

2022
ANNUAL
REPORT



United Way of Cass County

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2022 In Review



Alesia Brown
President

It is hard to believe 2022 has already come and gone. So many amazing things happened in our community this year, and I am beyond proud of the role that United Way of Cass County played in so many of them. I'd like to extend a sincere thank you to Chris, Peggy, and Karli, the Board of Directors, our Campaign Cabinet, the Community Investment Committee, and all of our hardworking volunteers for their support and dedication this year.

The work United Way does in our community would not be possible without so many of these people and their commitment behind the scenes. Thank you to the donors who choose to financially support UWCC and help make the positive change happen. I continue to be amazed at the generosity of this community.

I would also like to personally recognize Lloyd R. Knight, this year's campaign chair, for going above and beyond the commitment to this position. Lloyd put his heart into this campaign, and it showed each day that he set out to fulfill the UWCC mission.

I have spent the last 13 years working with UWCC in some capacity, and each year I am filled with the utmost appreciation for all that this great organization is able to achieve. I know without a doubt that the future of Cass County continues to be bright because of the work of UWCC, and I look forward to continuing to be a small part of it for years to come.

Meet Our 2022 Team

Staff



Chris Armstrong,
Executive Director



Peggy Scott,
Director of Reading Railroad
**through August*



Karli Armstrong,
Impact & Marketing Manager

Board of Directors

Alesia Brown
President
Pioneer Elementary

Lloyd Knight
Vice President
A Raymond

Joshua Reeser
Treasurer
Zehner, Maloy & Associates

Nikki Ellington
Secretary
Horizon Bank

Ruth Baker
County Commissioner

Jose Blanco
Northwestern Mutual

Joe Brewer
Kevin J. Crook Agency

Michael Busch
Retired

Joshua Hopper
Logansport Savings Bank

Gabriela Moore
Tyson Foods

Jacob Pomasl
Deputy Mayor

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United Way of Cass County celebrated 85 years in July of 2022. We were honored to receive The Chamber's Member of the Month recognition to help celebrate this milestone. United Way of Cass County began as The Community Chest in 1937, and has since evolved in many ways. We look forward to leading more change and community improvements over the next 85 years!

We want to give a special thank you to NIPSCO & NiSource, who partnered with us again to provide a matching grant for Giving Tuesday. We are thankful for our relationship with these organizations and all that they do for our community!

2022 Awards:



Live United Day Award:
P-Squared Contracting received the award for work on the Panhandle Pathway shelter. This duo has been involved for many years and we appreciate their willingness to give back!

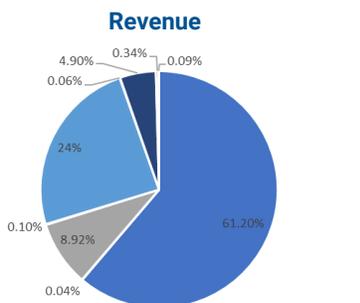


Volunteer of the Year:
Thank you to Stephanie Helton for all of her dedication to our organization. Steph started as a Business Partner through Reading Railroad and has increased her involvement ever since!

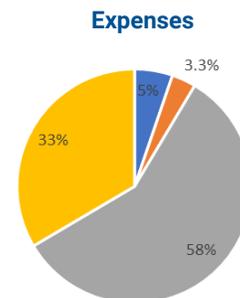


Pacesetter of the Year:
Logansport Utilities ran a successful Pacesetter Campaign that started the momentum for 2022 Campaign. We appreciate their efforts and willingness to give back to the community!

Financials



■ Campaign ■ Fees ■ Programs ■ Sponsors ■ Grants
■ Misc. ■ Other ■ In-Kind ■ Interest



■ Management & General ■ Campaign ■ Programs ■ Grants

Our Impact

United Way of Cass County is committed to making an impact in the areas of Education, Health, and Financial Stability. Our dedication to the community doesn't stop with our annual allocations. In addition to the funding allocated to 20+ programs at 9 Partner Agencies in 2022, we secured grants, coordinated federal funds, provided programs to benefit the community, and funded a variety of projects.



We secured \$69,492 through the IN22 Grant (Indiana United Ways and Lilly Endowment Inc). This funding will be used to expand and improve the Cass County Reading Railroad program as well as provide funding for several other initiatives over the next year and a half.

