



United Way of Effingham County  
**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2018 “Lead” Pacesetter Company**



**Siemer Milling Company**

**58<sup>th</sup> Annual Campaign**

**United Way of Effingham County  
Annual Board Meeting  
February 4, 2019**

**Agenda**

**5:30 pm**

**Reception**

**6 pm**

**Welcome (Linda Hemmen, Chief Professional Officer)**

**Business Meeting (Marty Watson, President)**

**-Report of Nominating Committee**

**-Recognition of Incoming & Outgoing Board Members**

**-Past Presidents Comments**

**Campaign Awards (Patrick Kreke / Marty Watson / Linda Hemmen)**

**-Campaign Highlights**

**-Spirit of Caring Awards**

**2019 Outlook (Marty Watson, Incoming Board President)**

**Closing Remarks**

**Mission Statement:**

*“To have an enduring impact in Effingham County by  
connecting community resources with changing needs.”*



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## Message From the Board President & Chief Professional Officer

This annual report represents a summary of the outstanding work the United Way of Effingham County has accomplished during the past year. We have clearly become a leading force in the non-profit sector and are set to grow even more in the years to come.

We are doing great things in Effingham County. Thanks to your involvement as a valuable contributor, the United Way will continue to meet the future needs of our community. It is with great honor that we present this annual report as a testament to our past accomplishments.

**Marty Watson**  
Board President

**Linda Hemmen**  
Chief Professional Officer

## 2018 Board of Directors

**Lora Bergfeld**

*Midland States Bank*

**Misty Campos**

*HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital*

**Tony Crackel**

*Community Member*

**Kelsey Goeckner**

*Dieterich Bank*

**Patty Greene**

*Thelma Keller Convention Center*

**Cindy Grunloh**

*Crossroads Bank*

**Sara Jennings**

*Community Member*

**Lisa Koerner**

*Stevens Industries*

**Patrick Kreke**

*Patterson Technology Center*

**Rachel Miller**

*Siemer Milling Company*

**Ross Richardson**

*Community Member*

**James Schultz**

*Community Member*

**Roy Shelley**

*Koerner Distributor, Inc.*

**Katie Smithenry**

*Stevens Industries*

**Mel Stock**

*Midland States Bank*

**Peggy Valenti**

*Koerner Distributor, Inc.*

**Denise Walk**

*Patterson Technology Center*

**Marty Watson**

*Ameren*

**Shanta Will**

*West & Company*

## 2018 Executive Committee

**Marty Watson, President**

**Patrick Kreke, Campaign Chair**

**Kelsey Goeckner, Vice-President**

**Peggy Valenti, Immediate Past President**

**Shanta Will, Treasurer**

**Linda Hemmen, Chief Professional Officer**

**Roy Shelley, Secretary**

# 2018 - 2019 Partner Agencies . . . How we make an impact



## Altamont After School Program

This after-school program offers a safe, comfortable, loving environment for children who would otherwise be home alone during after school hours. This time is dedicated to showing respect toward self and others from a Christian perspective while providing time to complete homework and to receive assistance from staff members when needed. United Way dollars help fund this program.

*Vernon Spilker, After School Care Director*

## Andrew Gobczynski Big Heart Foundation

Provides funding for preventative cardiac screening for Effingham County High School student-athletes and adults over the age of 50 to implement a comprehensive cardiac screening process, which includes an electrocardiogram, a physical examination and a targeted health history form. United Way dollars are used to help fund this program.

*Stephanie Uebinger, Chairperson*



## Big Brothers Big Sisters of Effingham County

Provides funding for professional supervision and support to children and volunteers paired in one-to-one mentoring relationships both in school and the community. United Way dollars are used to help with costs associated with finding excellent mentors through volunteer screening, training and assessments, and youth enrollment.

*Christy Mesnard, Program Coordinator*

## Boy Scouts of America - Lincoln Trails Council

Delivers first class scouting programs to families in Effingham County. United Way dollars are used to help support professional staff services by providing guidance, program support, training of adult leaders, recruitment of youth and adults and marketing. Funding also provides registration, books and uniforms for at-risk youth and scholarships for camp for Effingham County troops.

