

2023/2024 ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024



United Way Jefferson & North Walworth Counties



80th Anniversary Celebration



Tyranena Bingo



Holiday Helpers



Ready Kids for School

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A MESSAGE FROM UNITED WAY

On behalf of the United Way of Jefferson & North Walworth County, I want to take a moment to express our deepest appreciation for your continued support. The work we do each year is only possible because of people like you—individuals, families, businesses, and organizations who care deeply about our community and are committed to making a difference.

This year, we have seen firsthand the power of collective action. Together, we've made tremendous strides in improving the lives of our neighbors and strengthening the fabric of our community. But our work is far from done. As we continue to **Build a STRONGER Community TOGETHER**, we know there is still so much more to accomplish.

As we look to the future, we remain steadfast in our commitment to strengthening the partnerships that have helped us achieve this success. Our collaborations with local organizations, businesses, and community leaders are critical to our shared vision of a stronger, more resilient community. Together, we can tackle the challenges our neighbors face and create lasting change.

We are also excited to build on the success of programs that are transforming lives. **Reading Under the Lights** hopes to inspire a love of reading in children, **Holiday Helpers** brings warmth and support to families during the holidays, and **Parent Perks** provides vital resources for parents navigating the challenges of raising children. These programs, along with many others, are essential to our mission, and we look forward to expanding their reach in the coming year. We know that building a stronger community is not a one-time effort but a journey we take together, step by step. Every donation, every hour volunteered, and every partnership forged makes a difference. Together, we are creating a ripple effect of hope, opportunity, and support that will resonate throughout our community for years to come.

Thank you for your dedication, your generosity, and your unwavering belief in the power of community. Together, we are changing lives and building a brighter future for all.

With deep appreciation,
Elizabeth Ellis
Executive Director

2023/2024 Board of Directors

Chris VanGundy — ABB Inc. (board chair)

Luc Shoemaker — Festival Foods (board vice chair)

Josh Kline* — FCCU (board treasurer)

Troy Norman — Opportunities, Inc.

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Lisa Caras * — Jones Dairy Farm

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Peggy Stebbins — Premier Bank

Tony Wedl — Frank Beverage Group

Rosalinda Martinez* — Wisconsin DPI

Sherrie Siglinsky — Fort Healthcare

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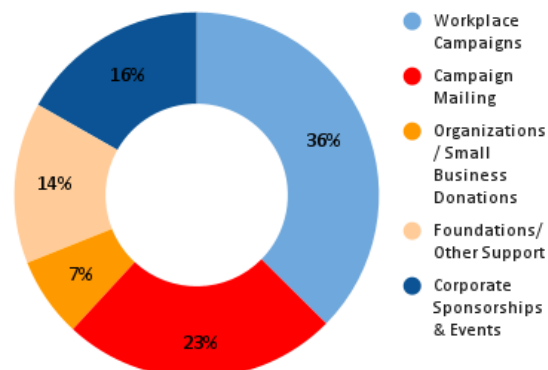
Rebecca King* — 1st Year new member

Peter Zimdars — 1st Year new member

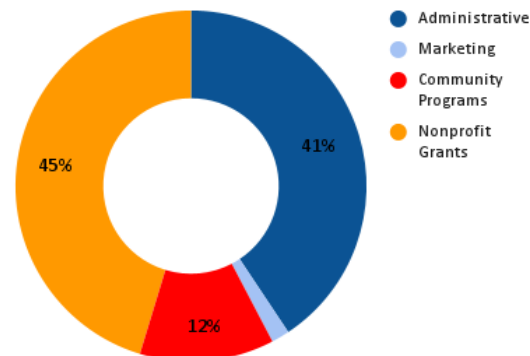
Jake Martin* — 2nd Year returning member

