



# 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.





**UNITED WAY FIGHTS FOR THE  
HEALTH, EDUCATION AND FINANCIAL STABILITY  
OF EVERY PERSON IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY.**

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.**



# FROM SUE'S DESK



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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Grey".

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%



4.0%



Unemployment Rate 2011

Unemployment Rate May 2017

650



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

CHAMPAIGN IS THE FASTEST GROWING CITY IN ILLINOIS



NEARLY

40%



of third graders' reading and math scores are below grade level expectations

94.3%



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

32%



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

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.

20.1%



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

1.64%

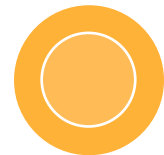


of our county's population is employed in farming, compared to 1.51% of the nation's total population that is farm employed.

19.7%



16.3%



Food Insecurity Rate 2011

Food Insecurity Rate 2016



# TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY

## 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

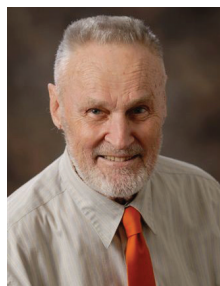
### Ordre d'Egalité \$50,000-\$74,999

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



Membres de la Société  
\$10,000-\$24,999



Mark S. Ballard

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David and Susan Eades

Rudy and Lucille Frasca



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Margo and Greg Lykins



Kim and Denise Martin

Sage Farms



Kyle and Phyllis Robeson/  
Robeson Family Benefit Fund



Ed and Carol Scharlau

Lott and SuAnn Thomas



Rebecca S. and John E. Wetzel

# PILLAR LIFETIME GIVING AWARD

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 Scharlauss 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**

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Annual gift of \$5,000 - 7,499

Scott and Lynn Anderson

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Steve and Donna Carter

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Arch and Amy Robison

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Martha Seeber and Family

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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



## PLATINUM PILLARS

Annual gift of \$3,000 - \$4,999

Dick Adams and Pat Januszki

**Adelaide Aime**

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**Bob Bender**

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**Sandy and Steve Chapman**

**Bridget and Dean Clausen**

Eileen and Dennis Coleman

**Thomas and Sharon Conry**

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Dale and Joyce Ewen

**Marv and Mati Frankel**

**John Frasca**

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**James and Debra Halle**

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Clare and Alan Haussermann

Christina Havenland and Jennifer Crum

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Tim and Leanne Kopischke

Wynne Sandra Korr

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Jon and Judith Liebman

Mary McGrath and Dennis Lewis

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T. Lee and Penny Meeker

Martin and Darla Mintz

**Elaine and Joseph Nicholas**

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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**

## 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!



**10%**  
**PILLAR PLUS**



## 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**  
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**Arlene M. Blank**  
Marie Bohl

**Charlene and Harry Bremer**  
**Dawn Carson and Matthew Snyder**

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Beverly A. and Mike Friese

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Jim and Rebecca Heffernan  
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**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 Deseraï 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 Patten**  
**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**  
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Jim and Sandy Snodgrass  
Bob Spitze  
Elaine and Case Sprenkle  
Michael Stevenson  
Neil Strack and Mary Bissey  
**Mike and Daughn Sutter**  
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**Art and Cindy Warren**  
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**Judy Wiegand**  
**Barbara Wilson and**  
**John Lammers**  
Murray and Valerie Wise  
Kevin Yonce  
**Sarah Zehr**



## SILVER PILLARS

Annual gift of \$1,000 - \$1,999

### Ron and Jane Adams

Naveed A. Adoni

### Ken and Mary Andersen

Ruth and James Anderson

### Wells and Joann Anderson

### Brock and Elizabeth Angelo

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Dianna K. Armstrong

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### Leanne R. and Brian Barnhart

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### Greg and Pam Bigler

Eleanor Blackmon

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### Harry Brockus

### Jeffrey Brown

Jan and Dennis Buerkett

Jeff and Pam Burgoyne

Kimberli McCloud Burnett

### Carla E. Caceres

Martin Camargo

Catherine Capel

Karen Carney

David Ceperley

Donna Chapel

### Chris and Lisa Cheely

### Kent and Lori Choquette

### David and Kelly Clark

### John and Jamie Clausen

Jo Lynne Clauson

Larry and Martha Clipp

# IMPACT: SAFE SHELTER

## 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

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Teresa and Rich Gabel

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**Beth Geis**





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continued

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Philippe and Nancy Geubelle

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Chip and Jennifer Jorstad

# 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

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

7624

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

1200

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

## SILVER PILLARS

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**  
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**Rena Lee Lenz**  
**Mike and Elizabeth Lindemann**  
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**Tom and Cathy Lockman**  
**Kelly Duitsman Loschen**  
Cindy and Michael Loui  
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**Ron and Lynne Lyman**  
Rick and Melanie Manner  
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Brad and Sandra McBride  
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**Traci Nally**  
**Robert Neathammer**  
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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**





# 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

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# COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND PROCESS

## 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](http://uwayhelps.org) for the full list of our grants and to learn how you can get involved.



