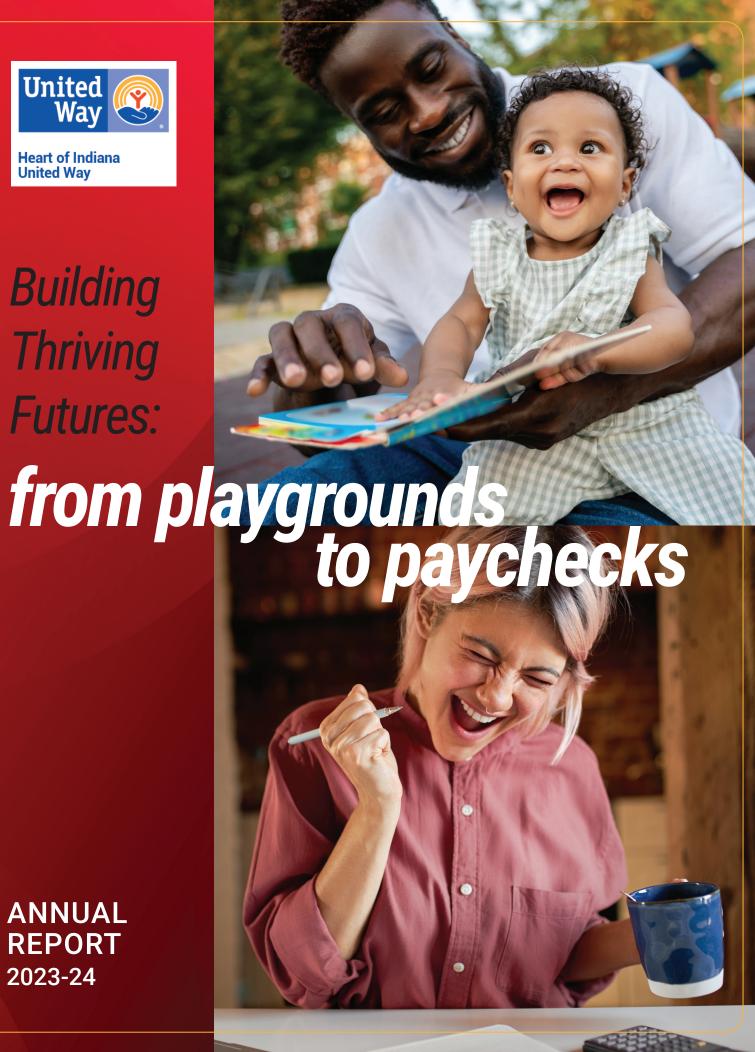


Building Thriving Futures:

ANNUAL **REPORT** 2023-24



President's message

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we reflect on the past year, I am proud to present this annual report under the theme "Building Thriving" Futures: From Playgrounds to Paychecks." This theme encapsulates our vision of creating pathways for families and individuals to achieve stability, success, and fulfillment from the earliest stages of life through adulthood.

Our commitment to building thriving futures is embodied in our key focus areas: Read & Achieve, which promotes literacy and educational success; the THRIVE Network, which emboldens families to achieve financial stability; Community Resiliency, which strengthens our collective ability to overcome challenges; and Equity Advancement, which ensures everyone has the opportunity to succeed, regardless of their background.

This past year, we've seen incredible progress in each of these areas. One of our most significant milestones was the Grants and Gratitude event, where we celebrated awarding \$1.4 million in grant funds to 47 organizations over the next two fiscal years across the heart of Indiana. This funding is a testament to you, our donors. Because of your generosity, we are investing in our communities' future--funding programs and leading initiatives that directly impact people's lives.

Looking ahead, our goal is to deepen our impact, reaching more families and ensuring that every child, adult, and community can truly thrive. None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our community. Your generosity, volunteerism, and partnership fuel our mission and drive our success. Together, we are building a brighter future, one where every individual has the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you for your continued support and belief in our mission.

With deepest gratitude,

Jenni Marsh President and CEO Heart of Indiana United Way

Jenni Mark



2023-24 Highlights: Your support is making a difference!



34,556 community members received program support



More than 3,000 donors supported Heart of Indiana United Way's effforts



1,502 volunteers gave back through Heart of Indiana **United Way**



children served through Read and Achieve Programs



individuals and families enrolled and finding support in the THRIVE Network



18,557 community members receiving vital safety-net supports like food, shelter, rent assistance, utility assisance and more



74,540 books distributed to 8,509 children through Summer Book Giveaway and Dolly Parton's **Imagination** Library



More than

in federal and state tax refunds received by community members through our VITA Program



indivduals received assistance through our Covering Kids and Families coordinators to receive healthcare

Celebrating Generosity and Impact:

Highlights from Our Grants and Gratitude Event

At Heart of Indiana United Way's first Grants and Gratitude event in June, we celebrated the amazing generosity of our community and announced over \$1.4 million in funding to local non-profits over the next two years. These funds will support 47 organizations across Madison, Delaware, Henry, Randolph, and Fayette counties, ensuring our communities across the Heart of Indiana continue to thrive.

