



United Way of Effingham County

ANNUAL REPORT



United Way Board of Directors & Staff

61st Annual Campaign

***United Way of Effingham County
did not hold its Annual Meeting again this year
due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the
new strains of the virus for the
health and safety of all concerned.***

***Businesses and individuals will be honored
through a press release and social media.***

Mission Statement:

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



United Way of Effingham County

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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. The global pandemic continued to greatly affect our ability to raise funds for the 2021 campaign as the Coronavirus disease continued. The disease has created new strains to include Omicron and the Delta variant. These variants are highly contagious and easily spread, so the Board of Directors made the decision to not conduct in person events to include; Barstool Golf, Jennings Labor Day Celebration and the Witches Ball. Despite the challenges we continued to face due to Covid-19, we were able to once again conduct the virtual Thanks & Giving raffle to help raise funds for the campaign. We are very proud of our accomplishments despite these challenging times, and would like to thank everyone for their support.

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 accomplishments.

United We Fight, United We Win - LIVE UNITED!

Lora Bergfeld
Board President

Linda Hemmen
Chief Professional Officer

2021 Board of Directors

Lora Bergfeld
Midland States Bank

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Misty Campos
Community Member

James Schultz
Community Member

Rachel Crackel
Heartland Dental

Monica Schumacher
Midland States Bank

Kayla Duncan
West & Company

Kenny Stice
Siemer Milling Company

Kelsey Goeckner
Dieterich Bank

Bailey Swensen
First Mid Bank & Trust

Patty Greene
Thelma Keller Convention Center

Michael Tegeler
Community Member

Sara Jennings
Community Member

Marty Watson
Community Member

Lisa Koerner
Stevens Industries

Shanta Will
West & Company

Laurie Miller
Koerner Distributor, Inc.

Debbie Womack
1st National Bank of Waterloo

2021 Executive Committee

Lora Bergfeld, President

Kelsey Goeckner, Campaign Chair

Debbie Womack, Vice-President

Lora Bergfeld, Immediate Past President

Kayla Duncan, Treasurer

Linda Hemmen, Chief Professional Officer

James Schultz, Secretary

2021 - 2022 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.

David Lane, Field Director



Catholic Charities

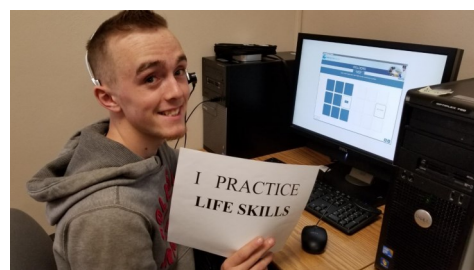
Provides financial, material, emotional and spiritual support to those in need in Effingham County. United Way dollars are used to fund the Food Pantry, which supplements donated food and household items, and other programs that provide assistance for rent, utilities, temporary emergency lodging, medical 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 . . . 2021 - 2022 Partner Agencies

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.

Robyn Carr, 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

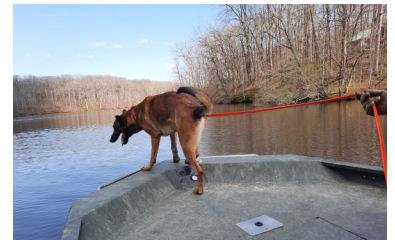
Committed to elevating the quality of life for those in need in Effingham County. United Way dollars provide funds to purchase shoe vouchers, school supplies, new backpacks, and eye exams and glasses for children in Preschool through Eighth Grade who qualify.

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



Enduring Freedom Ministries

Provides basic needs which include but not limited to: food, groceries, clothing, and spiritual needs. A soup kitchen is also available that provides hot and precooked meals for those in need. There is no fee for their services, assisting families a hand-up and not a hand-out. United Way funds are used to provide these services.

Vickie Kight, Director

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Provides a free “Power Camp” for 5th - 6th 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



2021 - 2022 Partner Agencies . . . How we make an impact



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.

Loretta Graham, 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



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.

Chris Spenner, Supervisor of Comprehensive Community-Based Youth Services



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

How we make an impact . . . 2021 - 2022 Partner Agencies

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 Warner, 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.

Rhonda Wines, Mentor Facilitator

GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.
LIVE UNITED





1960 First United Fund Campaign

It all began at a Rotary meeting 61 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.