*Matt Kaufman, District Executive*



## Catholic Charities

Provides financial, material, emotional and spiritual support to those in need in Effingham County. United Way dollars are used to fund the Food Pantry, which supplements donated food and household items, and other programs that provide assistance for rent, utilities, temporary emergency lodging, medical and prescription costs, and transportation for low income individuals and families, and the elderly.

*Sister Carol Beckermann, Director*

## CEFS Literacy Program

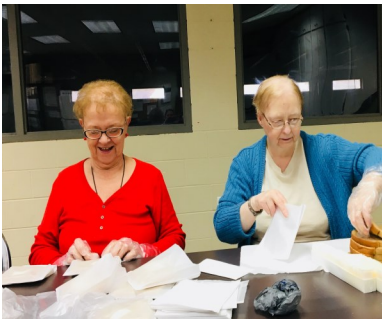
Offers services to Effingham County residents in one-on-one tutoring, including basic reading, writing, math, English as a new language, and life skills. United Way dollars are used to support these free literacy services and instructional materials.

*Barbara Waymire, Director*





# How we make an impact . . .2018 - 2019 Partner Agencies



## CEFS Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

Offers persons of retirement age the opportunity to provide invaluable services to all ages in the community. United Way dollars are used to provide program supplies to support the activities such as providing transportation for seniors to medical appointments, deliver meals to elderly, donate items to children and elderly, and help the elderly with tasks of daily living and much more.

*Debbie Weber, Director*

## Child Advocacy Center of East Central Illinois

Provides a child focused, facility based program to sexually and physically abused children to help the child victim and their families throughout the judicial process, lessening the trauma and providing the best opportunity for their safety in the future. United Way funds are used to help fund this program in Effingham County.

*Pam Riddle, Director*



## Crisis Nursery of Effingham County

Provides protection from and prevention of childhood trauma, abuse and neglect through 24 hour emergency shelter care to children age birth through six. Crisis Nursery offers a unique and nurturing space equipped with safe hands and open hearts to all children and families in need. United Way funds are used to help fund this program.

*Meghan Rewers, Director*

## Effingham Child Development Center

Offers child care with educational development programs for infants through age thirteen. United Way dollars are used to help support the “Lights on after School” and “Summer Camp” programs. Funding also helps to purchase classroom and playground equipment and supplies.

*Rochelle French, Director*



## Effingham County FISH Human Services

Committed to elevating the quality of life for those in need in Effingham County. United Way dollars provide funds to purchase shoe vouchers, school supplies, new backpacks, and eye exams and glasses for children in Preschool through Eighth Grade who qualify.

*Susan Elke, Coordinator*



## Effingham County Search and Rescue

Assists in the search and rescue, or search and recovery of missing persons. United Way dollars are used to purchase field and emergency equipment and supplies for the search teams and canines.

*Kevin Bullard, Captain*

# 2018 - 2019 Partner Agencies . . . How we make an impact



## Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Provides a free “Power Camp” for 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade students with an atmosphere to develop their faith and athletic skills in a spiritually focused camp. United Way funds help fund this camp for both coaches and athletes who want to reach their potential through comprehensive athletic, spiritual and leadership training.

*Kyle Stortzum, Area Representative*

## Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois

Helps cultivate values, social conscience, and self-esteem in young girls, while also teaching them critical life skills that will enable them to succeed as adults. United Way dollars are used to provide financial assistance and help fund program activities for the Effingham County troops.

*Linda Yates, Chief Executive Officer*



## Heartland Human Services

Provide crisis services and psychiatric and psychotherapy services to residents in Effingham County with the highest quality of behavioral health care and rehabilitative services to assist people in their recovery process. United Way dollars are used to help fund services such as CILA (Community Integrated Living Arrangement) and to also help provide free services for those individuals who are not able to pay for the much needed services.

