

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025



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It continues to be an honor to live and work in a community that shows up for one another the way DeKalb County does.

This year, we witnessed partners, volunteers, and neighbors step forward in powerful ways.

To our donors, volunteers, partners, and supporters who have given their time, resources, and support this year: thank you. Your commitment has made a meaningful difference for thousands of children, families, and neighbors.

As we enter the next fiscal year, we are excited to launch our renewed Mission, Vision, and Values – a clearer direction shaped by our community and designed to guide our work in the years ahead. We invite you to continue joining us as we Give Back, Get Involved, and Take Action to build a stronger, healthier, more connected DeKalb County. **United Is The Way.**



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PROGRAMS & EVENTS

A YEAR OF IMPACT

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

This summer, 268 students across 17 classrooms in DeKalb County participated in kindergarten readiness programs. These programs help children build the skills they need to confidently enter school – they often become leaders in their kindergarten classrooms in the fall.



This year, 1,774 children received a high-quality, age-appropriate book in the mail each month through United Way of DeKalb County's Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. We welcomed 384 new sign-ups, celebrated 285 children who graduated on their fifth birthday, and reached a total of 1,966 DeKalb County kids enrolled since the program launched in September of 2023.

Power of the Purse

This year's Power of the Purse was our largest event to date! With 375 attendees filling the room, 62 beautifully curated purses up for raffle, and \$24,888 in sponsorships we were able to raise \$45,305 to support the United Way of DeKalb County's Early Learning initiative.

DAY OF CARING

This year, nearly 900 volunteers came together to complete 62 projects across DeKalb County during Day of Caring. Their time, energy, and generosity created a community-wide investment of over \$389,800 – made up of \$70,000 in direct support, \$50,300 in sponsorships, \$26,000 in in-kind donations, and \$243,530 in the value of volunteer hours.

GOLF OUTING

This event was hosted by Charleston Metal Products in support of United Way of DeKalb County. This community-driven event raised \$6,288 to help United Way of DeKalb County's mission of building a healthier, more resilient, connected DeKalb County



ALICE Grantees

Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana
Harold W. McMillen Center for
Health Education
Serenity House, Inc.
St. Martin's Healthcare
YWCA Northeast Indiana

Healthy Community
\$93,075

JAM Early Education
Tiny Tracks Learning Center
Junior Achievement of
Northern Indiana
YMCA of DeKalb County

Youth Opportunity
\$95,000

The Refuge Community Church

Financial Security
\$15,000

**Community
Impact Grantee**

\$100,000

Roots of Giving
Food Pantry

Community
Resiliency

**IMPACT FUNDING GRANTS
\$303,075 granted**



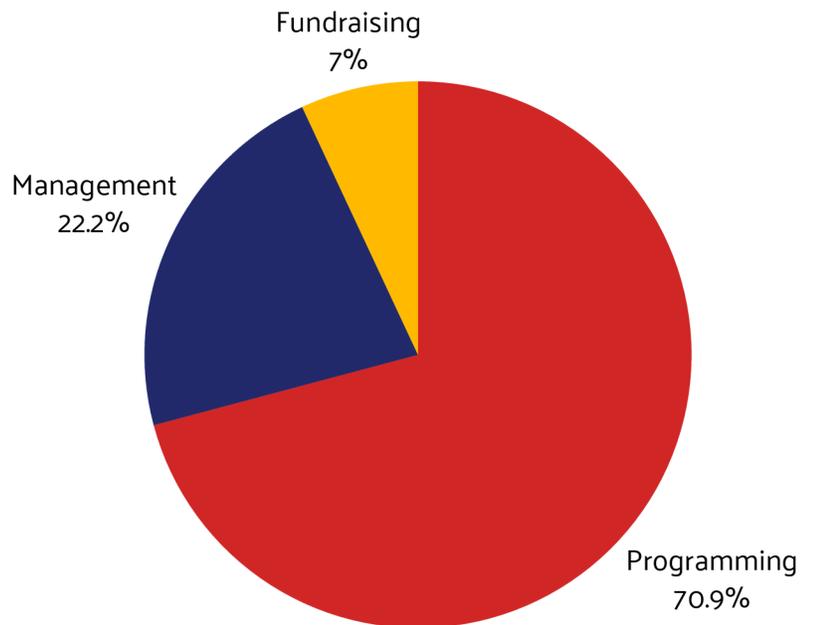
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2024-2025 OPERATING BUDGET

REVENUE		EXPENSES		ASSETS	
Contributions & Grants	\$712,872	Total Program Services	\$603,188	Total Assets	\$1,240,330
Program Service	\$62,977	Management & General	\$188,944	Total Liabilities	\$61,315
Investment Income	\$18,071	Fundraising	\$59,214	Net Assets	\$1,301,645
Capital gain/loss	\$59,162	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$851,346		
Other Revenue	\$59,579				
TOTAL REVENUE	\$912,661				

2024-2025 FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Programming	\$603,188
Management	\$188,944
Fundraising	\$59,214
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$851,346



UNITED IS THE WAY FORWARD.

As we close out the 2024–2025 fiscal year, United Way of DeKalb County stands ready for the future ahead - guided by a path that is strong, united, and centered on the wellbeing of our community.

Beginning in the 2025–2026 fiscal year, we are launching our updated Mission, Vision, Values, and tagline, setting the course for how we work, how we partner, and how we create lasting local change.

These statements aren't just words – they guide every investment, every partnership, every program, and every story of impact we build together.

Our Mission: United Way of DeKalb County brings people and resources together to build a healthier community, expand opportunities for youth, strengthen financial security, and foster a resilient, connected DeKalb County.

Our Vision: We envision a DeKalb County where every person has the opportunity to reach their full potential, supported by a united community working together to create lasting change.

Our Values: At United Way of DeKalb County, our work is grounded in these core values:

Collaboration – We believe lasting change happens when we bring the community together around shared goals.

Community Impact – We are focused on measurable results that strengthen the foundations of healthy, secure, and resilient DeKalb County.

Compassion – We approach our work with empathy, always striving to uplift individuals and families with dignity and respect.

Integrity – We are transparent, accountable, and driven by a deep sense of responsibility to our community and partners.

What This Means for 2025–2026

- A deep focus on community needs
- Strong partnerships
- Continued investment
- A renewed commitment to transparency, collaboration, and measurable results
- More ways for residents, businesses, and community partners to get involved

UNITED IS THE WAY TO
LASTING LOCAL CHANGE.



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THANK YOU!

The support from our Workplace Campaigns and generous donors, allows United Way of DeKalb County to expand impact across our community. Your support helps strengthen families, open doors for youth, and build a healthier, more connected DeKalb County.

Thank you for making this work possible.



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