

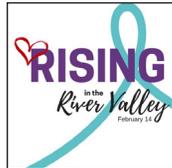
Community Initiatives



Fill the Bus is a drive to fill buses full of school supplies that are donated to at-risk children in United Way's six-county area to help prepare them for the upcoming school year.



Day of Caring gives individuals and company employees a chance to volunteer at non-profit organizations, cities or schools in the area.



Rising in the River Valley is a rally to bring awareness and education on the issues of sexual assault and domestic violence.



The vision of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is to foster a love of reading among pre-school children and their families by providing them with the gift of a specially selected book each month. DPIL books returned to us are given to local emergency responders through the Books and Badges initiative. The books are given to children they come in contact with to comfort them and build rapport.



Touch-A-Truck, a free health and wellness event, provided kids of all ages with the opportunity to see, touch, and explore life-size vehicles and interact with community support leaders like police officers, fireman, construction workers, military personnel and many more!



The mission of Step Up, Speak Out is community awareness of the local crisis of child abuse, specifically child sexual abuse, and prevention through education.



As part of its plan to help families manage their income and maintain good health, United Way distributed free FamilyWize prescription drug cards to help lower the cost of medicine. In 2019, FamilyWize cards saved families \$353,000 on prescriptions filled using the discount at participating pharmacies in our service area.



100 families mission is to move families from a place of crisis to an environment where they are thriving. This includes areas such as housing, transportation, employment, education, addiction/recovery, and food stability. This is accomplished by utilizing community resources, engaging community partners and recruiting case managers to respond when a family is in crisis.

Call to Action

In 1928 community leaders decided to form an organization called Community Chest, that would raise and distribute funds for needed services in Fort Smith. The name and the coverage area have changed throughout the years, but the mission has never wavered. We unite people with the resources they need to make a lasting change in their lives. Over the years, people have donated more than \$80,000,000 to support health and human services within our area.

At United Way of Fort Smith Area, we believe that working together is the best way to measurably improve people's lives in our six-county area. With your financial investment, you become a vital part of the United Way effort and have the greatest impact on improving lives by creating long-term and lasting change.

Your community is calling on you and the United Way is the most strategic way you can answer that call. A gift to United Way is the best way to touch the most people with a single gift. By investing in quality programs that help improve the overall education, financial stability and health of children and families in our six-county area, your generosity creates meaningful change - right in your own backyard.

Your support allows us to:

- Invest in quality programs
- Advocate for policies that improve lives
- Partner with organizations and individuals to affect real and lasting change

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United Way History

Your local United Way has worked in the areas of Health, Education, Financial Stability and Crisis Support Services for over 92 years. With YOUR help, we and our partner agencies provide services to thousands of individuals every day to improve lives and strengthen our six-county area.



Community Partner Agencies

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| Abilities Unlimited | Fort Smith Boys & Girls Club |
| Arc for the River Valley | Girls Incorporated |
| Arkansas Single Parent - Scholarship Fund Region 8 | Girl Scouts- Diamonds of AR, OK & TX |
| Boys & Girls Club of Diamond Hills | Girls Shelter |
| Boys & Girls Club of LeFlore County | Harbor House, Inc. |
| Boys & Girls Club of Sequoyah County | Lincoln Childcare Center |
| Boys & Girls Club of So. Logan County | Literacy Council of Western Arkansas |
| Boys & Girls Club of Van Buren | Next Step Homeless Services |
| Boy Scouts (Westark Council) | Ozark Area Youth Organization |
| Fort Smith Boys Home - (Boys Shelter) | Parents as Teachers |
| Center for Arkansas Legal Services | Project Compassion |
| Community Dental Clinic | River Valley Regional Food Bank |
| Community Services Clearinghouse | Salvation Army |
| Crawford County Sr. Citizens Center | Sebastian Retired Citizens Association |
| Crisis Intervention Center | So. Sebastian County Boys & Girls Club |
| | Stepping Stone School |

Endowment

In 1990, the United Way of Fort Smith Area Board of Directors created an Endowment Fund. This fund has grown to more than \$9 million in 2020, and covers all expenses for United Way such as utilities, salaries and building maintenance. This allows your local United Way the ability to not have an Administration Fee, so 100% of all donations received go directly back to the community. 2020 marks the tenth year in a row we are able to return 100% of donations to the six-county area we serve.

Crisis Support Services

Throughout the past year, our six-county area has experienced the impact of the 2019 Flood and the more recent economic strain of COVID-19. United Way of Fort Smith Area works diligently to provide support and funding to our local community during these hard times of crisis. During the Flood of 2019, we established the Volunteer Intake Center to meet volunteer needs, a Distribution Hub to supply individuals with essential resources and served as the Fiduciary of funds raised. Additionally, we provided micro-grants to area non-profit and faith based organizations working to meet the needs of individuals and families impacted by COVID-19.

2019 Flood



COVID-19



Your Gift Matters

WHAT A DOLLAR BUYS.
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Your weekly contribution will add up to big wins for your local community.

WHAT MATTERS MORE?

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A \$5 CUP OR **2 CHILDREN RECEIVE A WEEKEND BACK PACK OF FOOD FOR AN ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR**
Of coffee
- 
A \$10 APP OR **BOOKS FOR 21 PRESCHOOLERS FOR A YEAR**
for your phone
- 
A \$20 PAIR OR **50 PATIENTS RECEIVE ANTIBIOTICS TO HELP RELIEVE DENTAL PAIN**
of movie tickets
- 
A \$50 OR **HOME DELIVERED MEALS FOR 512 SENIOR CITIZENS**
Dinner out
- 
A \$100 OR **A YEAR OF CLASS-ROOM SUPPLIES FOR 1040 CHILDREN**
Jacket

Planned Giving

When you include United Way in your planned giving, you are helping to ensure that families in our community achieve financial stability. Leaving a planned gift is a meaningful way to make an expression of your values and impact generations to come. For more information or to discuss your planned giving options, please contact United Way at (479) 782-1311.