*Nikki Quandt, Executive Director*

## Meals on Wheels of CEFS

Provides older citizens with low cost, nutritional sound meals served in strategically located centers, and at home. United Way dollars are used to fund this program to ensure the delivery of a hot, nutritious meal to homebound clients.

*Debbie Weber, Director*



## NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Southwest Illinois - Effingham Region

NAMI is dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness by engaging the community through advocacy, research, education and support. United Way dollars are used to cover expenses for the training of group facilitators and instructors and other expenses incurred with the Family-to-Family sessions for Effingham County.

*Harold Heth, President*

## One Hope United

Provides counseling and crisis intervention services to runaway, homeless, and at-risk youths and their families. United Way dollars are used to provide funding for in-home counseling services for youth and families in the Effingham County area.

*Mimi Meyer, Coordinator of Comprehensive Community-Based Youth Services*

## How we make an impact . . . 2018 - 2019 Partner Agencies



### Oneighty

Oneighty is a safe, chaperoned, drug/alcohol free environment where 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade, junior high and high school students meet. Oneighty allows teenagers in the community to build their faith, assists them in establishing values and making wise decisions, and to inspire a generation to establish Godly principles of living. United Way dollars are used to fund equipment and activities for this program at their facility.

*Karly Wiedman, Director*

### Senior Services of Effingham County

Provides seniors with the care, assistance and information for them to take care of their everyday needs. United Way dollars help fund the Senior Program and the Senior Health Insurance Program that enables them to live quality, independent lives.

*Linda Hubbartt, Executive Director*



### Sexual Assault and Family Emergencies (SAFE)

Provides support services for sexual assault victims and family members. SAFE also provides free educational programs for schools and civic groups, as well as professional training. United Way dollars are used to provide these services.

*Stephanie Altizer, Executive Director*

### Stopping Woman Abuse Now (SWAN)

Provides programs and services to victims of those affected by domestic violence, homelessness, and elder abuse. United Way dollars are used to provide these services to Effingham County residents.

*Linda Bookwalter, Executive Director*

### Strategic Training & Restoration (STAR)

Provides support to the Effingham County Drug Court by informing, guiding and educating the participant's compliance entering their intensive drug rehabilitation program. United Way dollars are used to provide these services to Effingham County residents.

*Chris Winters, Drug Court & Probation Officer*

### Unit 40 Mentoring Program

Provides one-on-one school-based mentoring for identified students with support, encouragement, and positive role models. This program improves student's self-confidence, academic performance, and school attendance. United Way dollars help fund this program to cover expenses such as mentor training, background checks, group activity supplies, and technology development and updates.

*Kathy Nava-Sifuentes, Mentor Facilitator*







# 1960 First United Fund Campaign

It all began at a Rotary meeting 58 years ago. In late October of 1960, a group of Effingham Rotarians and individuals decided that something needed to be done to combine the fundraising efforts of different organizations in Effingham County.

The co-chairpersons in 1960 were Clinton Cutright, Effingham County Farm Advisor, George Kraft, and Clifford Stevens. The first United Fund directors were Raymond Althoff of Effingham, O.V. Bradham of Mason, Merl Magnus of Beecher City, D.L. Wetherell of Shumway, Mrs. Grant Fritscher of Dieterich, John O’Tain of Altamont, and Mrs. Herschel Broom of Mason.

More than \$30,000 was raised that first year. At the time, the public school system was not required to help special needs children and the directors learned of the need for a program that would help these children. At the end of the first drive, the new United Fund allocated \$500 to a committee headed by Nanon Wood to help handicapped children. This group started a school, later called the Achievement Center. The group then moved to the bowling alley on North Third Street in Effingham and was called the Opportunity Center. At present this service center is located in Teutopolis and is known to us all as ARC Community Support Services.

The goal the second year was \$36,000 and allowed the United Fund to give St. Anthony Hospital three pieces of needed equipment. For a number of years, total giving to the fund was around \$50,000.

