

# 2022/23

# COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT



United Way of the Ozarks



United Way is our community's **unifying force**. We are focused on the **big picture**. We look at challenges, resources and unmet needs and offer creative ways to **engage in the community**, making it a **better place** for all.

## OUR FOCUS AREAS



Championing Children



Pathways out of poverty



### MEET JAMES!

### UNITED WAY PARTNERING WITH GOOD DADS

When James was released from prison after a battle with addiction, he knew he needed to rebuild his relationship with his two sons. He joined the New Pathways for Good Dads program, a program partially funded by United Way of the Ozarks.

Through the Good Dads program, James learned how to reconnect with his kids, one conversation at a time. The program empowered him to make strides in his personal life and as a parent.

Today, James is thriving. He works a great job with benefits. He proudly provides for his sons, and sees them as often as possible for their favorite activities like fishing, putt-putt or hiking.

His kids are so grateful to have their "Good Dad" back in their lives.

United Way partners with 21 programs at 14 nonprofit agencies, providing resources for thousands of neighbors like James.



# \$1.9 MILLION REINVESTED IN OUR COMMUNITY

PARTNERING WITH  
**14** LOCAL  
NONPROFITS  
FUNDING **21**  
PROGRAMS

SERVING  
**14** COUNTIES

SERVING  
THE OZARKS FOR  
**93** YEARS

# OUR IMPACT



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## THE NEED

23% of children in Missouri have an identified **mental, emotional or behavioral health challenge**, and **childhood abuse** and neglect continue to be pervading red flags in our area.

## WHAT WE DO

United Way invests in programs ensuring **children** have the tools they need to reach their **full potential**. We help youth achieve milestones in **development, education and health**.

## OUR IMPACT

Through United Way donors last year, **2,705 youth** were supported by a **consistent, caring adult relationship**.

HERE. FOR BRIGHT FUTURES.

## THE NEED

We're facing a critical shortage of **safe, affordable housing**. In the last 5 years, housing costs have increased by **73%**. Poor **mental health** and **substance abuse** are also prevalent challenges in the Ozarks region.

## WHAT WE DO

United Way provides **pathways out of poverty** through workforce development, **stable housing**, financial literacy and **quality healthcare**.

## OUR IMPACT

Through United Way donors last year, **658 unhoused individuals** were moved to **stable housing**, and **3,155 people** received **mental health counseling**, regardless of ability to pay.



HERE. FOR A BETTER TOMORROW.



## THE NEED

85% of Boomers and 86% of Millennials believe it is important that their work involve **'giving back.'** **Engagement** is foundational for creating **community excellence**.

## WHAT WE DO

Through **active engagement**, we uncover the issues most important to our local area, and **UNITE neighbors** to create lasting, **positive change**.

## OUR IMPACT

Last year, United Way engaged over **1,000 volunteers** through community programs and events. The **total value** of volunteer contributions exceeded **\$143,200**.

HERE. FOR EACH OTHER.

HELP US CREATE LASTING, POSITIVE CHANGE.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE **HERE.**

Donate today!

