OCTOBER 2024

United Way of Huntington County



Greetings from the United Way of Huntington County!

It has been a busy couple of months for the United Way of Huntington County. UWHC has been a collaborator and partner in a number of community events and a mobilizer of people and resources.

JULY

The United Way of Huntington County ensures opportunities for childhood success. This summer the UWHC hosted a disc golf tournament at Memorial Park to raise funds for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. \$4,800 was raised to sustain this resource to put books in the hands of all children age 0-5 in Huntington County. To learn more and sign up your child, visit https://huntingtonunitedway.org/dolly/. Look for details for the tournament to be held again next year WITH a pickleball tournament as well!



The UWHC also participated in the Sprout By 5 Early Childhood Expo in July by offering Dolly Parton's Imagination Library sign ups. Sprout By 5's mission is to create positive early childhood experiences through community collaboration. Interested in learning more? Contact Courtney Bonbrake at 260-289-2123 or courtney@huntingtonccf.org.

The United Way of Huntington County mobilizes our community to action so all can thrive. The week of July 22-26 UWHC brought the community together by leading a bedding and towel drive for Place of Grace. Place of Grace, a grant funded partner of UWHC, provides faith based residential recovery services to help people break cycles of destructive behavior related to addiction, trauma, and poverty. The items collected will be used in opening a men's recovery home in Huntington County. For more information on Place of Grace visit their website myplaceofgrace.org.



AUGUST

The United Way of Huntington County ensures opportunities for childhood success. 187 kindergarten students across all 6 HCCSC elementary schools had the chance to jump start their experience through Kinder Kamp, a two-week, half-day school preview funded by the United Way of Huntington County in collaboration with Huntington County Community School Corporation and the Youth Services Bureau. One parent stated, "We just moved to Huntington County and knew no one. Kinder Kamp put our hearts and minds at ease. It allowed my son to get to know his teacher and peers and get acclimated to the learning environment before the official start of school. Thanks, United Way!".



When times are tough, the United Way of Huntington County provide opportunities for a healthy community and financial security. When temperatures soared near 100 degrees the last week of August, UWHC partnered with Duke Energy, Indiana Family Care Center and Emergency Management for a boxed fan distribution. Our Huntington County neighbors were able to pick up a free box fan to help with cooling.

The UWHC annual workplace campaign kicked off with a tailgate at the August 30 home HNHS football game. Hoosier Real Estate, this year's campaign chair, provided food, while funded partners in our community provided drinks, snacks, desserts and games.



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SEPTEMBER

Workplace campaigns have begun all over Huntington County. The UWHC mobilizes resources and forges partnerships to get work done. The UWHC partners with over 50 local industries, businesses and many individuals through the annual campaign. Pledges from the annual campaign support families in our community.

Great things are happening in our community because of you. Thank you!!!



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Initiatives we're proud to be a part of:

Sprout By 5: Huntington County's Early Childhood Coalition Empowering Humanities: monthly collaboration convenings Learning Center Advisory Council **Health & Wellness Coalition** LACE: Huntington County's Anti-Drug Coalition **Huntington County Prevent Abuse Council** Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative

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 reoccuring gift by credit card.



Your United Way Contribution can uplift all!

YOUR IMPACT in 2023:

74 children gained greater academic & motor skills before age 3

individuals transitioned out of a life addiction

52 adults provided transitional housing 34

individuals connected with necessities during an unforeseen crisis

individuals received 560 survivor support/ education

> 1000 hours of mental health support provided

individuals given 861 access to financial 261 individuals stability through financial programs

equipped to take care of health care needs

individuals provided 354 preparedness training

23,753 meals served

 $21,\!864 \stackrel{\text{meal packs}}{\text{delivered to}}$ students

 $865\,$ young people matched to $34\,$ mentors for

15,548 mentoring