## SILVER PILLARS

continued

Dr. and Mrs. G.B. Perlstein  
Ronald and Lilia Peters  
Mark and Jennifer Peyton  
Donna Pittman  
Robert and Jane Plankenhorn  
Mary Kay Pleck  
Diane Pohlig  
Lisa Power  
**Andrew and Erin Quarnstrom**  
Amanda Raklovits  
**Barbara J. Ramsay**  
**Todd and Amy Randolph**  
**Jason and Lisa Rector**  
**Neil and Margo Richardson**  
**Julia Rietz and Al Johnston**  
Allen and Carol Rinehart  
**Rick and Lori Rinehart**  
Charolette Robbins  
Mike and Barbara Roberts  
Glenda Robertson  
Gene and Julia Robinson  
Janice Robinson  
Sharee Robinson  
Dan and Karen Rock  
**Jacqueline Ross**  
Nancy Fay and Ken Rowland  
**Marsha and Gary Russell**  
Perry and Marcia Sage  
**Gordon and Renee Salm**  
Michael and Maxine Sandretto  
Janet and Marty Savoie  
Alexander Scheeline and  
Alice Berkson  
**Richard J. Schicht**  
**Peter Schiffer and**  
**Sharon Hammes-Schiffer**  
**Donald and Mary McCain Schlorff**  
Mitch and Peg Schluter  
Dennis Schmidt  
**Sam and Jill Schneider**  
Alan and Amy Schuele  
Dr. William Schuh  
Dr. Norman L. and Patricia T. Schutt  
John M. Scott  
Bob and Lucia Scully  
Alma Sealine  
Steven and Cheryl Seibert  
**Wes and Marjory Seitz**  
John and Julianna Sellett  
David and Annilee Shaul  
Trent Shepard  
**Dianne and Robert Sherman**  
David and Julie Sherwood  
Myron and Sonya Sholem  
**Nina Sibley-Richardson**  
Charles and Patricia Simpson

# 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 Ujcich

Joni and Bill Utmage

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 Wuellner 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**

