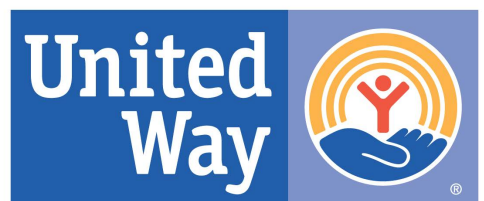


2022 ANNUAL REPORT



LASTING LEGACY



**United Way
of Miami County**

FOREWARD

Dear Friends,

Since serving as the board president, I have embraced its mission and have been lucky enough to have created relationships with truly amazing people who have a desire and passion for bringing diverse individuals together to collectively address the issues that face our communities. Our United Way has served Miami County for over 65 years, and I am confident that we will continue to bring life to our mission for many more.

United Way's mission calls for "bonding people and resources together to build a stronger and healthier community." As we reflect upon the past year, I am reminded that our United Way was instrumental in mobilizing hundreds of community members to help those in need. This assistance was made possible through united efforts to fight hunger and ensure that our most vulnerable were cared for. Our community came together to form a robust coalition united in the effort to reduce food disparities.

Whether I'm working with our United Way staff, board members, and campaign cabinet, or engaging with community leaders across all industries, I know next year will be an impactful year. I am confident that United Way of Miami County will continue to "fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person of our community." I'm calling on you, with shared love of our community, to roll-up your sleeves and make this next year one that we can all be proud of.

Margen Gold

Board President, United Way of Miami County, Inc.



FEATURED IMPACT PROGRAMS

FOOD INSECURITY

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**WEEKEND
MEAL DEAL
BUDDY BAGS**

3,737

**Nutritious meals
distributed to 101
children**



"The Weekend Meal Deal Buddy Bag program has helped me as a single parent of two children. I work part-time and attend school to improve my career so that my children can have a better life. Thank you!"

~ Buddy Bag Program Recipient

*Fighting Hunger with
Weekend Meal Deal Buddy
Bags 37 Weeks a Year*



Sherry Burns
Miami Co. Extension Homemakers

FOOD INSECURITY

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MOBILE FOOD DRIVES

143,399

pounds of food
distributed to 9,142
individuals

3,642 Adults

2,728 Children

2,241 Seniors

531 Veterans

Howard started coming to the Food Finders Food Bank mobile food drives in the beginning of January. He had experienced a job loss and with no food, panic started to settle in until he heard about the program through United Way.

"Such a blessing that an organization can give a family so much food. I don't know what we would have done if United Way didn't provide monthly food drives. We were out of everything when I went, and suddenly, we had food; it was such a relief!"

~ Howard S, Mobile Food Drive Recipient



Marvin Reed
Community Church, Mexico, IN

HOMELESSNESS

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105

individuals experiencing homelessness
connected with local resources

"I started my life over the day the United Way volunteers reached out to me, providing resources and shelter. I am grateful for the opportunity someday soon to give back. I wouldn't be here today without their help, and I have never forgotten it."

~ Zach P, Program Recipient

SURVIVAL
BAGS

60

individuals received
Survival Backpacks

"Homelessness is a state, not a trait. Homelessness is not static and can come and go. So it's important to ask about where a person is, in that moment."

~ Dr. Kertesz



Individuals experiencing homelessness
live along the river, Hwy 124, east of
Wayne Street bridge

EDUCATION

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"My boys LOVE receiving Dolly Parton's Imagination Library books every month. The books are great resources for coping with big feelings, sharing, counting, etc. When purchasing books, all the subjects I look for are delivered right to our house, with their names on the books! We are so thankful that United Way of Miami County supports this program!"

~ Brindle Family, Program Recipient



KINDERGARTEN READINESS

5,620

Imagination Library
books distributed
to 456 children
birth to age 5

Reading inspires us to dream.



Twin Brindle boys learning to share stories from
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library books

HEALTH & SAFETY

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Safe collection of needles from injected medications and other drugs

United Way partners with ShipHappens and the Peru Police Department to educate our community about safe disposal of sharps used in administration of medications (such as insulin) and other drugs.