We also honored some amazing individuals and organizations whose support has been vital to our mission. The CenterPoint Energy Foundation received the Spirit of United Way Award, Karen Tuttle of First Merchants Bank was named United Way Workplace MVP, and Unified Group Services and the George and Frances Ball Foundation were recognized with the Changemaker Award and the Community Builders Award, respectively.

The funds announced at the event are more than just financial support; they're investments in our community's future. They represent our commitment to transforming lives by providing essential resources, fostering educational success, and promoting financial stability. Together, we are building a community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive from playgrounds to paychecks.

Boosting Community Resilience

A big chunk of the funding, \$276,000 each year, will go to organizations focused on Community Resilience. This means supporting efforts like affordable housing, emergency food and shelter programs, and other vital services. These funds help build a stronger, more resilient communities where everyone can find stability and support during challenging times.

Empowering Education: Read & Achieve

Our Read & Achieve focus area will get \$223,000 annually, benefiting organizations dedicated to improving educational outcomes for children. This area supports programs such as early childhood literacy, after-school tutoring, and summer learning opportunities. By fostering a love of reading and learning from an early age, these programs help set the foundation for lifelong success, ensuring that children have the skills and confidence needed to achieve their academic and personal goals.

Supporting Financial Stability: THRIVE Network

With \$201,000 each year directed to the THRIVE Network, organizations will help individuals achieve financial stability and economic self-sufficiency. This includes employment readiness, financial literacy, career development services, and other support systems. By providing the necessary tools and resources, the THRIVE Network helps people embrace their power as they secure stable employment, manage their finances effectively, and build prosperous futures for themselves and their families.



At the event, we also awarded the first five grant recipients of our new Equity Advancement Fund. This fund aims to promote equity within the community, ensuring that everyone has access to the resources and opportunities they need to thrive.









Many of the grant recipients at the Grants and Gratitude event came together for a group photo



George and Frances Ball Foundation, awarded the Community Builders Award



Karen Hemberger and Eva Zygmunt connected during the event



CenterPoint Energy Foundation presented with the Spirit of United Way Award



Rich Mousty, CEO of Unified Group Services, receipent of our Changemaker Award with Greg Bramwell, UW board member

Grant Recipients by Focus Area

READ & ACHIEVE

11 organizations focused on early childhood literacy, after-school tutoring, and summer learning opportunities.

- Ball State Muncie P3
- Bev's Kindergarten Prep

THRIVE NETWORK

development services.

M.O.N.E.Y. Ministries

Operation Love Ministries

Anderson Impact Center

- Bovs and Girls Club of Muncie
- Huffer Memorial Children's Center
- Motivate our Minds
- Muncie BY5

EcoRehab

Grace Horizon

- Precious Hearts **Development Center**
- Randolph County YMCA
- Ross Community Center South Meridian Church

PathStone Corporation

YWCA of Central Indiana

Project Leadership

• The Journey Home

United Day Care Center

emergency food and shelter, and vital services. Muncie Mission

27 organizations supporting affordable housing,

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

- 8Twelve Coalition
- A Better Way
- Alternatives
- Anderson Housing Authority
- Christian Ministries
- Delaware County CASA
- Fayette County **Community Voices**
- Firefly
- Habitat Madison County
- Home Savers
- House of Ruth
- Little Red Door
- Madison County CASA
- · Meals on Wheels
- Second Harvest St. Vincent de Paul

Salvation Army of

Madison County

Muncie OUTreach

Recovery Café Muncie

Negasi Gardens

Open Door

Outfitters

- The Gathering of the Oueens
- The Shelter
- Urban Light
- Whitely Community

Council

EQUITY ADVANCEMENT FUND (1ST QUARTER AWARDS)

9 organizations providing job training, financial literacy, and career

5 organizations promoting community inclusivity and equity

- Anderson Education Foundation
- · Brothers 2 Brothers
- InerG Impact
- Lightkeepers of Henry County
- Madison County SURE

Imagine a single mother working two jobs to support her two children. Despite her relentless efforts, she struggles to make ends meet, balancing rent, childcare, and food costs while constantly worrying about unexpected expenses.

This family lives below the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) threshold, meaning they earn more than the Federal Poverty Level but not enough to afford the basics for survival.

According to the most recent ALICE report, families like this one—particularly single-parent households—are increasingly common across the counties served by Heart of Indiana United Way.

Data reveals the following are living at or below the ALICE threshold.

