

## SHOW UP UNITED

How you can join United Way is rebuilding for a more equitable and resilient Champaign County





## It's been a tough year for many

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44%

Close to half of Champaign County households struggled to make ends meet before the pandemic - at a rate 22% higher than the statewide number. COVID-19 has only increased strain on family budgets.

## **Champaign County families.**





### **But Because of You...**







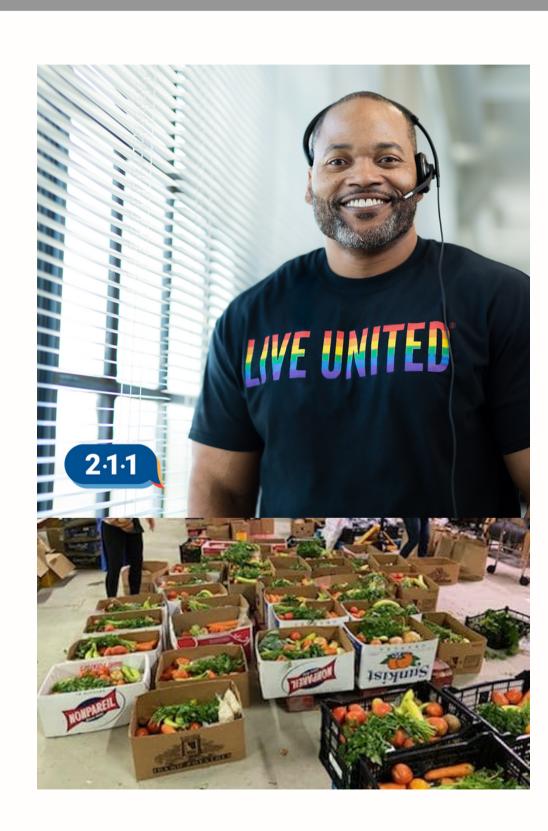
Our Community is Safer

Our Community
Has Resources
to Succeed

Our Community is moving Forward to Better

#### **Because of You... Pandemic Support**





The collective effort of donors and volunteers in Champaign County helped our community get through the pandemic. Thanks to those efforts United Way of Champaign County and our partners were able to respond quickly and help more people than ever.

# Increased access to healthy food

57,517 families - three in five Champaign
County households - connected with our food resources

## Rent & Mortgage Assistance

Kept 159 families in their homes

#### Direct

#### **Assistance**

Emergency aid for 321 families who needed help but ran into red tape or issues qualifying for other programs

#### 211 Helpline

3,100+ calls for help answered in 2020.

#### **Educational**

#### Supports &

**Technology** 

home

School supply kits for 5,573 schoolchildren to continue learning at



## Because of you...

## **Community Essentials**

Together we are supporting the critical things people need to thrive in our world today.













**FOOD** 

WATER

HOUSING

**HEALTHCARE** 

ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY

**IDENTIFCATION** 



## Because of you...

## Our community has the resources to succeed



## Community Solution Partnerships and Collaborations

United Way solves tough problems by working together:

- Early Grade Level Success
- Child Well-Being
- Many more on the way!



## Awarded more grant dollars than ever

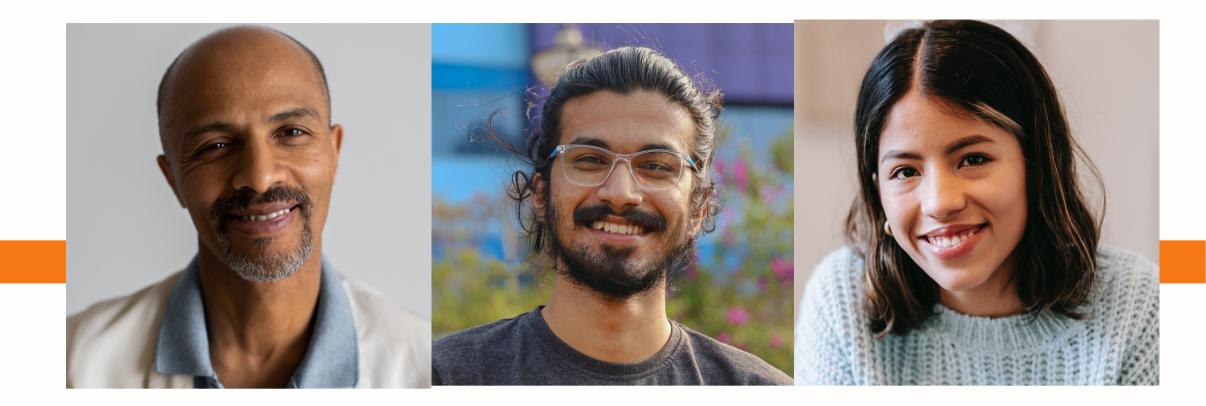
Thanks to your generosity and United Way's leadership, over \$1.7 million in community impact grants and programming was awarded last year.