**served for a portion of the fiscal year*

Revenue: \$206,768



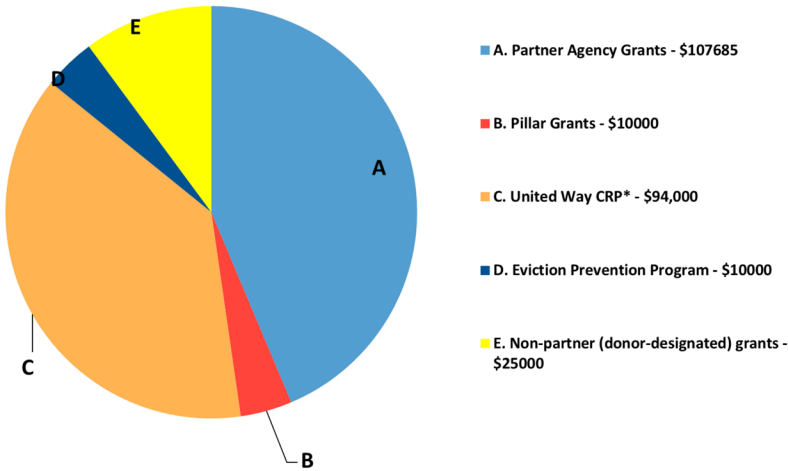
Expenses: \$332,452



UNITED WAY SUPPORT

United Way fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in our communities. Working together, this past year, we provided over \$245,00 in support to our communities to local non-profits, school districts, county programs, eviction prevention, pillar grant projects, and other programs providing crucial support to LOCAL nonprofits, school districts, and community organizations, as noted below.

2023/2024 Community Support



2023/2024 Community Agencies

- BASE Fort Atkinson
- Bethel House
- Big Brothers Big Sisters*
- Catholic Charities*
- Community Action Coalition
- Community Space*
- Crossroads of Watertown
- Dave Gallup Foundation*
- Fort Atkinson School District Family Connections*
- Girl Scouts of Badgerland*
- Haus of Peace
- Hoard Curtis Scout Camp*
- Homeless Coalition of Fort Atkinson*
- Hunt 4 Life*
- Jefferson County Head Start
- Jefferson County Human Services
- Jefferson County Literacy Council
- Lake Mills School District Family Connections*
- Liberty through Literacy*
- New Beginnings APFV
- Opportunities, Inc.
- Rainbow Community Care
- Rock River Community Clinic
- St Coletta of Wisconsin
- St. Vincent de Paul of Fort Atkinson
- Safe Families for Children
- Studio 84*
- Tri-County Unity Club*
- Watertown Family Aid*
- Watertown Family Connections
- Whitewater Adult ESL
- Whitewater LEADS*
- Whitewater School District Family Connections*
- Your Friends In Action

**indicates an organization that received funding strictly through donor designations*

United Way Funded Community Programs

- Ride United
- Holiday Helpers
- Parent Perks
- Ready Kids for School
- Impact 211

Pillar Grant Recipients

- Bread and Roses
- Fort Family Connections
- Jefferson County HeadStart
- Jefferson County Literacy Council
- St Coletta of Wisconsin
- Ready Kids for School
- Jefferson Food Pantry

Eviction Prevention Program Recipients

- Bethel House
- St. Vincent de Paul of Fort Atkinson
- Community Action Coalition
- Crossroads of Watertown



UNITED WAY SUPPORT HIGHLIGHTS

United in Building a **STRONGER** Community **TOGETHER**.

2023/2024 Community Allocation Total:



HEALTH

\$69,500 invested in LOCAL programs focused on improving the overall health of our communities



EDUCATION

\$42,500 invested in LOCAL programs focused on providing educational services to our communities



FINANCIAL STABILITY

\$88,100 invested in LOCAL programs focused on advancing the financial stability of our communities

\$10,000 invested in Eviction Prevention funding support to help keep children & families in their homes



Our Supported 2-1-1 Call Center Answered

1403

Top Five Needs:

1. Healthcare
2. Housing
3. Shelter & Homelessness
4. Mental Health & AODA
5. Other (food insecurity, legal services, etc.)

calls



1213

FREE RIDES given through our Ride United program

34 Funded Nonprofit



\$10,000 invested in Pillar Grants

Fort Schools (Fort Family Connections), Bread & Roses (Meal Project), Tri-County Unity Club (Introduction to Recovery), Jefferson County Head Start (Head Start), Jefferson County Literacy Council (Workplace Literacy), Jefferson Food Pantry (Nourish Unity), Ready Kids for school (Back to school supplies), St Coletta (Golden Options),
Early Childhood Intervention
Mental Health/AODA Resources
Barriers to Self-Sufficiency
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

WHY UNITED WAY SUPPORT MATTERS

“United Way funds help BASE provide kids in our community a safe, fun and educational place to be during the critical hours school is out. With the help of the United Way we are able to provide positive role models, enrichment activities to enhance kids school day education and a positive social environment .”

