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2015-2016

Community Report

An annual report to the community highlighting what we have accomplished together—UNITED.

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LIVE UNITED



A Message

This community report is for you because it is your support that makes our programs possible. Every story you read, every number we share, every picture that makes you smile- they're all because caring people like you have made the decision to support our United Way.

United Way has been working to improve lives in Jennings County since 1963. Our United Way has evolved from a conduit for funds into an active organization dedicated to making an impact that lasts.

Our United Way focuses on the building blocks for a good quality of life, education, Financial Stability, health, and crisis services. A volunteer-driven organization, our United Way partners with hundreds of volunteers and dozens of local organizations to provide human service programs and annually serves over 20,000 Jennings County residents.

2015 brought exciting changes, including for the first time ever two annual Days of Caring, with an outpouring of support from our local community. The fall Day of Caring launched our United Way campaign. We plan to have spring and fall Days of Caring in the future, I am blessed to know, and forever grateful for, the hundreds of people who step up year after year to **LIVE UNITED** in our community.

Thank you for volunteering your time and dedicating your financial resources. Because of you, lives are changing, families are succeeding and our community is moving forward.



Cheri Massey, Executive Director

Our Mission

“To provide vision and leadership in the community’s pursuit of a rich and full quality of life for all people in Jennings County.”

Financial Summary

As of December 31, 2015. Complete, audited financial reports & IRS 990s available online at jcunitedway.com and Guidestar.org.

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash	119,473	Designations Payable	22,062
Prepaid Expenses	5,717	Accounts Payable	3,453
Endowment (fair market)	23,837	Mortgage Note	112,852
Property and Equipment	12,037	Accrued Expenses	3,048
Accum Depreciation	(9,979)	Total Liabilities \$141,415	
Building & Land	150,011	Fund	
Pledges Receivable	84,335	Net Assets-Unrestricted	116,755
Allowance Uncollectible	(7,225)	Net Assets-Temp Restr.	112,734
Total Assets \$378,205		Net Assets-Perm Restr.	23,837
		Change in Net Assets	(16,535)
		Total Fund 236,791	
		Total Liabilities & Fund bal. \$378,205	

Funds Deployed

2015 Agency Program Grants		United Way Programs	
Advocates for Children	9,400	Bridges Out of Poverty	149
Big Brothers Big Sisters	7,000	Getting Ahead	5341
Family Connections	2,000	Financial Peace University	1168
Foster Grandparent Program	2,000	Assist. Network CharityTracker	2150
Good Samaritan Food Pantry	4,700	Day of Caring	2,858
Our Hospice of Jennings County	7,520	Designations	19,134
Jennings Co. Domestic Violence	15,980	Dollars for Scholars	2,975
Jennings County Swim Club	4,230	Student Lunch & Learns	201
Legal Aid District Eleven	4,230	Youth Leadership Philanthropy	1850
Scipio Athletic	2,000	Disaster Relief	4936
Senior Resources	3,500	4C2 Grant	955
House of Hope, Inc.	9,400	W2G Grant	514
United Way 211	2,000	Other	40
Temporary Shelter Vouchers	1,000		\$42,271
	<u>\$74,960</u>	2014 Agency grants paid	\$19,250

Total Deployed: \$136,481

2015 Board of Directors

Dan Wright, President
Connie Rayburn, Secretary
Angie Donnell
Rita Hurley
Carl Risk
Makinsey Yonts

Beth Burnett, Vice President
Steve Sollman, Treasurer
Linda Erler
Bryce Mayer
Kendall Wildey
Reina Puckett

Beyond the Dollars

A significant portion of the time and resources of our United Way is devoted to managing programs & grants to improve the quality of life in our community, while maintaining an admin percentage of just 12%, which includes the cost of raising funds to support dozens of programs.

850 people volunteered 6670 hours in 2015, valued at \$150,347 and United Way received over \$10,000 in Gifts in Kind of goods & services.

United Way offers training and support to local agencies to promote standards and excellence in governance, programs and accountability.

“HIV 101” training— The HIV epidemic in Scott County is cause for concern in Jennings County. United Way convened HIV training presented by MATEC. at no cost to participants. Indiana University Health awarded 3.1 hours of Continuing Ed credits to 45 attendees.

United Way administers the Jennings County Emergency Food & Shelter Program, a federal award that helps local agencies to meet needs.

“Incredible Years” Parenting classes are held in the United Way building.