#### **Increasing Equity**

The United for Equity committee is working to implement local Equity programming across the community - because to truly Live United and change our community, we must be inclusive of all.



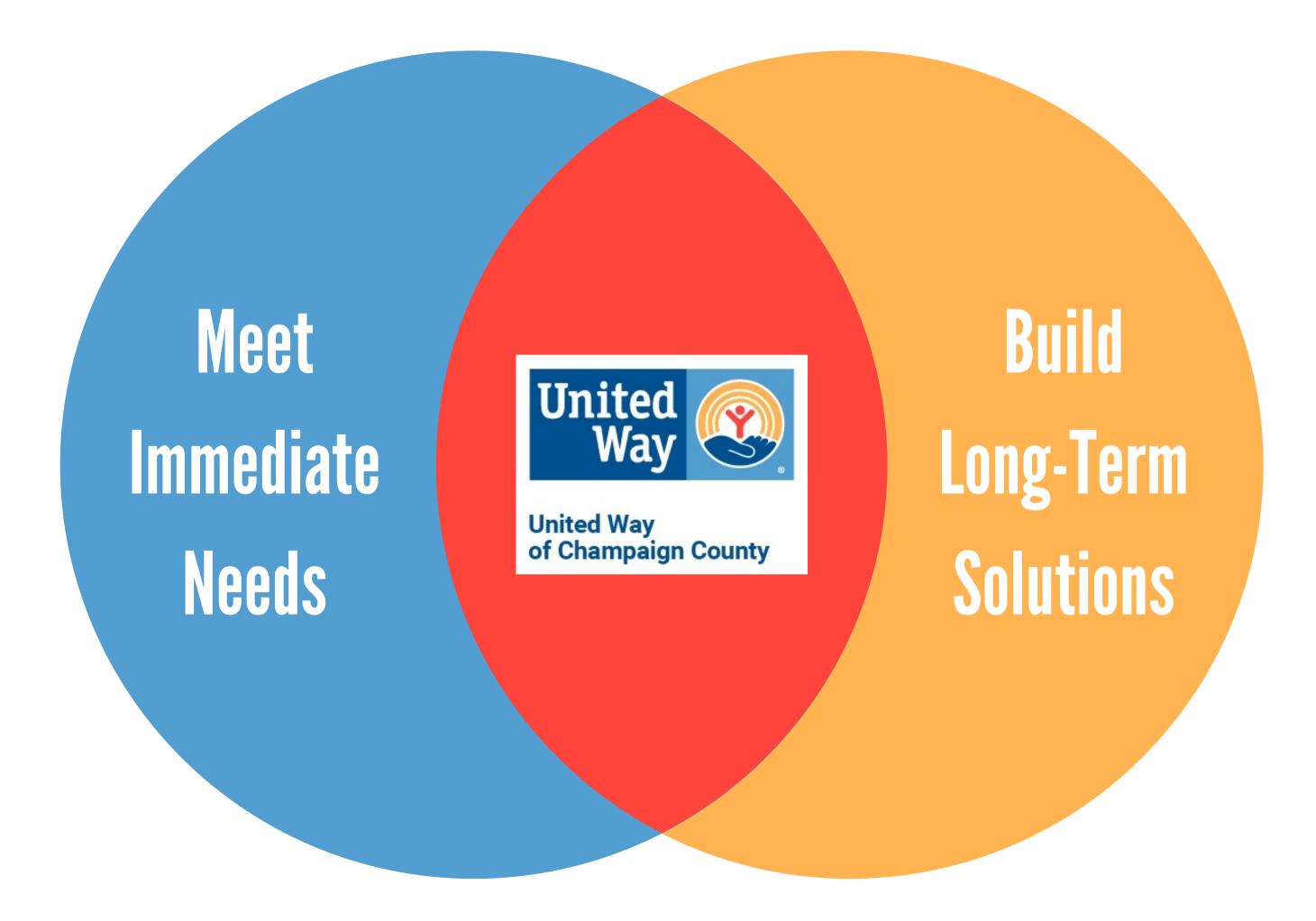


COVID-19 highlighted the fact that normal wasn't working for thousands of our neighbors. That's why United Way won't go back to normal.

We will rebuild a more equitable and resilient Champaign County where every person has access to quality education, affordable healthcare, and careers that build financial stability.

We will achieve this goal by Uniting with the community to solve systemic problems in health, education, and financial stability, eliminating longstanding barriers to success. And we'll continue to provide basic human essentials for those facing tough times.

Because of You, we can go Forward to Better.



# **Show Up UNITED for everyone in Champaign County**

United Way of Champaign County has always helped the most vulnerable people meet their basic needs and improve their health, education, and financial stability.

As people continue to need immediate support to recover, our communities also need comprehensive, long-term solutions to our challenges.

We have programs and partners who are making this possible and we need your support to make sure even more people get the help they need.

No one person, organization, company, or government can do this alone. We have to Show Up for each other.

#### Will you Show Up UNITED for your community?

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