Delaware County:

44% of households

Madison County:

41% of households

Henry County:

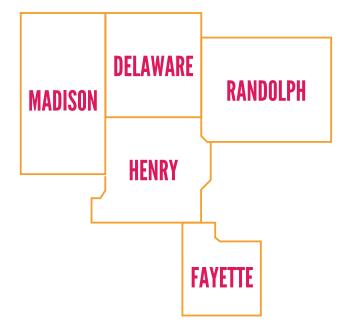
45% of households

Randolph County:

41% of households

Fayette County:

44% of households.



Single-parent families, especially those led by women, are among the most vulnerable, facing the dual challenge of earning a living and managing household responsibilities without sufficient support. These statistics highlight the urgent need for financial stability programs, as many families in our community face difficult financial challenges, making it hard to build a secure future.

To address these challenges, Heart of Indiana United Way has prioritized helping ALICE families through the THRIVE Network. This initiative is designed to support long-term financial stability by offering programs that focus on financial literacy, homeownership, asset-building, and employment readiness. By empowering families with the tools they need to achieve economic independence, the THRIVE Network is essential in helping ALICE families, especially single mothers, move toward financial security.

Through the THRIVE Network, Heart of Indiana United Way is making a meaningful impact, helping ALICE families build more secure and prosperous futures. By focusing on financial stability and asset-building, we are creating a community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

The Impact of the THRIVE Network

48%

of THRIVE participants working on employment improved their employment **55%**

of THRIVE participants working on lowering expenses, decreased expenses 39%

Indiana United Ways. "ALICE in Indiana: A Financial

Hardship Study." ALICE Report for Indiana, 2023,

of THRIVE participants working on improving income, succeeded in their effort







TALKING IS TEACHING.

Last year, Heart of Indiana United Way proudly launched "Talking is Teaching," an initiative designed to enhance early childhood literacy and engagement in Randolph County. This innovative program aims to ensure that all children in our community have the resources and support they need to thrive academically and personally.

The Power of Conversation

Talking is Teaching encourages parents and caregivers to engage in meaningful conversations with their young children, using everyday moments to build language skills and cognitive development. Research shows that regular, quality interactions between adults and children significantly boost language acquisition, which is crucial for later success in school and life. By providing families with simple, actionable tips and resources, we empower them to transform routine activities into powerful learning experiences.

Impact and Reach in Randolph County

Since its launch in Randolph County, Talking is Teaching has reached numerous families, distributing educational materials, hosting community events, and partnering with local organizations to amplify the program's impact. Families have reported increased confidence in their ability to support their children's learning, and children have shown improvements in their language and literacy skills.

Supporting Through Volunteerism: Student Service Days

A key highlight of this year's launch was the Talking is Teaching Student Service Days in May and June where students from local schools participated in various projects to enhance community spaces. Volunteers painted sensory paths and interactive murals, created "Tale Trails," and



collaborated with local businesses to foster literacy-rich environments. This event not only beautified community spaces but also engaged students in meaningful service, fostering teamwork and community spirit.

Expanding Our Efforts

Building on the success of the initial launch, Heart of Indiana United Way is excited to announce the upcoming expansion of Talking is Teaching to our other counties in the coming year. This expansion will include:

- New Partnerships: Collaborating with additional community organizations to reach more families across all our counties.
- **Enhanced Resources:** Providing more comprehensive educational materials and support tools to families.
- <u>Increased Outreach:</u> Hosting more community events and workshops to engage with families directly.
- <u>Digital Engagement:</u> Expanding our online presence to offer digital resources and interactive content for families.



Talking is Teaching is a vital component of our broader Read & Achieve initiative, which encompasses several programs dedicated to promoting literacy and educational success from an early age. These efforts include:

- **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library:**Free books for children from birth to age five.
- Summer Book Giveaway:
 Keeping children engaged in reading during the summer.
- Partnerships with Local Schools: Supporting literacy programs and initiatives.
- Delaware County CAN: Collaborative efforts to improve educational outcomes.
- Funded Read & Achieve Partners: Advancing literacy and education through community support.

Looking Ahead

As we expand Talking is Teaching beyond Randolph County, Heart of Indiana United Way remains committed to fostering an environment where all children have the opportunity to succeed. We invite you to join us in this effort, whether by participating in our programs, volunteering, or supporting our initiatives through donations.

Together, we can ensure that every child in our community is equipped with the skills and confidence they need to thrive from the playground to the classroom and beyond.



Ashley Breedlove and C.S. Hendershot from Heart of Indiana United Way shared about Talking is Teaching at a Winchester Community event.