Commitment to Transparency



Complete, audited financial reports & IRS 990s are available online at jcnitedway.com and Guidestar.org. GuideStar Gold level demonstrates our deep commitment to nonprofit transparency and accountability. We have worked hard to showcase our progress toward our mission, and our long-held belief in being transparent about our work, to our constituents.

Volunteer Company of the Year

Each year United Way selects a volunteer of the year. This year, Erler Industries was selected to be Volunteer Company of the year

Erler's supports United Way programs with enthusiasm, energy and manpower. The company often supports these efforts by allowing employees to volunteer on company time. They have completed dozens of Day of Caring projects as well as directly supporting United Way. Erler's even painted the whole interior of the United Way building when we moved to our State Street location in 2015. Linda Erler serves on the United Way board of Directors.

Erler Industries is only the second Company ever selected as volunteer of the year. Lowes received the honor in 2004-2005.



Jason Sanders and Mike Estes, of Erler Industries, accept the Volunteer Company of the Year Award from Sarah Nahmias, Indiana Association of United Way's Board Chair, at the awards banquet in Indianapolis.

Jennings County Youth Leadership

We are bringing together whole new generations of young leaders in our community who possess the desire to Give, Advocate and Volunteer.

JCYL provides opportunities and experiences to strengthen the leadership skills in high school students. During 2015, 37 Jennings County students participated in off campus classes and learning experiences once a month, each focusing on different aspects of leadership.

2014-2015 JCYL class participants included—Allie Clark, Kaitie Davidson, Langdon Feltner, Mikayla George, Anna Goff, Carley Hauk, Jeremy Hubbard, Anna McDonald, Evelyn McGuire, Jalea Millon, Austin Mills, Cameron Mills, Ryan Nickolette, Reina Puckett, Eleanor Vawter, Sarah Webster, Payton Williams, and Allison Wilson

2015-16 JCYL class participants included— Savannah Barrett, Cody Cox, Rebecca Driver, Danielle Green, Rachel Green, Jonathan Kipper, Lexi Kipper, Charley Laman, Caroline McDonald, Jeremiah McNicholas, Jake Olson, Daniel Redmond, Duncan Rowda, Clarissa Sharp, Kiya Simpson, Hannah Sporeleder, Alyssa Wells, and student leaders Reina Puckett and Makinsey Yonts.

Days of Caring

"When you reach out a hand to one, you improve the condition of all." Day of Caring exemplifies this motto with a very hands on volunteer experience that improves lives, brings people together and changes hearts.

In 2015, in addition to the 14th annual spring Day of Caring, United Way added a fall Day of Caring. The fall event kicked off the annual United Way campaign. Days of Caring will be a tradition moving forward.

"This communitywide effort is so good for Jennings County," Day of Caring Chair Kelly Sabelhaus said. "By joining hands to work together to help one another in such a tangible way, the volunteers take the United Way motto, 'Live United,' to heart. It gives you a good feeling to do something for others, too. And all this energy benefits our community and the lives of our neighbors," he added.

Around 550 volunteers completed a total of 90 projects in 2015.

Bridges Out of Poverty

This work is about connectedness and relationships; it's about all of us. Poverty creates unique and often hidden obstacles that require specific strategies to overcome. Bridges offers a common language of understanding, both for people living in poverty and for those who work with them—the two target populations of the Bridges initiative.

763 participants have attended Bridges Out of Poverty workshops. The next workshops are October 18-19, 2016.

Getting Ahead

Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World is a program that helps individuals in poverty build their resources for a more prosperous life for themselves, their families, and ultimately our community.

To date, 52 people have participated in this 16 week, 45 hour workshop.

Jennings County Assistance Network

United Way provides CharityTracker Plus to connect local nonprofits and churches to better assist those in need by sharing client and assistance information and eliminating redundancy. This network provides shared client data, a common bulletin board, a directory of agencies, referrals between agencies and an outcomes module to track impact. To date, 9,121 people have been served through 15,357 acts of kindness totaling \$1,1015,044 in assistance.

United Way Dollars for Scholars

We made it a little easier for 7 graduates to afford college. Since this scholarship program started in 1964, a total of \$179,165 has been awarded to 850 Jennings County students. These students received \$425 Scholarships in 2015:

Ashton Burnett
Cassie Leach
Peyton Gerkin

Madisyn Harsh
Whitney Eder

Annie Collett
Elizabeth Skelton