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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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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