Supporting Tornado Relief Efforts in Selma & Winchester

This past year, Heart of Indiana United Way has been at the forefront of tornado relief efforts for the communities of Selma and Winchester following a devastating tornado. To support recovery, we established a coordinated recovery donation fund, ensuring that 100% of all donations directly aid local relief efforts. Donors were given the option to designate their contributions to either community or split their donations between both

Community and Corporate Support

The response from the community and local businesses was overwhelming. Notably, the CenterPoint Energy Foundation provided a generous \$25,000 grant to bolster relief efforts. Additionally, Texas Roadhouse hosted three Dine to Donate days, further boosting support. Several local businesses and individuals also contributed, bringing the total donations to nearly \$50,000. These funds are being distributed to the long-term recovery committees in each community, which are composed of local town officials dedicated to the ongoing recovery process.

Long-Term Recovery and Management

In addition to financial support, Heart of Indiana United Way secured a grant from Indiana United Ways to hire project managers for both Selma and Winchester. These managers are pivotal in coordinating recovery efforts, working closely with those impacted by the tornadoes. Our team is also actively involved in the recovery committees, providing essential guidance and support to ensure effective and efficient use of resources.





Ongoing Commitment

The outpouring of support exemplifies the strength and resilience of our communities. Heart of Indiana United Way remains committed to aiding Selma and Winchester through their recovery journey. We are grateful for the generosity shown by our partners and donors, whose contributions are making a tangible difference in rebuilding and restoring these communities.



The Big Leap was a dynamic social fundraising campaign aimed at helping kids, adults, and families take significant leaps toward better lives. This Leap Year campaign focused on supporting children's education and reading skills, while also assisting adults and families in achieving financial stability. Many staff, board, and community members participated by posting their own big leaps and encouraging others to donate.

Charlotte's Web Community Reading Project

The *Charlotte's Web* Community Read was about the heartwarming power of enjoying a story together--as a community. With support from Northwest Bank and Altrusa Foundation, and in collaboration with Muncie Civic, every third and fourth grader in Muncie Community Schools received a free copy of *Charlotte's Web*. The initiative also included free matinee performances of the play, book clubs, and themed activities, bringing the beloved story to life and fostering a love of reading among children and families.



new events and connections

Women United - Haunting for Hope

Our Women United group introduced the Haunting for Hope project, blending fun and philanthropy. Throughout October, the community was invited to host donation boxes or make contributions to provide personal care and cleaning supplies. These essential items were packed into 60 holiday baskets and distributed in November to families in need, including those in our THRIVE Network, local schools, preschools, and other locations. The effort culminated in Holiday Trivia nights, where volunteers assembled the baskets, showcasing the community's generosity and compassion.



Henry County Resource Fair

The inaugural Henry County Resource Fair connected community members with essential services and resources. This event, sponsored by Duke Energy, brought together various local service providers, offering valuable information and support related to health, education, and financial stability.





HEART OF INDIANA UNITED WAY FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Independent Auditor's Report prepared by Whitinger & Company, Certified Public Accountants.

CURRENT ASSETS	June 30, 2023	2023
Cash and cash equivalents		\$892,558
Pledges receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible pledges of \$354,600		424,471
Spendable balance of beneficial interest receivable Due from U.S. Treasury, federal employee retention credit	•••••	22 000
Accrued interest		215
Accrued interestPrepaid expense		26,513
Total Current Assets		. \$1,400,861
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Operating lease right-of-use assets, net of amortization		\$79,860
Land and improvements		23,493
Building and improvements		117,287 57.73 <i>4</i>
Less accumulated depreciation		(72,035)
Total Property and Equipment, Net		,
OTHER ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents, held for long-term purposes		\$205,995
Deposits		200
Investments Beneficial interest in assets held by foundations		2,615,684
Total Other Assets		
Total Assets		
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CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable		\$7.103
Operating lease liabilities, current portion		36.512
Allocations payable		1,076,450
Designations payableAccrued wages and payroll liabilities	•••••	247,132 21,385
Accrued vacation		35,796
Accrued expenses		36,802
Total Current Liabilities		\$1,461,180
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Operating lease liabilities Less current portion		\$80,573
Less current portion		(36,512)
Total Long Term Liabilities		\$44,061
Total Liabilities		
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NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions		01 E74 466
Undesignated Designated by board for quasi-endowment		950,000
With donor restrictions		
Subject to purpose and time restrictions Perpetual in nature		\$399,372
Perpetual in nature		911,563
Total Net Assets		
Total Liabilities and Net Assets		\$5,340,642

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We wish to thank and acknowledge all our donors for your generous support. If you are a leadership donor and we have omitted your name, or made an error with how it is printed, please contact us our office at 765-288-5586 so that we can correct our error in future publications.

Tocqueville Society

The Tocqueville Society recognizes local philanthropic leaders and volunteers that give \$10,000 or more who have devoted their time, talent, and funds to create long-lasting community changes

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