. Formerly known as ‘The Community Chest’, United Ways everywhere belong to the community in which they operate. At United Ways serving Linn, Benton, & Lincoln Counties, we are committed to aiding each of our donors in investing in services and agencies in their own backyard. **In short, dollars raised are invested back in the county in which they are raised.**

OUR PROBLEMS CANNOT BE CONTAINED BY COUNTY LINES

THE NEED IS GREAT

We envision a community where all individuals and families achieve their human potential through education, financial stability and health. But that isn’t the present reality for many of our neighbors across Linn, Benton, & Lincoln Counties. In 2018:

45% of families regularly struggled to pay for groceries or financially support their household.

15,308 households lived below the Federal Poverty Line, defined as \$24,300 annually for a family of four.

1 in 5 families can access childcare because for every 100 children, there are on average only 20 slots available.

60.3% of third graders were not prepared for the next grade and did not meet state requirements for reading at grade level.

1 in 5 children regularly struggled to receive basic necessities, like food and clothing, at home.

587 children were abused.



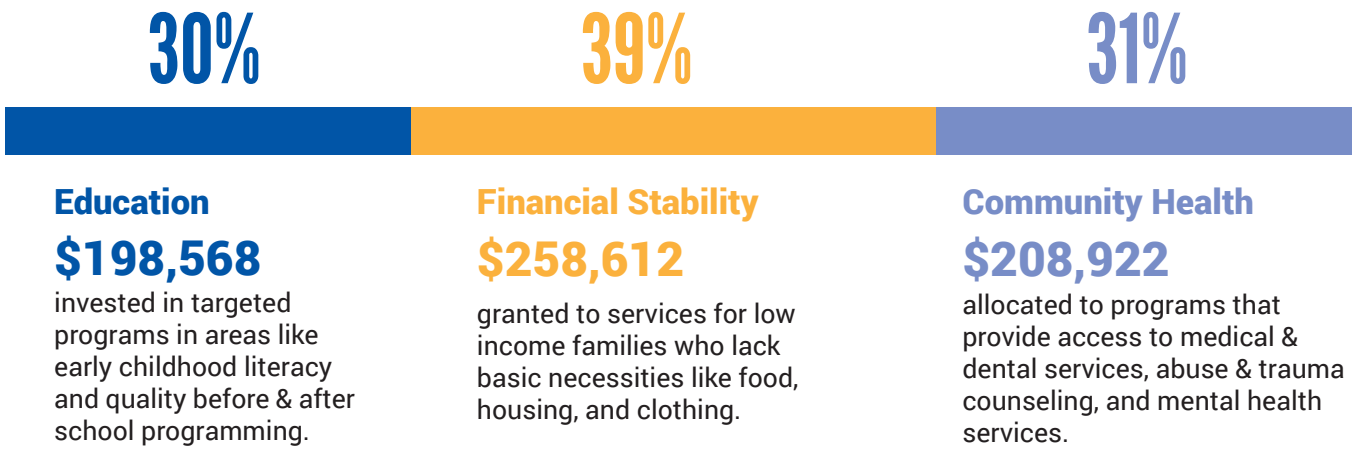
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THE FACE OF POVERTY

ALICE® is a United Way acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, and Employed. ALICE represents the men and women of all ages and races who get up each day to go to work, but who aren’t sure if they’ll be able to put dinner on the table each night. ALICE is your childcare worker, mechanic, home health aide, store clerk and office assistant – all workers essential to you and to our community’s success. Despite their importance to society, **there are currently 29,511 households across Linn, Benton, & Lincoln Counties struggling to regularly make ends meet.**

A LOOK AT HOW YOU HELPED US LAST YEAR

COMMUNITY-DRIVEN INVESTMENTS

Percentages denote United Way’s community investment by goal area from the community allocations process in 2018-2019.



WE ALL BENEFIT WHEN OUR NEIGHBORS THRIVE

YOUR INVESTMENTS AT WORK

Here are a few ways your donation impacted our community last year:



INVESTING IN THE FUTURE
DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Launched in November 2015 in Linn County initially, United Way rallied community support to initiate Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, a book-gifting program for children ages birth to five. This program has since spread to Benton & Lincoln Counties and **mailed 901,031 books to more than 5,300 County children.**

Early studies show this investment is working. According to 2018-2019 Greater Albany Public Schools Kindergarten Readiness Scores, participants enrolled in DPIL for 18 months or more had **increased uppercase letter recognition, lowercase letter recognition, and letter-sound recognition of up to 63.9%.**

6,206 individuals were connected or referred to the services they needed through calls, emails, and texts to 211 info.

9,606 children were provided access to safe, quality before-and-after school programming.

1,089,206 meals were served to families and children in need.

Over 700 local children were able to receive child abuse assessment, treatment, and related services

1,433 of our area’s most vulnerable residents were able to access shelter services- **31% were children.**

1,000+ volunteers participated during Day of Action resulting in an economic impact of **more than \$190,000.**