

4,694 students participated in out-of-school activities & programs.



5,074 adults & children received needed mental health services & substance use disorder treatment.



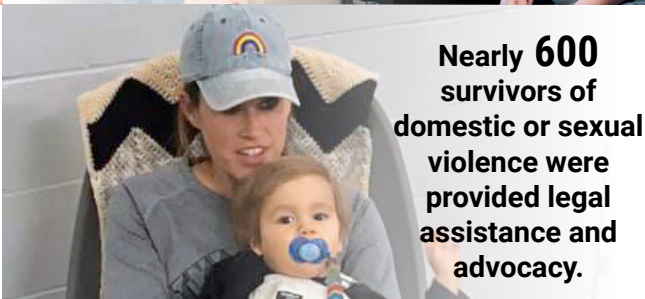
153 adults with developmental disabilities found meaningful work through sheltered & supported employment.



320 youth were impacted by a positive adult mentor.



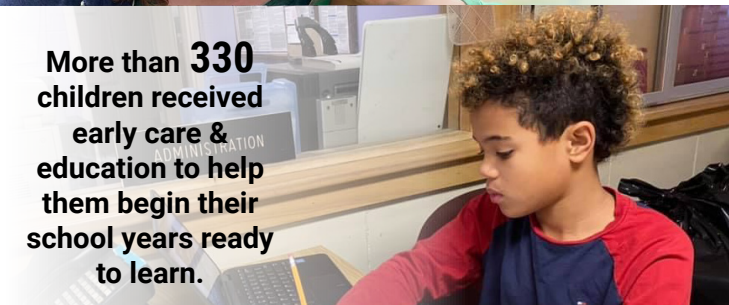
Nearly 600 survivors of domestic or sexual violence were provided legal assistance and advocacy.



More than 5,000 individuals & senior citizens in need of assistance received food.



More than 330 children received early care & education to help them begin their school years ready to learn.



113 children with a disability or special need received services that helped them work toward important developmental milestones.



More than 100 pregnant & parenting teens & adults were engaged in programs & services to help them & their young children with supports and stability.



Kim's Story

"To be a part of a child reaching a developmental goal and share that excitement with their families is the best feeling!" This was a quote on Kim's 2018 scholarship application. Kim had been working in the UCP of Northwest Missouri Children's Program when she decided she wanted to further her education to better serve the children in her care. With the help of a United Way Success By 6® scholarship, she was able to go back to school and pursue a degree in education with an emphasis on special education. Her career goal was to be promoted to UCP's special education teacher, but instead she was promoted to Children's Program Director and continues to positively impact children and families in her leadership role.



Lou's Story

Before Lou was born, a routine ultrasound revealed that his heart was not healthy. His parents, Joe and Annie, went to Children's Mercy for a fetal echocardiogram, which led to the discovery of several congenital heart defects. They transferred prenatal care to Children's Mercy, and made plans to deliver in August 2016. At five days old, Lou's multiple heart defects were repaired during an 8-hour open heart surgery. After five weeks in the hospital, baby Lou learned how to eat and breathe on his own. Today, Lou sees his cardiologist twice per year and his heart is strong. He says he wants to be a scientist when he grows up.



Shelly's Story

"Shelly's" addiction had taken over her life and left her sleeping outside, eating lunch every day at the Open Door Food Kitchen and caused her to lose custody of her son. She reunited with her son and they both lived in The Salvation Army Booth Center Shelter for Families. Shelly stayed connected to Family Guidance Center for support with her addictions, as well as her mental health and they developed a treatment plan. The Salvation Army staff partnered with Families in Transition through the St. Joseph School District to make sure her son had activity passes so he could get involved in his school and make friends. Because of the support she's received, Shelly is on a path to recovery, is employed part-time and her son is doing well in school.



Why United Way

- ◆ One gift supports many agencies, dozens of programs and thousands of individuals.
- ◆ Community members guide how donor dollars are distributed.
- ◆ United Way makes it easy for you to care for our community and the people who live here.
- ◆ United Way collaborates with businesses, individuals, nonprofits and many others to meet emerging and unmet community needs.
- ◆ United Way works with agencies to minimize the duplication of services and maximize the help available.
- ◆ Donations are used to improve lives in OUR community.
- ◆ Agencies receiving money from United Way are held responsible for meeting community needs and demonstrating how funds are spent.
- ◆ United Way responds when the unexpected occurs.
- ◆ With every life improved, our community gets stronger.
- ◆ It may feel like it's hard to make a difference alone, but when your gift is combined with thousands of other United Way donors you make a huge impact!

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The inside of this brochure offers a glimpse at some of the ways lives are improved when you give.

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