Jane A. Brockway

Larry and Patricia Brown

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

Jeffrey and Michelle Christensen

**David Clark**

**Peter and Chelsea Clausen**

Vicki Clements

Paula Cler

**John Stanley and Daphne Cline**

Ronald Cline

**Anthony Cobb**

Dennis Cockrum

Terry and Elyne Cole

Christopher Collins

Evan and Karen Coobs

**Elizabeth Cook**

Richard Cooke

**Rhonda and Michael Costa**

**Ben E. Cox, Jr.**

**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**



# CUVOLUNTEER.ORG

52 volunteer spotlights on WCIA in 2016

30+ local volunteer opportunities available every week

Jeff and Jodi Davis

**Norman E. Davis**

Ricky Davis

Robert Davis

Tiffany Davis

B. A. Davis-Howe

Marilyn de Jong

Ed and Kamela DeAtley

Robert and Anne DeAtley

Lawrence and Cynthia DeBrock

**Colin and Dana DeCair**

Jayne and Joe DeLuce

Jennifer Deluhery

Tatyana Deryugina

Patrick F. Devaney

**Adam and Anne Dill**

Joan M. Dixon

**Amy Dobrinick**

**Sheila and Greg Dodd**

Newt Dodds

Owen W. Doyle

Ryan and Caitlin Drake

Fritz Drasgow

Bart Duesdieker

Phillip Duffy

**Bryan and Johnna Dunne**

Ata and Amy Durukan

**Jennifer Eardley**

Beth Edrington

Roberta Edwards and Richard Nohmer

Chad and Carrie Eisenmenger

Jim and Jennifer Eisenmenger

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

Aleshia Gustafson

Nichole Guthridge

John Gutzmer

Dean and Karla Hagan

Laura Hahn



# EMERGING COMMUNITY LEADERS

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**

Chris and Katie Harlan

**Frances Harris**

**Karen Harris**

John D. Hart

Javed Hassan and Lexia Swope

Connie Hasty

Julia Hawthorne

Janet Haynes

Jerry Hazel

Paul and Margaret Heald

**Robert and Julie Healy**

Angela Helmuth

Wendy Hendon

**Josh and Melissa Hendricks**

David W. Henry

Carl and Teri Herzog

**Ruth Hieser**

John and Laura Hill

Malcolm and Sandra Hill

**Cloydia Hill Larimore**

James Hippskind

Jim and Kathryn Hires

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**

Tiffany and Chris Kloeppel

**Kirk Knapp**

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

Cynthia and Eric McNussen

**Dr. Patricia and Mr. Jon McNussen**

Prashant Mehta

Kimberlee Meier

Evan M. and L. Lee Melhado

**Noah and Bridget Melton**

Jay and Cathy Menacher

Timothy Meneely

Brian L. Merrill

Dr. Sidney Micek

Kristina Miller

Kyle Miller

**Susan and Craig Miller**

Abigail Minor

Julie Misa

Jack Monkman

Brett Mook

David Morgan

Arnie and Linda Morrison

Raymond Mucha

Peter and Kay Mulhall

Eddie and Terra Mullins

Jerry and Rebecca Mullins

Patricia Murdoch

The Joe Murphy Family

Jerry and Erin Myers

Renee Nagy

Ken Napper

Andy and Kelly Nelson

**Deontree R. Nelson**

Joseph and Christine Nevitt



# 2-1-1

7,124 calls answered

83% of callers report they received  
the help they needed



## BRONZE PILLARS

continued

Phillip and Sonia Newmark

Ruth Ann Nichols

Martin Nieto

Colleen Nolan Grob

Tracy and Claudia Nugent

Richard and Theresa O'Banion

Christopher and Aileen O'Dea

**Martin and Emily O'Donnell**

Barbara Oehlschlaeger-Garvey

Craig Olson

Kelly Oppe

**Charles and Leanne Osborne**

**Chad and Renee Osterbur**

Janis Ostiguy

Cornelia Otnes

Mark and Mary Overmier

Donald Owen

Brenda M. Pacey

**Avinash and Sabeeha Pandya**

Jenny and Peter Park

Chirag and Rucha Patel

Tiffany Paul

**Cliff J. Peete**

Andrew Peralta

**Jana Perry**

Sarah N. Perry

Tracy Pettigrew

Meg and Jack Pittman

Michael Pleasant

Valerie Pollard

**Roger and Heide Ponder**

Rodney and Stacey Poole

**Julie Porcheddu**

**Jim and Kathie Pound**

Kimberly Powers

Ray and Dana Pratt

Scott and Laurel Preece

**Terry and Eileen Prillaman**

**Bette J. Prince**

Julie Pryde

Ben Pudzis

Jane Quinlan and Rod Kingston

Stacy Rachel

Michael Raub

**Rush and Stephanie Record**

Jon and Cathy Rector

**Jamie Reep**

Denise Reynolds

Bruce A. Reznick

Ben and Judy Robbins

Tondalia Roberts

Patrick and Gwendolyn Roche

Michael Rogalla

**Christopher and Kate Rogers**

Derrick Rollo

Elyse Rosenbaum and Robert Smith

**Bruce E. Roth**

Stacey Roux

Lynne Rudasill

Curtis Ruggles

Lora Rumsey

Tom and LaMae Ryan

Bruce Sammons

Greg and Lynne Sancken

Marvin D. Sanders

Rebecca Sanders

**Rosa Santos Gilbertz**

Kenneth Schmidt

Leonard and Deborah Schmidt

Jeffrey M. Schrader

Matthew and Jacque Schweighart

Edra J. Scofield

Marshall Scott Trust

**Christine Scroggins**

**Lauren and Chad Scroggins**

Gigi Secuban

Tim and Judy Sehy

**John and Jane Seiler**

**Karen and Bill Sharp**

**Sharon Shavitt**

**Todd and Rachel Sheets**

Aaron Sheppard

Nadja Shoemaker

James G. Shriner and

Cheryl Light Shriner

Chad and Tara Sieben

**Martha Sivier**



# 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  
**Rodney Tolliver**  
 Toney and Jennifer Tomaso  
 Mike Trame  
 PJ Trautman  
 Jim and Dorie Trefzger  
 Jeff and Judy Troxell  
 Jon Trupin  
**Teresa and Tom Twigg**  
**Elizabeth Tyler and Robert Olshansky**  
 Pamela and Jerry Unger  
 Rod and Donna Van Buskirk  
 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