*Taken from the historical archives of the United Way of Effingham County*

Celebrating

58 YEARS

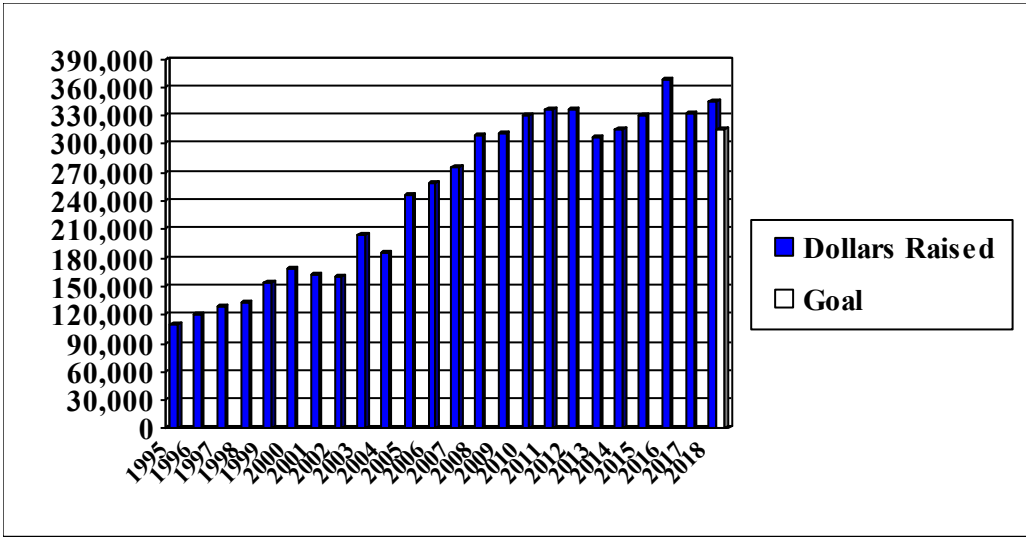
of growth!

2018

United Way of

Effingham County campaign

raises \$345,073!



The 2018 campaign was a year of optimism. With a campaign goal of \$315,000 we are pleased to announce that the 2018 campaign raised a total of \$345,073 and officially closed on 1/31/19. Last years campaign closed out at \$331,809.

The Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who contributed to the 2018 campaign! Funds raised will help 24 local partner agencies provide support and services to those in need in Effingham County.

# Pacesetter Companies

Pacesetter Companies are businesses committed to supporting the United Way through corporate and employee campaigns. In addition, Pacesetters have a table at the United Way Gala. Over 85% of the annual campaign is generated from employee campaigns. Special thanks to all the Pacesetter Companies.

- ★ Agracel
  - ★ Ameren
  - ★ Consolidated Communications
  - ★ Crossroads Bank
  - ★ Dieterich Bank
- ★ HSHS St. Anthony’s Memorial Hospital
  - ★ Koerner Distributor, Inc.
  - ★ Midland States Bank
  - ★ Patterson Technology Center
  - ★ Siemer Milling Company
  - ★ Stevens Industries, Inc.


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## Employee Campaigns

<u>Gold Level (\$10,000+)</u>	<u>Silver Level (\$5,000-9,999)</u>	<u>Bronze Level (\$2,500-4,999)</u>
Agracel	Dieterich Bank	Fifth Third Bank
Ameren	Niemerg’s Steakhouse	Washington Savings Bank
HSHS St. Anthony’s Memorial Hospital		West & Company
Koerner Distributor, Inc.		
Midland States Bank		
Patterson Technology Center		
Siemer Milling Company		
Stevens Industries		

Other local employee campaigns were conducted by: Consolidated Communications, Continental Mills, Crossroads Bank, Effingham County employees, Federal Express, First Financial Bank of Newton, First National Bank of Waterloo, Hodgson Mill, John Boos & Company, Land of Lincoln Credit Union, LSC Communications, Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center, Senior Services of Effingham County, and United Fidelity Bank of St. Elmo.

