



## RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Every dollar donated to United Way multiplies into \$2.37 of community impact. We amplify your generosity through policy expertise, efficiencies, resource leverage, and cross-sector relationships to benefit Reno County. Over 99% of your gift directly supports local friends, family, and neighbors.

## COMMUNITY IMPACT

Beyond funding local initiatives, UWRC's Community Impact work unites resources and efforts through strategic partnerships, driving meaningful change and fostering sustainable solutions for our community. Initiatives include:

- Reno Co. Childcare Task Force
- Emergency Food & Shelter Board
- Health Access Team
- HEAL Reno County
- Housing Commission
- K-Ready Early Childhood Council
- Mental Health Task Force
- Nonprofits Connect
- Stepping Up
- Reno Co. Health Coalition
- Reno Recovery Collaborative
- Unhoused Conversation
- United for ALICE

## United Way of Reno County

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## OUR FOCUS AREAS



**Education:** Our goal is to ensure every child in Reno County enters kindergarten prepared to learn. We strive to build strong foundations for families and parents through educational resources and assistance.



**Health:** We are committed to ensuring that every child and family has access to affordable physical and mental health services, nurturing their well-being and empowering them to embrace healthy lifestyles.



**Financial Stability:** Our goal is for families to gain job and income stability, learning financial tools along the way in order to thrive in our community.



**Disaster Recovery:** UWRC ensures that all individuals and families affected by disasters have access to immediate assistance and long-term support services.

## HOW WE INVEST YOUR DOLLARS

At United Way of Reno County, we carefully allocate every dollar to support 21 different non-profits and their 33 diverse programs, alongside our own initiatives and community impact work. Read on to discover how we leverage your contributions for maximum impact in our community.

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## COMMUNITY LED INVESTMENTS

At United Way of Reno County, transparency and community input are at the core of our allocations process. Each year, a diverse group of volunteers comes together to hear presentations from our non-profit partners. These dedicated individuals carefully assess the impact and effectiveness of each program seeking funding, ensuring that your donations are allocated strategically to address the most pressing needs in our community. This thoughtful deliberation results in equitable distribution of funds that maximize our ability to create meaningful and sustainable change across Reno County.

# WHERE WE INVEST YOUR DOLLARS

## EDUCATION

### Big Brothers Big Sisters

76 youth were served in Reno County through this One-to-One Mentoring program.

### Boys and Girls Club

BGC Hutchinson served 1,438 youth in Reno County, focusing on Academic Success, Good Character & Citizenship and Healthy Lifestyles.

### Child Care Links

Child Care Links provided scholarships to cover the cost of daycare to 23 families facing financial challenges.

### Early Education Center

The EEC served 1,009 children through the Infant and Toddler program—which offers in-home therapies to young children with special needs or who are at risk for developmental delays.

### Hadley Day Care

Hadley Day Care served 150 children by offering childcare to families of all income levels with a sliding-scale based tuition.

### Hutchinson Public Schools Childcare Center

USD 308 Childcare Center served 37 children through their infant and toddler services for Reno County.

## HEALTH

### BrightHouse

Through Advocacy and Shelter Services, the Parenting Time Center and Community Awareness initiatives, BrightHouse provided services to 2,564 community members experiencing or escaping domestic violence situations.

### Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation

The CPRF Wheelchair Clinic & Equipment Fund helped 60 individuals in Reno County by providing custom wheelchair systems or assisting with medical equipment purchases.

### Hutchinson Meals on Wheels

250 people were served by the Meals on Wheels program, which provides hot, nutritious meals 5 days a week to homebound community members.

### Horizons Mental Health Center

Through Child Advocacy and Prevention Services, Intervention and community training efforts at Horizons, 5,864 Reno County individuals were served last year.

### Hutchinson YMCA

Last year, 990 Reno County residents took advantage of free programming at the Y, through financial assistance for membership, the Will Power Hour class or Saturday Night at the Y events.

### Hospice and Homecare of Reno County

Hospice House provided end-of-life care to 218 individuals at a reduced cost last year. 41 children who lost a loved one were also served through the summertime “Space to Grieve” camp.

### Kansas Children’s Service League

KSCL served 123 family members of Reno County through the Healthy Families initiative, which focuses on the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

### Rise Up Reno Prevention Network

Through the Drug Prevention programming and the Reno County Suicide Prevention Coalition, RUR services reached 119,657 individuals in Reno County last year.

## FINANCIAL STABILITY

### Circles of Hope Reno County

Circles of Hope served 28 individuals and families by connecting them to supportive peers, helping those who are economically vulnerable develop clear goals and specific plans to impact their future story.

### Interfaith Housing and Community Services

IHS served 394 Reno County residents last year through 4 programs: Lighthouse—a housing and service support program for 18-25 year-olds experiencing homelessness, the Take Control Program—helping residents grow their financial wellness, the Kansas IDA Program— designed to help with the purchase of a home or other asset and the Home Repair and Rehabilitation Program—addressing home repairs for low income and elderly persons.

### Kansas Legal Services

99 individuals in Reno County were served by Kansas Legal Services, the sole poverty law firm in Kansas on cases ranging from domestic violence situations to landlord-tenant conflict.

### New Beginnings Inc.

308 individuals were served by NOEL Lodge Emergency Shelter, which offers emergency day and overnight shelter, meals and hygiene amenities to individuals and families who are homeless.

### The Salvation Army

Last year, the Emergency Assistance program helped 5,869 individuals afford rent and utilities.

### The Volunteer Center of Reno County

Four programs at the Volunteer Center supported 2,628 community members last year. Those programs include: the volunteer program, Friends in Action Companionship and Shopping programs and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program—providing free tax preparation for low to moderate income households.

## DISASTER RECOVERY

### Reno County Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

UWRC, along with several partner agencies in Reno County, respond and support immediate and on-going needs of those impacted by natural disasters.

## UNITED WAY OF RENO COUNTY INITIATIVES

### 7 Cups Mental & Emotional Support Service

A 24/7 online service allowing community members a chance to chat with caring, trained volunteers, explore self help guides and growth paths for proven tips and advice on how to feel better.

### Delta Dental of Kansas Program

Collaborative program dedicated to extending dental benefits to qualifying individuals who may otherwise lack access to quality care.

### Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Provided one free, age-appropriate book each month to 2,846 local children age 0-5 last year.

### SingleCare Discount Prescription Drugs

This program is a lifeline for many in our community, ensuring individuals can afford the medication they need.

### Reno Connections

This UWRC program offered comprehensive case management to 368 Reno County families to empower them to achieve their goals, and not only maintain stability, but to work towards thriving.