Quarterly news

United Way of Huntington County





We hope you had a wonderful Christmas holiday and that your new year is off to a great start. The Executive Director and our Board of Directors are truly excited about what this year holds for our community. Let's make it a great one together!

OCTOBER

The United Way of Huntington County motivates and mobilizes resources to meet the highest priority needs of Huntington County residents.

Workplace campaigns continued all across Huntington County in the month of October. The funds raised through these campaigns are used to make a positive impact by providing grants to programs that deliver essential services in three key areas: Healthy Communities, Youth Opportunity and Financial Security.



The United Way of Huntington County partnered with the Huntington Parks and Recreation Department to host a Trunk or Treat at Yeoman Park on October 25. Over 20 trunks offer goodies and community services information to hundreds of children and their families.

NOVEMBER

The United Way of Huntington County ensures opportunities for childhood success. Sarah Kemp, the Executive Director of United Way, was invited by the Boys & Girls Club of Huntington County to volunteer alongside other community members at the Money Matters Reality Store. During this event, teens had the chance to choose future occupations and learn how to budget for real-life expenses.

The Boys & Girls Club of Huntington County is a funded partner of the United Way of Huntington County. In 2024, BGCHC received grant funding to support elementary student tutoring and youth career development.





Roanoke Elementary School offered fans a chance to win big while supporting the United Way of Huntington County. During halftime of each basketball game, fans could rent a rubber duck for \$2 and toss it into a moving wagon. The duck that was pulled from the wagon during each game won half the money collected. The remaining half, which totaled \$723.00 from all the games, was donated to the United Way!

In November, enrollment of Huntington County children in the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library reached 1,109 children, which represents 54% of children ages birth to 4. The program is offered in Huntington County by the United Way of Huntington County. Each enrolled child receives a free book by mail every month. To enroll, visit imaginationlibrary.com.

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DECEMBER

The workplace campaigns concluded in December. The United Way of Huntington County successfully delivered 42 presentations, which allowed for sharing the United Way's mission and encouraging individuals to engage in giving and volunteering.

Additionally, the United Way of Huntington County facilitated a collaboration between employees of Echo Lake Foods and United With Love, resulting in the donation of 130 pounds of dry rice and beans to the Food Pantry.



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Save the date

Annual Thank You Breakfast April 15, 2025 8:00am **Historic Forks of the Wabash**

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 OR code to make a secure, online one time or reoccuring gift by credit card.



Your United Way Contribution can uplift all!

The United Way of Huntington County has recently received funding that will enhance its community initiatives. The organization received a \$1,500 matching grant from Walmart for its Ride United Last Mile Delivery program, aimed at ensuring food security for middle and high school students. Additionally, Norfolk Southern contributed a generous \$5,000 grant, further supporting the Last Mile Delivery initiative. The United Way is also excited to announce a matching grant opportunity of up to \$5,000 for the Ride United Last Mile Delivery initiative, encouraging additional community support. On the education front, a \$6,000 grant from CenterPoint Energy will help expand Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, promoting literacy among young children in the community. Furthermore, a matching grant opportunity of up to \$28,500 for Kinder Kamp has been secured, ensuring every child in Huntington County enters Kindergarten ready for success. To top it all off, Holman has provided a remarkable \$10,000 grant to bolster the overall efforts of United Way of Huntington County. Contact Sarah Kemp at skemp@huntingtonunitedway.com for more on these matching grant opportunities.

Initiatives we're proud to be a part of:

Sprout By 5: Huntington County's Early Childhood Coalition https://www.huntingtonccf.org/community-collaborations/earlychildhood-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

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