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 Since 1976, National Corporate Leadership (NCL) companies have strengthened America by partnering with United Way of America. The United Way of Effingham County received funds in 2018 from the following NCL companies:

Caterpillar	Glik’s	Nationwide
Comcast	Hershey Foods Corp.	O’Reilly Auto Parts
DTE Energy	Hydro Gear	Ricoh
Duke Energy	Johnson & Johnson	Travelers Employee Giving
Eli Lilly & Co.	Kroger	Turner Industries Group
Enterprise	LSC Communications	United Parcel Service (UPS)
Exxon Company	Marathon Petroleum Corp.	Wal-Mart
Federal Express	Marco	Zachry Group



We make an impact by investing . . .

## 2017 Campaign - 25 Funded Agencies

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Originally Proposed</u>	<u>*Est. Final</u>
Andrew Gobczynski Big Heart Foundation	\$4,250.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,740.52
Big Brothers Big Sisters (Mid-Illinois)	\$10,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$6,070.60
Blessings In A Backpack	\$500.00	\$500.00	<b>\$832.00</b>
Boy Scouts - Lincoln Trail Council	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,715.00
CASA of Effingham County	\$8,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,459.81
Catholic Charities	\$39,000.00	\$24,500.00	<b>\$39,000.00</b>
CEFS Literacy Program	\$12,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$4,330.08
CEFS Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,740.52
Child Advocacy Center of East Central Illinois	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
Effingham Child Development Center	\$10,600.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,200.34
Effingham County FISH Human Services	\$12,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$10,400.68
Effingham County Search & Rescue	\$10,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$4,330.08
Effingham County Youth Commission	\$8,680.00	\$4,000.00	\$6,940.86
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	\$7,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,459.81
Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois	\$15,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,740.52
Heartland Human Services	\$12,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$6,940.86
Meals on Wheels of CEFS	\$30,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$20,801.37
NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,740.52
One Hope United	\$15,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$6,940.86
Oneighty	\$8,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$7,789.90
SAFE	\$30,600.00	\$16,500.00	\$28,591.27
Senior Services of Effingham County	\$20,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$10,400.68
STAR	\$8,100.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,200.34
SWAN	\$14,500.00	\$10,000.00	<b>\$14,500.00</b>
Unit 40 Mentoring Program	\$15,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$6,940.86

*Payouts are distributed based on the proposed percentage an agency is assigned by the Grants Committee. In the event the goal is exceeded, an agency will receive more funds, but will not receive more than originally requested.*

*Four agencies are currently fully funded, with the anticipation that several others may be fully funded once actual uncollectibles are determined. Final payout will be issued in March, 2019, and will be paid on actual uncollectibles.*

*\*Estimated projected distribution based on estimated uncollectible.*

***United Way of Effingham County...helping our community LIVE UNITED!***



## ***2018 Spirit of Caring Awards***

### **Kohl's / Kohl's Cares**

### ***Outstanding Volunteer***

Kohl's and Kohl's Cares has been instrumental to United Way in 2018. They recently awarded United Way of Effingham County with a \$10,000 check in honor of "Giving Tuesday". More than 300 organizations nationwide received this grant, and United Way was fortunate Kohl's took the time to nominate United Way of Effingham County for this grant. Kohl's employees have also been instrumental with helping at the United Way Witches Ball. Several employees were in attendance at the annual fundraiser to help sell chances for the Witches Pick and Apple Bobbing. We appreciate Kohl's financial contribution and their employees generously giving of their time. Thanks Kohl's for always thinking of United Way of Effingham County and congratulations on being chosen 2018 Outstanding Volunteer!

### **Ameren**

### ***Outstanding Organization***

Ameren has always been a United Way supporter. They held their first campaign in 2000 and raised \$13,716. Over the years their campaign has grown, and raised over \$34,000 with the recent 2018 campaign. Ameren does an amazing job with their employee campaign and assigns a torch lighter, who is an employee, to help kick off the employee campaign meetings. Ameren creates a heart warming video with local faces to talk about United Way and the impact United Way and the agencies have in the community. Employees are then asked to donate their fair share to better improve the lives of many in the community. Ameren shows their support throughout the year by attending various events, and having a representative on the Board of Directors. Thank you Ameren for all you do for United Way of Effingham County, and congratulations on being chosen 2018 Outstanding Organization!