Because of your support, we have:

- Decreased improper disposal of sharps by 50%
- Decreased accidental needle pricks and eliminated OSHA-reported pricks among police and other local personnel
- Decreased stigma associated with syringe use

Reduction in opioid overdoses

In 2022, United Way of Miami County and ShipHappens distributed 529 Naloxone kits to residents living in Miami County. These kits help reverse the acute effects of opioid overdose, which are life threatening. Local residents reported that 97 lives were saved as a result of kit distribution.

Opioids include heroin, morphine, codeine, percocet, methadone, fentanyl, and carfentanil. If you suspect someone is experiencing a drug overdose, call 911 and administer Naloxone, even if the drug consumed is unknown.

COLLECTIVE IMPACT

2,225

pounds of sharps collected via
Prevent Pricks drop off sites
since 2020

529

Naloxone kits distributed

97

lives saved from opioid
overdose



YEAR IN REVIEW

Our Community Impact Committee oversees and implements the fund distribution process, ensuring that United Way of Miami County and its community impact partners direct their resources toward the community's greatest needs and are accountable to one another. The Committee reviews all funding requests, assesses program results, and ensures that all programs funded fall within our United Way's strategic priorities.

Basic Needs Supports

- *American Red Cross*: emergency assistance (disasters, military/veterans)
- *Salvation Army*: emergency assistance (rent, utilities)
- *YMCA Transit*: safe, affordable, dependable transportation within Miami County

Food Disparity Initiatives

- *Weekend Meal Deal*: Buddy Bags (addressing food insecurity for 4-6 year olds)
- *Food Finders Food Bank*: mobile food drives

Kindergarten Readiness Initiatives

- *Dolly Parton's Imagination Library* (bonding through reading birth to age 5)

College and Career Readiness Support

- Scholarships to graduating seniors

Community Impact Committee Members

- Warren Johnson
- Pastor Bill Sheets
- James Smith



United Way of Miami County volunteers distribute food to those in need at Bunker Hill Free Will Baptist Church. Food provided by Food Finders Food Bank.

Housing and Homelessness Initiatives

- Survival Backpacks and resource referrals for those experiencing homelessness
- PLARN mats for individuals sleeping on the ground
- *Family Service Association of Howard County*: 45-Day Crisis Shelter and Rapid Rehousing for individuals escaping domestic violence

Health and Safety Initiatives

- *Area Five on Aging*: access to healthcare insurance through the Covering Kids and Families program, including application assistance and outreach
- *ShipHappens*: Prevent Pricks sharps drop off kiosks, community education and prevention of opioid overdose via distribution of Naloxone kits, other prevention

Mental Health Initiatives

- *Family Service Association of Howard County*: counseling, support groups, and case management for individuals escaping or surviving domestic violence
- *Mental Health America*: mental health support groups, behavioral health navigators, crisis hot-lines (text, call center), crisis training for first responders, workplace culture and mental health training
- *Miami County YMCA*: resiliency-building programs and services

COMMUNITY IMPACT

COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND



The United Way of Miami County values transparency in our financial records, and we continue to be favorably audited each year. The United Way of Miami County Finance Committee monitors and ensures compliance with United Way Standards of Excellence and other current nonprofit standards.

