

# 2019 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



United Way of  
Benton & Franklin Counties

## COMMUNITY CHALLENGES



- ▶ **61%** of entering Kindergarteners are **not prepared**
- ▶ **14%** of students are **chronically absent from school**

- ▶ **10%** of students **drop out** in 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- ▶ **33%** of students are overweight or **obese** by 12<sup>th</sup> grade

## UNITED WAY OF BENTON & FRANKLIN COUNTIES

unites community resources to address our community's greatest needs.

We build collaborations with individuals, businesses, and nonprofits to address challenges that no one agency can solve alone to **provide the building blocks of opportunity— education, income and health—** that every person needs to thrive.

Together, we're solving our region's biggest problems and creating lasting change.

## YOUR GIFT AT WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY

**\$1,608,025**

Was distributed to nonprofits including direct grants to support 38 programs to improve the health and safety of local people. The impact of these direct grants includes:

**50,000+** People, including vulnerable seniors and children, received food, shelter, and other basic needs.

**1,500** Children and parents provided with training and support to ensure school readiness, grief support, and peer-to-peer therapeutic activities.

**1,500** Uninsured people received health care services and mental health support.

**1,000** People received job skills training, housing assistance, and training toward independent living.



# GENEROUS DONORS SUPPORTED 38 PROGRAMS THROUGH 22 LOCAL AGENCIES

ALS Association

Benton Franklin Head Start

Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton & Franklin Counties

Catholic Charities of Central Washington

Chaplaincy Health Care

Children's Developmental Center

Columbia Industries

Domestic Violence Services

Edith Bishel Center for the Blind

Family Learning Center

Grace Clinic

Mirror Ministries

Modern Living Services

Partners for Early Learning

River of Life MCC

Second Harvest

Senior Life Resources Northwest

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Support, Advocacy & Resource Center

The Arc of Tri-Cities

Therapeutic Riding of Tri-Cities

YMCA of the Greater Tri-Cities

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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*We provided a couple and three children with food, clothing, and emergency lodging. Later, the mother told us they were now working and the children were able to complete the school year, all thanks to our services. With United Way, we are able to get a family with children into housing the same day they need it, and connect them to other resources.*

*-St. Vincent de Paul*