### **Patrick Kreke**

### ***Outstanding Board Member***

Patrick Kreke joined the United Way Board of Directors in 2017 representing Patterson Technology Center. His first year joining the Board, he jumped right in and took on a leadership role and served as Special Events Chair, while also serving on the Campaign Committee and Grants Committee. In 2018 he continued his leadership role and served as Campaign Chair for the 2018 campaign. In addition, he continued to serve on the Grants Committee and Special Events Committee. Patrick was instrument in the Patterson Technology Center campaign and worked with the Fun Squad to raise money for United Way, raising \$15,000 with their most recent campaign. Patrick is always willing to do whatever it takes to accomplish the goal and is always looking for new ideas. Patrick freely gives of his times and talent, and is a true asset to the Board of Directors. Congratulations Patrick, on being chosen 2018 Outstanding Board Member!



**Campaign Committee**

Patrick Kreke, Chair  
Linda Hemmen, Staff  
Ann Beckman, Staff  
Katie Smithenry  
Kelsey Goeckner  
Lora Bergfeld  
Marty Watson  
Peggy Valenti  
Ross Richardson  
Roy Shelley

**Grants Committee**

Denise Walk, Chairperson  
Linda Hemmen, Staff  
Ann Beckman, Staff  
Cindy Grunloh  
James Schultz  
Katie Smithenry  
Lisa Koerner  
Marty Watson  
Patrick Kreke  
Peggy Valenti  
Rachel Miller  
Sara Jennings  
Tony Crackel

**Nominating Committee**

Lora Bergfeld, Chairperson  
Linda Hemmen, Staff  
Ann Beckman, Staff  
Mel Stock  
Peggy Valenti  
Shanta Will

**Organizations & Priorities Committee**

Shanta Will, Chairperson  
Roy Shelley  
Linda Hemmen, Staff  
Ann Beckman, Staff

**Special Events Committee**

Ross Richardson, Chair  
Linda Hemmen, Staff  
Ann Beckman, Staff  
Cindy Grunloh  
Denise Walk  
Katie Smithenry  
Lisa Koerner  
Lora Bergfeld  
Marty Watson  
Misty Campos  
Patrick Kreke  
Patty Greene  
Peggy Valenti  
Rachel Miller  
Sara Jennings

**Retiring Board Members**

Denise Walk  
Mel Stock  
Roy Shelley

**Incoming Board Members**

Kayla Duncan  
Larry O'Dell  
Monica Schumacher  
  
Marty Watson - *Returning*  
Misty Campos - *Returning*  
Shanta Will - *Returning*

**Past Presidents**

1980 Rick Siemer  
1981 Jennifer Strohl  
1982 Dwight Steege  
1983 Mike Fortner  
1984 Mike Mahnke  
1985 Earline Berkbigler & Jerry Kinnison  
1986 Jim Garrett  
1987 Twila Russell Orr  
1988 Chris Kade  
1989 Cynthia Selby & Bob Hickman  
1990 Paul Koerner  
1991 Dan King & Steve Dale  
1992 John Vogt  
1993 Bob Hecht  
1994 Jim Rutledge  
1995 Marcy Scott  
1996 Karen Randolph  
1997 Pat Hartke  
1998 Brad Koester  
1999 Claude Hudson  
2000 Dr. Tom Dal Pozzo  
2001 Dr. Brian Sehy  
2002 Jay Wallace  
2003 Kerri Carman  
2004 Alysia Wills  
2005 Jean Bohnhoff  
2006 Greg Curl  
2007 Roger Dotson  
2008 Mike Klauser  
2009 Jane Summers  
2010 Ross Richardson  
2011 Shanta Will  
2012 Peggy Valenti  
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2014 Mel Stock  
2015 Justin Roley  
2016 Ross Richardson  
2017 Peggy Valenti  
2018 Marty Watson



**United Way of Effingham County**

*At the time of printing this Annual Report, the  
2018 year-end audited statement was not available. When  
the audit is complete, the report will be available at the  
United Way office upon request.*

*Thank You.*



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