\$69,562

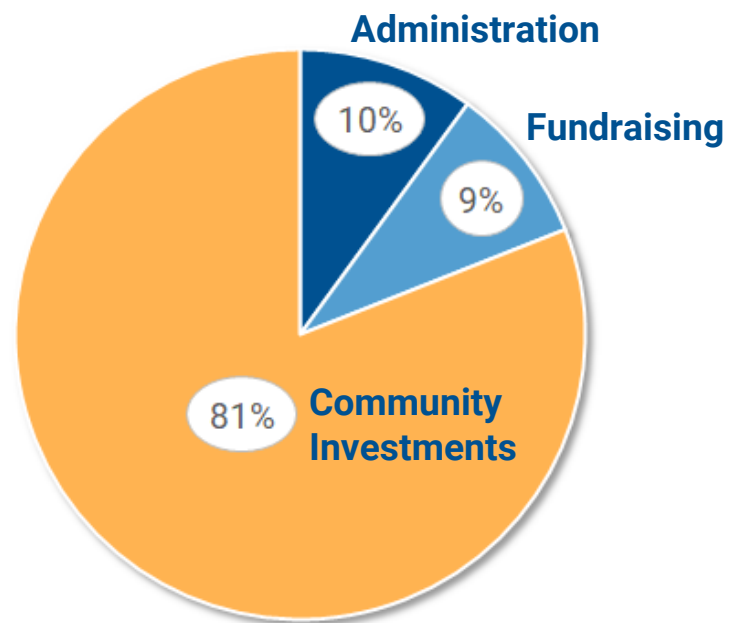
**Awarded
Grants**

\$270,377

**Total Community
Support**

Agencies Receiving Funds in 2022

- American Red Cross
- Area Five on Aging
- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
- Family Service Association of Howard County
- Mental Health America
- Miami County YMCA
- ShipHappens
- Salvation Army
- Weekend Meal Deal
- Y Transit



CAMPAIGN

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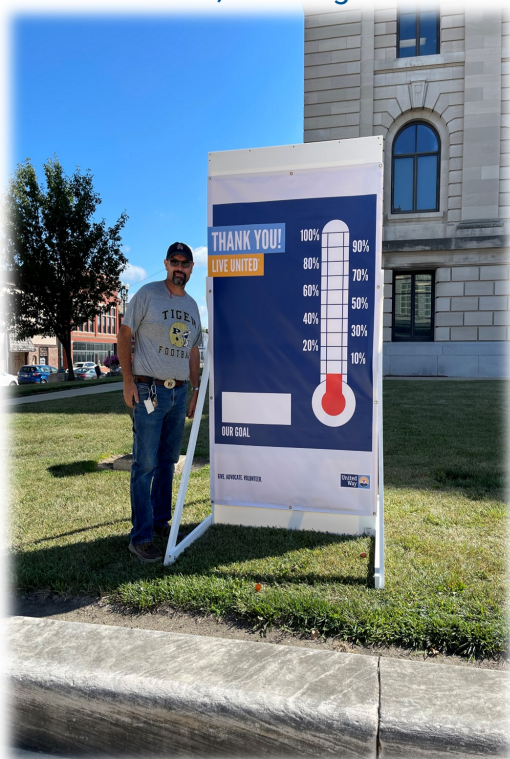
\$182,208

**Campaign
Donations**

Abundant Life Church
Beacon Credit Union
Bryan Boilers/Bryan Steam
Comerford & Company
Crossroads Bank
First Bank of Berne
First Farmers Bank & Trust
First Merchants Bank
Johnson Junction JJ's
JP McClure Enterprise
Maconaquah School Corporation

Main Street United Methodist Church
Mexico Baptist Church/Community
Church of Mexico, IN
Midland Lumber Company
Morris Farms
Norris Insurance - Amboy
North Miami School Corporation
Paul-Richard GM Center
Peru Community Schools
Progress Rail Services
Shoshone Trucking, LLC
Wabash Valley Abstract

Rob Hileman, Peru High School



Shelley Sheneman, Campaign Chair



Because of you, United Way of Miami County reached its fundraising goal for Annual Campaign 2022. Thank you!

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- Debi Wallick

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Celebrating 65 Years:
Lasting Legacy
Sapphire Gala



COMMUNITY EVENTS

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In 2022, United Way of Miami County celebrated 65 years of community impact! Together we respect, value, and celebrate the unique attributes and perspectives that make each person who they are. We also believe that bringing diverse individuals together allows us to collectively and more effectively address the issues that face our communities.

February 25-April 30

April 7

July 21

August 6

August 20

September 22

October 22

November 29

December 12

December 13

December 14

65 Days of Caring

PLARN Workshops

Inter-Agency Expo

Lasting Legacy Sapphire Gala

Splish Splash Ducky Race & Festival

Senior Expo

Make a Difference Day

Giving Tuesday

Denim Week

Wings, Etc. Fundraiser

Dairy Queen Fundraiser



PLARN Workshop



Senior Expo

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United Way Campaign Kick Off: Splish Splash Ducky Race & Festival

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