

The WAY Begins with...Stable Households

Every individual or family has a unique journey towards achieving stability. While one person might need supportive housing assistance with intensive case management, others may need help with food, hygiene items, clothing or paying a month's rent due to an unforeseen obstacle. Meeting basic needs is a first step to household stability and success in work, school and life.



United Way and United Way Partner Agencies are active in helping households meet their basic needs, attain or maintain stability and work towards reaching their potential.

Last year, through United Way Partner Agencies:

- 632 households received assistance with rent, mortgage, utilities or transportation to attain or maintain stable housing.
- 311 women and their children who were survivors of domestic or sexual violence received emergency shelter.
- More than 600 survivors of domestic violence were provided legal assistance and advocacy.
- 455 senior adults received nutritious meals to help maintain health.
- 225 men, women and children received 11,795 nights of emergency shelter.
- 126 previously homeless households lived in transitional, permanent, or supportive housing.
- Nearly 9,000 referrals were made to people seeking needed services and resources.
- 6,410 food orders were provided to families in need of food.

Donors to United Way of Greater St. Joseph are supporting programs that help households find and maintain stability.

A strong, healthy and vibrant community begins with stable households whose basic needs are met. From there individuals can begin focusing on their aspirations, goals and dreams. Giving to United Way helps create the paths towards stability.

United Way Partner Agencies & Programs Creating The WAY for...Stable Households

Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph

- The Welcome Center – Provides emergency assistance in the form of food, hygiene and diapers as well as emergency rent and utility assistance to clients struggling to pay their bills and facing eviction.
- Housing – Permanent, scattered-site housing and case management for individuals experiencing a disability and chronic homelessness; supportive services for veteran families and permanent community housing and supportive services for low-income seniors experiencing a disability or special need.

Community Missions

- Permanent Supportive Housing – Provides housing for men experiencing chronic homelessness. Men must have a disability and have been homeless totaling at least 12 months consecutively or on at least four separate occasions in the last three years. In addition, case managers help residents break barriers to stability and coordinate services.
- Outreach Services – Outreach services are provided to individuals (both men and women) experiencing homelessness, providing resources in the community and help with items such as birth certificates, ID's, hygiene items and bus passes. In addition, outreach workers look for encampments throughout the area to ensure individuals are aware of resources available to them.
- Cold Weather Shelter – Offers overnight shelter for both men and women during the coldest months of the year. Dates of operation will vary based on weather.
- Summer Program – Offers showers, restrooms, hygiene products and case management during summer months. Serves as an access point for those seeking a housing opportunity.

Family Guidance Center for Behavioral Healthcare

- Individualized services based on the need of the child and family to assist with emotional disturbances, mental illness or substance use disorders.

InterServ

- Individual and Family Services – Provides immediate assistance for those seeking basic needs of food and shelter, along with limited services for immigrants.
- In-Home and Professional Medical Services – Provides caregiver services to seniors and persons with disabilities who want to remain living in their own home, including housekeeping, personal care, shopping and respite. Professional Medical Services includes medication set up and periodic health evaluations.

Legal Aid of Western Missouri

- Provides free, quality legal representation to low income elderly and vulnerable individuals. Legal Aid attorneys represent clients in civil (non-criminal) cases including family law, housing, consumer, state and federal benefits, immigration and tax cases.

Northwest Missouri Community Services

- Provides a phone service directing families needing information/assistance to appropriate health and human services.
- Provides resources to meet basic and immediate needs including diapers and shoes for school-age children.

The Salvation Army

- The Booth Center – Shelter serving families with minor children who are experiencing homelessness. Low to zero income families, lacking access to financial/housing resources, who would remain homeless but for the shelter are prioritized. The on-site case manager assists the families in developing a housing stability plan to address housing barriers, increase income and increase access to community/mainstream resources.

- Emergency Assistance – Emergency assistance provided includes a food pantry, rental assistance, clothing vouchers (given every 90 days unless extenuating circumstances arise), other basic needs as well as coats and jackets during winter months. In addition, school supplies are distributed to area students and the Angel Tree Christmas Adoption program provides Christmas to families/ individuals that might not otherwise have one.

United Way Unmet Needs

- The United Way Unmet Needs Committee works to identify alternative resources and solutions for cases brought before them by agencies, cases with immediate needs that agencies have not been able to resolve.

YWCA St. Joseph

- Bliss Manor – Housing programs which provide subsidized housing and supportive services for women who are survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence and their children.
- Community Support – Free services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence including crisis intervention, outreach, case management, personal advocacy, safety planning, emergency financial assistance, hospital advocacy, court advocacy, law enforcement advocacy and professional counseling.
- Shelter – Providing emergency shelter to survivors of domestic violence.

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United Way Partner Agencies & Initiatives Creating Stable Households



When you give, you invest in creating *Stable Households*

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United Way & Imagine St. Joseph 2040

United Way of Greater St. Joseph and the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce engaged more than 1,000 residents in 2018 to draft a plan for the future of St. Joseph which is known today as Imagine St. Joseph 2040. The plan notes that our greatest return on investment comes from investing in our people. The plan calls for us to make sure resources and systems are in place that encourage all residents to reach their full potential. The United Way network is aligned with Imagine St. Joseph 2040 and working to create paths towards stability and allow residents to focus on their aspirations, goals and dreams.

Funds raised during the 2023 Campaign will support United Way Partner Agencies and Initiatives that provide resources and services to people in Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas in 2024.

United Way of Greater St. Joseph is a non-profit agency that improves lives in the areas of education, health and financial stability by harnessing the caring power of community. United Way supports 17 local Partner Agencies and operates seven Initiatives. You can LIVE UNITED by giving, advocating and volunteering. To learn more, visit stjosephunitedway.org and follow @UnitedWayStJoe on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube.