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## Greetings from the United Way of Huntington County!

In April, we expressed our gratitude! On April 15th, we hosted many of you at the annual thank-you breakfast at the Historic Forks of the Wabash. We enjoyed a delicious meal served by our wonderful funded partners. During the event, we heard from a student who has benefited from the services provided by the Youth Services Bureau, as well as a mother of four who shared how Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has profoundly impacted her family.

Andrew Rensberger received a plaque for his six years of service as a board member and was also honored with the Ray Vanderspool Award for his dedication to the United Way and various community initiatives. Additionally, Jan Williams was recognized with the Bob Smith Volunteer Award for her exceptional commitment to the United Way campaign.



Salamonie School's National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) students organized a fundraiser for the United Way in March. The class that raised the most money earned a special trip to Camp Salamonie, which was a fantastic experience created by the NEHS students themselves! The winning class had an unforgettable day, rotating through a variety of fun and engaging camp stations, including Bear Tag, Campfire Stories with Jimmy the Caterpillar, the Chicken Soup Game, a Camp Treasure Hunt, Make Your Own Trail Mix, the Feed the Bear Game, and Sand Art Crafts. The Salamonie NEHS students worked diligently to prepare for the event and led each station with kindness, patience, and enthusiasm, making the day truly special for our campers. In a proud moment, the NEHS students presented the United Way with a check for **\$1,789.95**—an incredible contribution made possible by the generosity and dedication of the Salamonie Rebels!

On April 26, volunteers joined forces with local agencies for Allocation Day. The United Way of Huntington County received 24 grant applications from 16 different agencies that provide services in Huntington County. The pledges collected from the 2024 annual campaign will support agencies whose missions align with the United Way of Huntington County's Community Impact Portfolio. The goals of this portfolio include:

### Education goals

Every child enters school ready to learn.

All identified students have access to age-appropriate mentors and other academic supports.

### Financial stability goals

To ensure families' basic needs are met by providing immediate assistance in the event of an unforeseen crisis.

Increase financial stability for families.

### Health and Wellness goals

Provide immediate assistance to ensure physical and/or emotional safety in the event of an unstable situation or imminent danger.

Support community members as they pursue a healthier lifestyle.



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Would your business or industry be interesting in sponsoring one of our upcoming events? We're offering several opportunities to build your teams, challenge your coworkers, and come together for a good cause. Scan this QR code to check out the different sponsorship levels.



THANK YOU  
*thank you  
so much!*

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## Save the date!

Disc Golf & Pickleball  
tournament: June 21st  
In-house Chair Luncheon:  
July 17th  
Community Campaign Kick-  
off: September 12th  
UW Shooting Event:  
September 18th

## Ways to Give:

1. Make an immediate gift:  
write a check to  
"United Way of Huntington  
County"  
P.O. Box 347  
Huntington, IN 46750
2. Text UWHCGAMEON to  
41444

OR

3. Scan the below QR code  
to make a secure, online one  
time or recurring gift by  
credit card.



Your United Way  
Contribution can uplift all!

The United Way of Huntington County will invest in early childhood programs which ensure that every child enters to school ready to learn.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library partners with the United Way of Huntington County to gift one free, age-appropriate, high-quality book each month to children from birth to age five. These books are personalized with the child's name and mailed directly to their home to create a gifting experience that makes books exciting and shows the child someone is thinking of them.

With support from local funders like you, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is available to all children, at no cost to the family, regardless of the family's income.

Scan here to learn more!



## Initiatives we're proud to be a part of:

**Sprout By 5: Huntington County's Early Childhood Coalition**  
<https://www.huntingtonccf.org/community-collaborations/early-childhood-coalition/>

**LACE: Huntington County's Anti-Drug Coalition**  
<https://www.in.gov/cji/behavioral-health/files/Huntington-County-CCP-2023.pdf>

**Huntington County Prevent Abuse Council**  
<https://pcain.org/council/huntington/>  
**Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative**  
<https://www.in.gov/idoc/dys/jdai/>

**Huntington County Domestic Violence Task Force**  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61565337015172>  
**Health & Wellness Coalition**  
<https://www.facebook.com/healthandwellnesshuntingtoncounty>

**Empowering Humanities: monthly collaboration convenings**  
**Learning Center Advisory Council**