- Coordinated **\$42,865** in Emergency Food and Shelter Funds that were awarded to Emmaus Mission Center and The Salvation Army
- Partnered with Shoe Sensation to provide **125** pairs of winter boots to area children
- Provided SingleCare Prescription Drug Cards that saved Cass County residents **\$13,995.04** in prescription costs
- Awarded funding to New Waverly Volunteer Fire Department for Self Containing Breathing Apparatus Personal Face Pieces
- Prepared **200** tax returns for FREE at our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Site
- Sponsored various other initiatives, including: Area Five's Adult Guardianship Program, Scholarships through Ivy Tech, the AMVETS Veterans Stand Down, and Healthy Kids Day.



Middle and elementary school robotics teams from Caston had an opportunity to compete in the VexIQ Worlds contest in Dallas, TX. We were happy to be one of the sponsors who helped the students travel to Dallas to participate in the event. STEM activities, such as Robotics, are a valuable aspect of education and will enable students to develop skills to benefit them for years to come.



Cass County Reading Railroad

Cass County Reading Railroad is an Early Childhood Literacy Program that helps Cass County children through:

Beginnergarten™

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

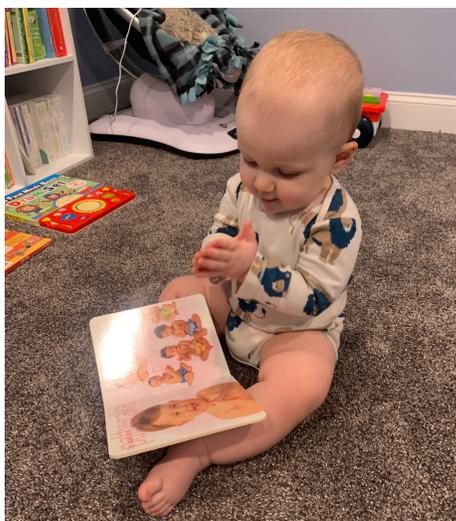
Business Partners

First Grade Library Visits



Business Partner Steve Gwin reading to Mrs. Layman's class

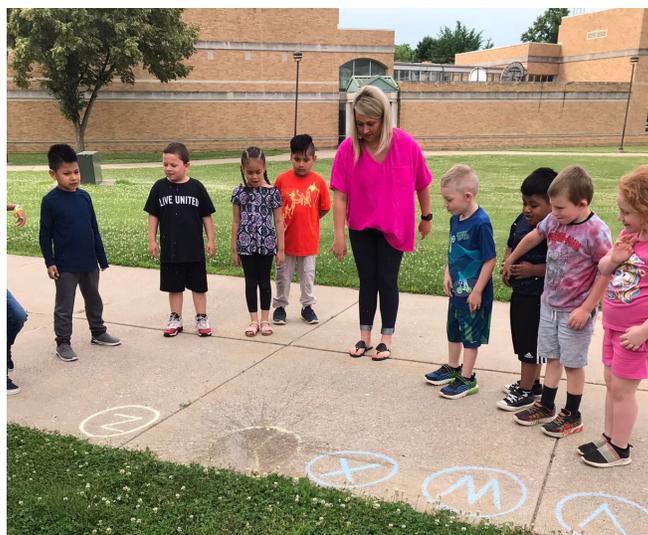
- **14,279** books sent through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
- **84** classrooms partnered with a Business Partner
- **80** children graduated with 90 hours of kindergarten readiness instruction through Beginnergarten™
- **\$83,985** invested in early childhood education
- **335** Logansport first grade students participated in the First Grade Library Visits program
- **93%** of Beginnergarten™ participants demonstrated kindergarten-readiness skills by the end of the program
- **672** new books added to classroom libraries through the Business Partner program



Imagination Library recipient Michael Kiser

As a Kindergarten teacher, I think Beginnergarten™ is extremely beneficial not only for incoming Kindergarten students but also for teachers to get an idea on what to expect for the following school year. These kids thrive on routine and Beginnergarten™ does just that for them. It provides academic and developmental skills they need in order to be better prepared for the upcoming school year. My students have made great progress in just the short month they have participated in the program.

-Jessica Schlinglof Kindergarten teacher at Franklin Elementary & Beginnergarten™ teacher



Beginnergarten™ students with Mrs. Schlinglof

LIVE UNITED[®] Day

On September 9th, 2022, 540 volunteers came together to complete 35 projects throughout our community. Over half of those volunteers were students from local schools. Thank you to the following for donating skilled labor: Anderson Glass, ARaymond Tinnerman Manufacturing, Deichman Excavating, Grand Industrial, Kent & Rita Morehead with Morehead Excavating/The Driveway Guy, Mike Albright, Myers Spring Co., P-Squared Contracting, Shepler Construction Company, Steinberger Construction, Inc., Transco Railway, Waelz Sustainable Products, and Zagajewski Construction.

