

# Why United Way?

You can join thousands of individuals and hundreds of businesses as we work together to make our community a better place by meeting immediate needs and addressing the underlying causes.

**JOIN UNITED WAY AND GIVE TODAY!**

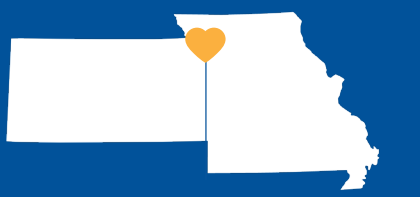
**#TheWAYBeginsWithYOU**



- 1 gift supports many agencies, dozens of programs and thousands of individuals.
- United Way works with agencies to coordinate services in order to maximize the help available.
- Community members guide how donor dollars are invested in local agencies that are held responsible for meeting community needs and demonstrating how funds are spent.
- United Way helps fill gaps in services and responds when the unexpected occurs.

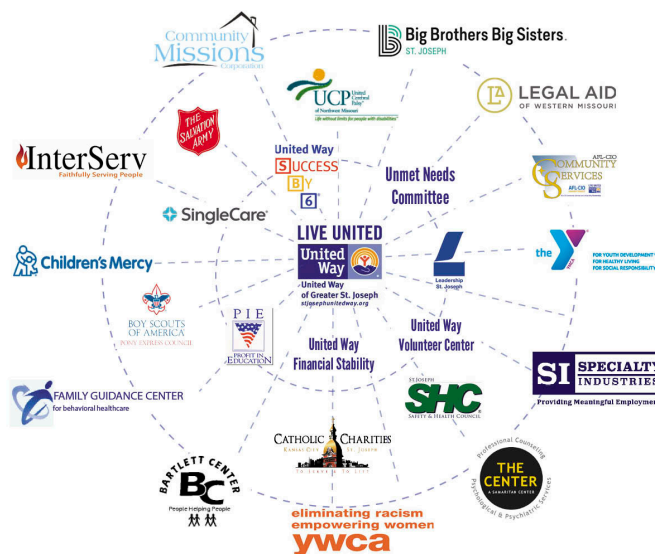
## The WAY to improve lives Begins with YOU.

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Brendon & Michelle Clark  
2023 United Way Campaign Co-Chairs

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Giving to United Way of Greater St. Joseph creates paths of opportunity and hope for our neighbors, right here in the community we call home. The WAY to improve lives begins with **YOU**.

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We hope you will join us in giving to United Way.

## The WAY Begins with YOU.

If he hurts me again, I swear I will leave. But I don't even know how I would do that, especially now that we have a baby on the way. Can I do it on my own? I don't know anything about taking care of a baby and diapers are so expensive. How do I make sure my baby has everything they need and doesn't get hurt? It's all so overwhelming, and I feel so alone.

My mom is slowing down and I worry about her living alone. I check in on her as much as I can, but I still worry that she's not getting everything she needs. Between work and taking care of the kids I can't be there as much as I'd like. Being a stay-at-home parent and caregiver for my mom has never really been an option for me – I need to provide for my family. Every day I worry 'Am I doing enough?'. Rosie goes to daycare and we read and play at night, but is she getting what she needs to be ready for kindergarten? Oliver is a good kid and a good student, but I wish he had another adult he could depend on.

Things have been hard for our little Kenzie since the day she was born, 8 weeks early. Even though she's not our first child, her needs are so different from the older children, and we don't know where to start. All of this is new to us and no one prepares you for a child with special needs. She deserves all of the same opportunities and experiences as other children, but we wonder what the future holds for her and how we can help her reach her full potential.

Some of the ways **YOU** improved lives in the last year.



**311** women and their children who were survivors of domestic or sexual violence received emergency shelter.

**More than 600** survivors of domestic violence were provided legal assistance and advocacy.

**142** pregnant and parenting teens and adults were engaged in programs to help their children thrive.

**5,011** adults and children received needed mental health services.



**455** senior adults received nutritious meals to help maintain health.

**192** seniors and individuals with disabilities were able to remain safely in their home with supportive services.

**632** households received assistance with rent, mortgage, utilities or transportation to attain or maintain stable housing.

**349** children received early care and education to help them begin their school years ready to learn.

**4,535** youth participated in out-of-school time activities and programs.

**370** youth were impacted by a positive adult mentor.



**4,320** children received specialized pediatric care.

**167** children with a disability or special need and their families received services that helped the children work toward important developmental milestones.

**59** families borrowed therapeutic items to assist their children in reaching their potential.

**292** adults with disabilities held jobs through sheltered and supported employment.

Individuals often connect with more than one service or program to meet their unique and complex needs. Agencies work together to coordinate support and minimize duplication of services.