# ECC OF THE YEAR

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

Aetna	Cozad Asset Management, Inc.	Parkland College
Alpha Controls and Services	Crisis Nursery	Peacemeal
amdocs	C-U Mass Transit District	Pepsi-Cola C-U Bottling Company
Ameren Illinois	C-U Public Health District	Petry-Kuhne Company
The Andersons	Cunningham Children's Home	PNC Bank
Applied Research Associates	Daily Bread Soup Kitchen	Prairie Center Health Systems
AT&T Mobility	Dansr	Presence Covenant Medical Center
Bacon & Van Buskirk Glass Company	Depke Gases & Welding Supplies, Inc.	Promise Healthcare
BankChampaign, N.A.	Developmental Services Center	Provident Financial Group
Barber & DeAtley, Inc.	Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club	Rantoul City Schools #137
Benefit Planning Consultants	The Downey Group, Inc.	Ricoh
Bergner's Market Place Mall	Dr. Pepper/Snapple Group	RK Dixon
Berns Clancy & Associates	Eastern Illinois Foodbank	Robeson's Inc.
Best Buy Superstore	ECIRMAC	Rockwell Automation
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Enterprise Rent-A-Car	Rogards
Black & Company	Evans, Froehlich, Beth & Chamley	Rosecrance
The Bromley Group of Companies	Family Advocacy of Champaign County	RSM US LLP
BSA, Prairielands Council	Family Service of Champaign County	Safeworks Illinois
Busey Bank	Farnsworth Group	Sam's Club
Carle Foundation Hospital	Federal Companies	Schnucks Stores-Champaign
Carter's Furniture	FedEx Ground	Schnucks Stores- Urbana
Caterpillar Logistics Services	Federal Express	Schnucks Stores-Savoy
Center for Youth and Family Solutions	First Federal Savings Bank	Shopko
Central Illinois Bank	First Financial Bank	Spherion
Champaign Country Club	First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust	Springfield Electric
Champaign County CASA	First Midwest Bank-Champaign County	State Farm
Champaign County Chamber of Commerce	Frasca International	Stephens Family YMCA
Champaign County Forest Preserve	Girl Scouts of Central Illinois	Target Stores
Champaign County Government	Habitat For Humanity of Champaign County	Tepper Electric Supply
Champaign Park District	Heartland Bank	Terminix Pest Control Champaign
Champaign Surplus Store	Herff Jones Cap & Gown	Thomas, Mamer & Haughey, LLP
Champaign Unit 4 Schools	Heyl Royster	TJ Maxx Stores
Champaign Urbana Schools Foundation	Hickory Point Bank	Tummelson Bryan & Knox
Champaign-Ford Counties Regional Office Education	Human Kinetics	U of I Community Credit Union
Christie Clinic	Illini Radio Group	United Parcel Service
City of Champaign	Illinois American Water Company	United Way of Champaign County
City of Urbana	Iroquois Federal Bank	University of Illinois
CliftonLarsonAllen LLP	Jeld-Wen	UpClose Marketing & Printing
Clinton Power Station-Exelon	Kirby Risk Electrical	Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center
Coldwell Banker Commercial	The Kraft Heinz Company	Urbana Park District
Devonshire Realty	Lowe's	Urbana School District #116
Combe Laboratories	LyondellBasell Industries	Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District
Combined Federal Campaigns	Macy's Store	US Bank
Comcast Communications	Marine Bank	Village of Rantoul
Commerce Bank	Martin, Hood, Friese & Associates, LLP	Visit Champaign County
Community Blood Services of Illinois	Meijer, Champaign	Vista Outdoor
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# SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT: BARHAM BENEFIT GROUP



James Barham

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 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!



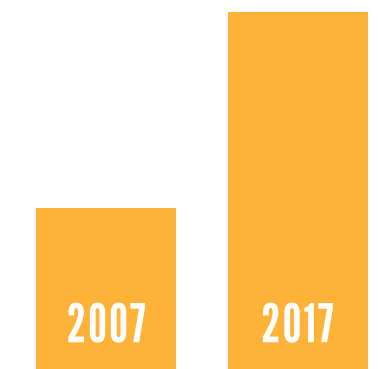
# FISCAL YEAR 2017

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Total Assets	\$4,327,033
Total Current Liabilities	\$1,777,091
Total Net Assets	\$2,549,942
Total Liabilities And Net Assets	\$4,327,033
Total Revenue	\$3,620,059
Total Expenses	\$3,379,659

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.

**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).

## THE COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND

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

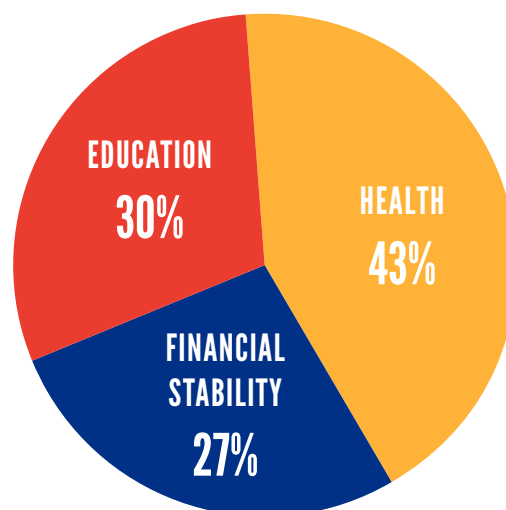
- People have improved physical and behavioral health

### 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



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