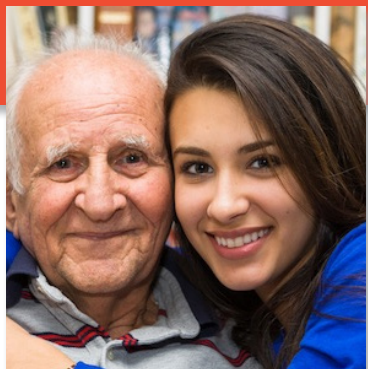




United Way of
Benton & Franklin Counties

REPORT to the COMMUNITY 2017



COMMUNITY CHALLENGES

- ▶ **8 in 10** students don't meet 11th grade math standards
- ▶ **1 in 10** people face chronic hunger
- ▶ **28%** of adults don't have a healthcare provider
- ▶ **1 in 40** students are homeless
- ▶ **21%** of children live in poverty
- ▶ **19%** of people face severe housing problems

WHAT WE DO

EDUCATION

Helping kids succeed by educating parents, preparing children for kindergarten, and increasing high school graduation rates.

447 new parents learned how to get their children ready for kindergarten.

150 middle school students received weekend food. Hunger affects student behavior, performance, and attendance.

HEALTH

Increasing access to physical and mental health care, and supporting our vulnerable populations.

1,631 uninsured people received medical, dental, and mental health services.

425 disabled individuals' quality of life was improved through therapeutic recreational services.

FINANCIAL STABILITY

Providing support and training that leads people toward financial stability.

1,322 kids were enrolled in before- and after-school programs so their parents could work.

896 homebound seniors were provided with healthy, home-delivered meals.

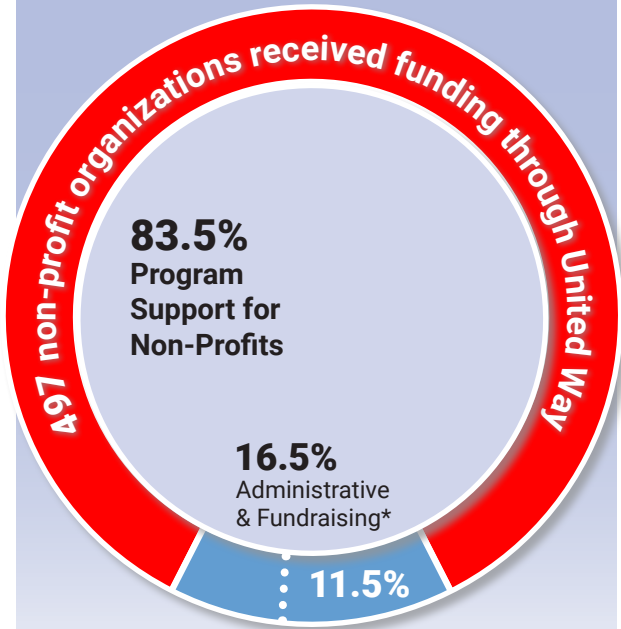
United Way improves lives throughout our community. Our goal is that everyone in Benton and Franklin Counties has a good education; access to healthcare; lives and works in a safe environment; and is a self-sufficient, active member of our community.

Generous donors supported 52 PROGRAMS through 22 LOCAL AGENCIES

- ▶ Adult Day Services of the Tri-Cities
- ▶ American Red Cross serving Central and Southeastern Washington
- ▶ Benton Franklin Head Start
- ▶ Boy Scouts of America Blue Mountain Council
- ▶ Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton & Franklin Counties
- ▶ Catholic Charities Serving Central Washington
- ▶ Chaplaincy Health Care
- ▶ Children's Developmental Center
- ▶ Columbia Industries
- ▶ Domestic Violence Services
- ▶ Grace Clinic
- ▶ Ignite Youth Mentoring
- ▶ Lourdes Counseling Center
- ▶ Partners for Early Learning
- ▶ People for People
- ▶ River of Life MCC
- ▶ Support Advocacy & Resource Center
- ▶ Second Harvest Inland Northwest
- ▶ Senior Life Resources NW
- ▶ The Arc of Tri-Cities
- ▶ Tri-Cities Food Bank
- ▶ YMCA of the Greater Tri-Cities

YOUR MONEY SUPPORTS

In 2017, with the support and combined effort of hundreds of volunteers, donors, businesses, and organizations, over **\$3.5 million was raised** to support programs that make our community stronger.



*Our overhead rate is only 11.5% thanks to local corporate support - one of the lowest rates among all non-profits in our region.

WHAT'S NEW AT UNITED WAY

Chronic Absenteeism Pilot Project

United Way received a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to launch a pilot project to address chronic absenteeism and to address the barriers to student attendance. It included 50 students in three middle schools – one each in Kennewick, Richland, and Pasco. Two local non-profits provided focused support to increase attendance.

Mid-Cycle Funding

Increased operational efficiencies and a high rate of donor pledge collection allowed United Way to offer an additional \$300,000 in grants to local non-profits for emerging needs and for equipment to build their service capacity.

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