Alicia Norris
BASE Fort Atkinson

“We hosted a meaningful luncheon where people gathered to deepen connections between healthcare and faith based communities, this gathering is just a small marker of the lasting impact this program has in building a stronger, healthier community—a vision made possible through United Way’s continued support.”

Carol Brown
Rainbow Community Care

“We are grateful to the United Way of Jefferson and North Walworth Counties for your past and present contributions to St. Coletta for helping us make a difference.”

Dona Campos
St Coletta of Wisconsin

“United Way funding has made it possible for our program to provide families with the assistance they need to ensure that their child receives the immediate dental care they so desperately need and deserve. Head Start knows that alone it cannot provide the best care for the children that they serve because of financial constraints. United Way of Jefferson and North Walworth Counties continues to ensure that through funding ,no child who is in need of dental care, is left without.”

Mary Anne Wieland
Jefferson County Headstart

“The funds we receive from the United Way allow us to focus on building supportive communities around families without a village in Jefferson County. It’s amazing the number of people who don’t have someone to turn to in times of need in our community. Utilizing this funding to onboard new volunteers and find perfect matches keeps children safe and families together!”

Amanda Combs
Safe Families For Children

“United Way funding is transformative for JCLC’s programs. With United Way support, we can reach more learners, providing them with critical skills that open doors to better job opportunities, health literacy, and community involvement. United Way’s partnership empowers us to remove barriers and break cycles of poverty by equipping individuals with the tools to succeed and thrive, creating lasting change in our community.”

Pamela Waters
Jefferson County Literacy Council

“The United Way Jefferson & North Walworth Counties funds have enabled us to recruit, hire, and now, keep experts in the field. Thank You”

Suzi Schoenhof
New Beginnings APFV

“In Spanish, we have a saying that reads “*poner mi granito de arena*” which translates literally to “add your grain of sand” meaning “to do one’s part,” no matter how small, toward a larger goal or effort. . Every contribution matters when building a program that brings hope and opportunity to the members in our community. We are grateful to the United Way for supporting our efforts to empower families and transform lives. Thank you for your commitment to education, and the legacy of a united community.”

Melania Borchert
Community ESL of Whitewater



What's Coming Up for United Way?

We are honored to launch our 2024 Campaign under the theme;
"United in Building a STRONGER Community TOGETHER"

It is with a sense of urgency and hope, that we continue our endeavor of Building a STRONGER community TOGETHER. Working together, this past year, we provided over \$245,00 in support to our communities: to local non-profits, school districts, county programs, eviction prevention, pillar grant projects, and other crucial programs. The United Way of Jefferson and North Walworth County is committed to fight for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in our community. Our efforts have touched the lives of countless individuals, but there is still much work to be done.



2024 United Way Campaign

**United in building a STRONGER
community TOGETHER**

JOIN OUR EFFORTS:

- Run a workplace campaign
- Donate through your business
- Make a personal donation
- Hold a fundraising event
- Volunteer with our campaign
- Join our board of directors

Contact us today to learn how
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Join us for our Upcoming Bingo Dates

at The Real MacCoys
N1431 County Rd. N, Whitewater, WI 53190

July 23	Oct. 22
Aug. 13	Nov. 12
Aug. 27	Nov. 26
Sept. 10	Dec. 10
Sept. 24	Dec. 31
Oct. 8	

*Reservations are STRONGLY encouraged
Please call 920.568.8988



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Building a STRONGER community TOGETHER

United Way Jefferson & North Walworth Counties



- 1,121 Free Rides to area Food Pantries
- 300 pairs of shoes to school aged children
- 176 Families served for Holiday Helpers
- 10,000 Diapers delivered to those in need

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