LIVE UNITED[®] Day would not be possible without our committee:

Co-Chairs: Amy Cunningham, Security Federal & Kailin Bauman, Steinberger Construction

Walton/Galveston Chair: Karen McDonald

Royal Center Chair: Stacy Rans, Bodyworks/Empower Cafe

Project Manager: Phil Olson, Steinberger Construction

Committee Member: Steph Helton, Tyson Foods

"The Izaak Walton League was fortunate to be chosen as a work site for Live United Day. The great group of volunteers we received for Live United Day helped us get a lot of painting done in a very short time that would've taken our members weeks to complete. It was wonderful to see so many individuals willing to give of their time to help others and so many companies allowing their employees to participate in this great day."
- Deb Spencer



P-Squared at Panhandle Pathway Shelter



Pioneer High School Seniors



Izaak Walton League & ARaymond volunteers

Community Investment

Our 2022 Funded Partners:

American Red Cross

Boy Scouts - Sagamore Council

Cass County Council on Aging

Cass County Family Y

Cass County Reading Railroad

Food Finders Food Bank

Lewis Cass Buddy Bags

Logansport Backpack

The Salvation Army

- 88 youth participated in education & health programs through Boy Scouts
- 23,281 rides were given by Cass Area Transit
- 329 people accessed programs at the YMCA
- 66,640 pounds of food (funded by United Way) of 388,328 lbs total distributed by the Food Finders Agency Partner Program
- 360 Logansport elementary students received supplemental food for 33 weekends during the school year
- 6,868 instances of food, hygiene, or rent/utility assistance provided by The Salvation Army



Participants in the Y's Fit Kids Boot Camp

Community Investment



Long-time Lewis Cass Buddy Bags volunteers

Lewis Cass Buddy Bags Spotlight:

21 Lewis Cass Buddy Bags recipients were supported by United Way funding

A teacher reported that "A student who had been absent on a Buddy Bag distribution day was very upset that he had missed a bag and when he returned to school and was so happy that his bags had been saved for him. The teacher reported that the student was tearful at the thought of not having the bag he had missed. These bags are very important to the kids and they count on them!"

Community Investment Committee:

Alesia Brown
Nikki Ellington
Kendra Figueroa

Ashley Gangloff
Lora Redweik
Kaitlyn Shidler

Deb Spencer
Jeff Todd
Christina Truax

Campaign



Thank you to our 2022 Campaign Chair, **Lloyd R. Knight**, for all of his efforts. Lloyd's dedication and passion for United Way of Cass County is evident through all the hours spent speaking to companies, attending events, and planning for the campaign. We are appreciative of all those who helped with and donated as well.

2022 Pacesetters:

ARaymond
Beacon Credit Union - West Side
Cass County Government
Cass County Council on Aging
Cass County Family YMCA

City of Logansport
Cole Hardwood
Consolidated Union
HTI
Lewis Cass Schools

Logansport Savings Bank
Logansport Schools
Logansport Utilities
MPI
Myers Spring

Pepsi
Pioneer Schools
Small Parts
Steinberger Construction
Two Rivers Realty

United Way of Cass County
Workman & Associates

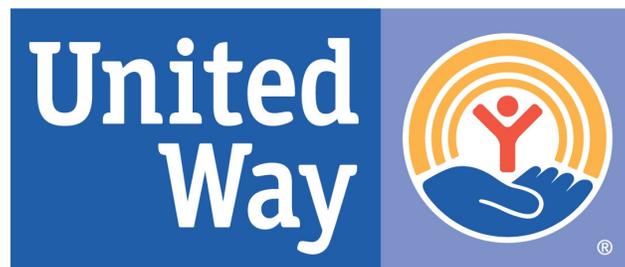
Pacesetter Total Raised : \$203,296.70

2022 Campaign Cabinet Chairs:

Leadership - Vicki Byrd
Large Business - Jennifer Savini
Small Business - Sally Markham
Industry & Labor - Levi Berkshire

Health Care - Tom Nelson
Professional - Steph Helton
Non-Profits - Derreck Parkevich
City Departments - Jan Fawley

Logansport Utilities - Bob Dunderman
County Departments - Beth Liming & Arin Shaver
Residential - Chris Armstrong
Retired Teachers - Bonnie Sonafrank
Town & Country - Christina Truax



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