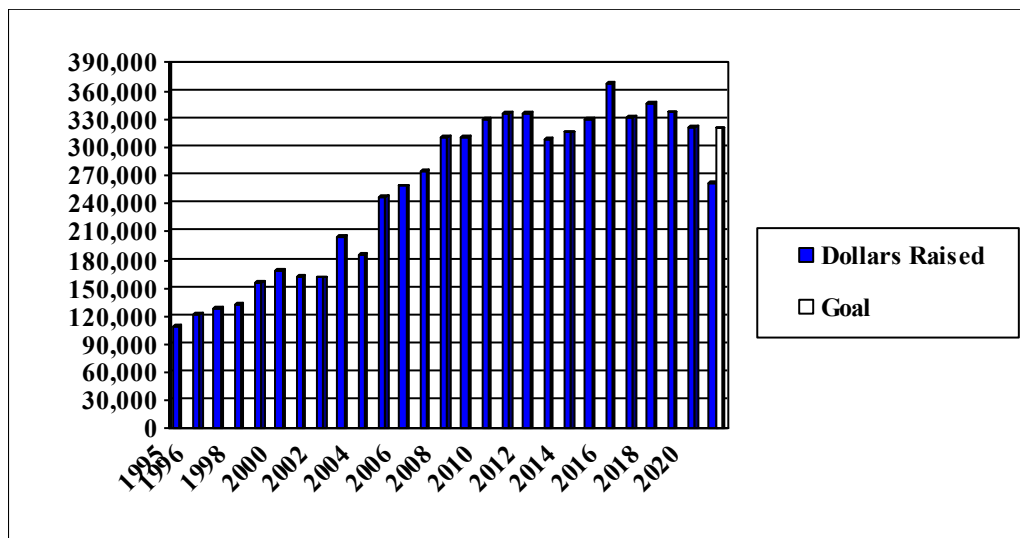
The co-chairpersons in 1960 were Clinton Cutright, Effingham County Farm Advisor, George Kraft, and Clifford Stevens. The first United Fund directors were Raymond Althoff of Effingham, O.V. Bradham of Mason, Merl Magnus of Beecher City, D.L. Wetherell of Shumway, Mrs. Grant Fritscher of Dieterich, John 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 61 YEARS 2021 United Way of Effingham County campaign raises \$261,324 as global pandemic continues!



The 2021 campaign continued to be a challenging year as the Covid-19 global pandemic continued. The coronavirus disease created new strains to include the Delta and Omicron variant which were highly contagious. All fundraiser events were again cancelled for the health and safety of the community to include; Barstool Golf, Jennings Labor Day Celebration and the Witches Ball. The virtual Thanks & Giving raffle was once again held to help make up for the loss of funds raised by our previously scheduled in person fundraiser events. The 2021 campaign raised \$261,324 which was 82% of the \$320,000 goal. We are pleased with the amount raised, despite the continued challenges faced due to the Coronavirus disease.

The 2020 campaign also fell short of the \$320,000 goal but an anonymous generous donor donated \$46,784 to make up the shortfall! That campaign raised \$320,336.

The Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who contributed to the 2021 campaign during these unprecedented times! Funds raised will help 21 local partner agencies provide support and services to those in need in Effingham County.

Employee Campaigns

Over 85% of the annual campaign is generated from employee campaigns with the remainder coming from fundraiser events. This year due to the global Covid-19 pandemic and mandated restrictions, the following events were cancelled; Barstool Golf, Jennings Labor Day Celebration and the Witches Ball. We were allowed to conduct a virtual fundraiser to make up for a loss of funds. The Thanks & Giving raffle and an online auction was held to help generate funds for the 2020 campaign.

Gold Level (\$10,000+)

Agracel
Ameren
Dieterich Bank
Koerner Distributor, Inc
Midland States Bank
Siemer Milling Company
Stevens Industries

Silver Level (\$5,000-9,999)

Niemerg's Steakhouse

Bronze Level (\$2,500-4,999)

Fifth Third Bank
Washington Savings Bank
West & Company

Other local employee campaigns were conducted by: Conagra, Crossroads Bank, Effingham County employees, First Financial Bank of Newton, First Mid Bank & Trust, First National Bank of Waterloo, John Boos & Company, Sarah Bush Lincoln and Senior Services of Effingham County.



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 2020 from the following NCL companies:

Boy Scouts
Caterpillar
DTE Energy
Duke Energy
Dynegy
Eli Lilly & Co.
Exelon
Exxon Company
Federal Express

Girl Scouts
Glik's
Graphic Package Corp.
Henkels & McCoy
Hershey Foods Corp.
Hibu
Hydro-Gear
JE Dunn Construction
Marathon Oil

O'Reilly Auto Parts
RK Dixon
Rockwell Sales
United Fidelity
United Parcel Service (UPS)
Vistra Energy
Wal-Mart
Zachry Group



2020 Campaign - 20 Funded Agencies

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Originally Proposed</u>	<u>*Est. Final</u>
Altamont After School Care	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,819.00
Andrew Gobezyński Big Heart Foundation	\$4,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,747.85
Big Brothers Big Sisters (Mid-Illinois) \$10,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,476.34
Boy Scouts - Lincoln Trail Council	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,819.00
Catholic Charities	\$52,500.00	\$25,500.00	\$46,558.58
CEFS Literacy Program	\$13,548.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,657.34
CEFS Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Advocacy Center of East Central Illinois	\$8,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$7,295.34
Effingham Child Development Center	\$21,200.00	\$4,000.00	7,295.34
Effingham County FISH Human Services	\$13,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$10,952.68
Effingham County Search & Rescue	\$5,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,747.85
Enduring Freedom Ministries	\$34,151.00	\$4,000.00	\$7,295.34
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	\$6,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,819.00
Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois	\$7,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,819.00
Heartland Human Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Meals on Wheels of CEFS	\$51,792.00	\$4,500.00	\$8,224.19
One Hope United	\$15,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$8,400.01
SAFE	\$39,700.00	\$14,500.00	\$26,472.21
Senior Services of Effingham County	\$20,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$10,952.68
STAR	\$8,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$7,295.34
SWAN	\$15,000.00	\$8,500.00	\$15,000.00
Unit 40 Mentoring Program	\$15,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,819.00

The Covid-19 pandemic also affected the Grants Committee timeline and process. Original grant requests were due 4/6/20 with presentations scheduled for 4/27/20 and 5/11/20. When the pandemic hit and government mandated restrictions were issued, the meetings could not be held. We were at a stand still and uncertain what the 2020 campaign would look like as many businesses had employees working remotely or were shut down due to the pandemic.

Illinois Covid-19 Response Funds were made available because of the global pandemic. These funds were established by United Way of Illinois and the Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations and made available for our area. United Way of Effingham County worked with the Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation to distribute these funds. A total of \$250,250 was issued to Effingham County agencies to help provide support and services to those in need during these pandemic times.

Grant presentations were later held in September, 2020 and agencies were asked to submit an addendum noting their new grant request. Some agencies asked for more, many requested less because of funds received from the Covid-19 Response Fund, and several omitted their original request as they were unable to operate due to the pandemic and mandated restrictions that continued. Estimated payouts were then determined based on the new grant request from the agencies.

Payouts are distributed based on the estimated funds 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.

One agency is currently fully funded, with the anticipation that a few others may be fully funded once actual uncollectibles are determined. Final payout will be issued in March, 2022, and will be paid on actual uncollectibles.

**Estimated projected distribution based on estimated uncollectible.*

2021 Champion of the Year



Sara Jennings

“Sara joined the Board of Directors in 2011 and has been instrumental in the success of the organization. Sara’s dedication in obtaining donations for the campaign, raffle, as well as personally donating to the campaign and raffle, is one of the many reasons Sara was chosen by her peers. Sara does a great job promoting United Way year round, and is always looking for ways for others to partner with United Way. We are blessed to have her on the board.” says Linda Hemmen, Chief Professional Officer.

Sara hosts the Annual Labor Day Celebration fundraiser at their home. Although the celebration has not been held the past two years due to Covid, she hopes to be able to have the event in 2022. Funds raised at this event are donated to United Way of Effingham County.

The United Way Board of Directors would like to thank and congratulate Sara Jennings on being chosen the 2021 United Way Champion of the Year!

Campaign Committee

Kelsey Goeckner, Chair
Linda Hemmen, Staff
Michelle Gillespie, Staff
Debbie Womack
Kayla Duncan
Kenny Stice
Lora Bergfeld

Grants Committee

Kayla Duncan, Chair
Linda Hemmen, Staff
Michelle Gillespie, Staff
Brenda Niebrugge
Debbie Womack
James Schultz
Kenny Stice
Laurie Miller
Lisa Koerner
Lora Bergfeld
Michael Tegeler
Monica Schumacher
Rachel Crackel

Nominating Committee

Kayla Duncan, Chair
Linda Hemmen, Staff
Michelle Gillespie, Staff
Kayla Duncan
Lora Bergfeld
Marty Watson
Shanta Will

Organizations & Priorities Committee

Lora Bergfeld, Chair
Linda Hemmen, Staff
Michelle Gillespie, Staff
Brenda Niebrugge
Debbie Womack
Shanta Will

Special Events Committee

Rachel Crackel, Chair
Linda Hemmen, Staff
Michelle Gillespie, Staff
Bailey Swensen
Kelsey Goeckner
Kenny Stice
Laurie Miller
Lisa Koerner
Michael Tegeler
Misty Campos
Monica Schumacher
Patty Greene
Sara Jennings

Retiring Board Members

Marty Watson
Monica Schumacher
Misty Campos

Incoming Board Members

Jon Frohning
Leslie Eckert
Lindsay Wantuck
Trina Niemerg

Kayla Duncan - *Returning*

Past Presidents

1980 Rick Siemer
1981 Jennifer Strohl
1982 Dwight Steege
1983 Mike Fortner
1984 Mike Mahnke
1985 Earline Berkbighler & 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 Sehý
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
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At the time of printing this Annual Report, the 2021 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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