

2023 Annual Report



United Way
of Ellis County





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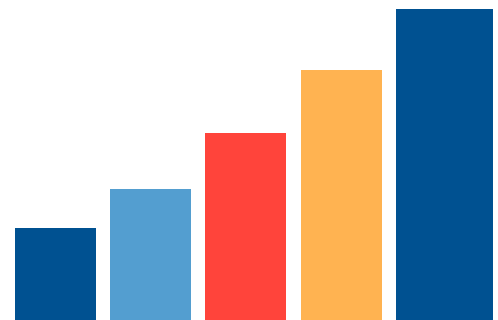
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About United Way



This year marks 70 years of providing leadership and support to those in need in our community. Many changes have taken place over the past 70 years - our name, the organizations we help support and communities that participate - but throughout those years, United Way of Ellis County has remained an organization that focuses on identifying local needs and working collaboratively to improve the lives of Ellis County residents in the areas of Education, Health and Financial Stability.

United Way of Ellis County is an organization that has been part of our community since 1953. Named the Hays United Fund, volunteers set the goal for the first campaign at \$18,132.15 which was met.

Today, the United Way of Ellis County has continued to raise funds to help those valuable agencies that assist thousands in our community every year. This year we are funding 14 agencies providing 19 different programs. Programs like the Options Safe Shelter, a place for individuals to stay when trying to escape domestic violence, or DSNWK's Job-Follow Along Program that allows individuals with disabilities to obtain employment.

We invite you to celebrate 70 years in **Creating a Brighter Tomorrow** for the individuals in our community that need it the most.



Meet our Team



ERICA BERGES

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Erica is responsible for being the public representative of the United Way of Ellis County and represents the mission of the United Way to those in the local community. Her role includes fundraising, public relations, volunteer engagement and collaborative community initiatives. In a small office of 2 staff, as executive director, Erica is responsible for all operations of the organization.

Board of Directors

Amy Schaffer - President - Fort Hays State University

Jennifer Harmon - Vice President - Adams Brown CPA

Ryan Scheck - Treasurer - Adams Brown CPA

Niki Clark - Secretary - Nex-Tech

Korinna Parker - Past President - Jeter Law Firm

Sarah Dreiling - HaysMed

Erin Giebler - City of Hays

Lisa Kever - Emprise Bank

Becky Kiser - Eagle Radio

Brendan Mackay - Ellis County

Jaden Richardson - Bank of Hays

Cindy Strube - Midwest Energy



Vision, Mission, & Focus

Vision

- United Way envisions a world where every individual has an opportunity to succeed, and entire communities thrive as a result.

Mission

- The United Way of Ellis county positively impacts lives by strategically channeling community resources.

Focus

- United Way's focus is on Education, Health, and Financial Stability, the three building blocks for a good quality of life and thriving community.

Where the Money Goes...

2023 Agency Allocations
\$280,000 Awarded

Education

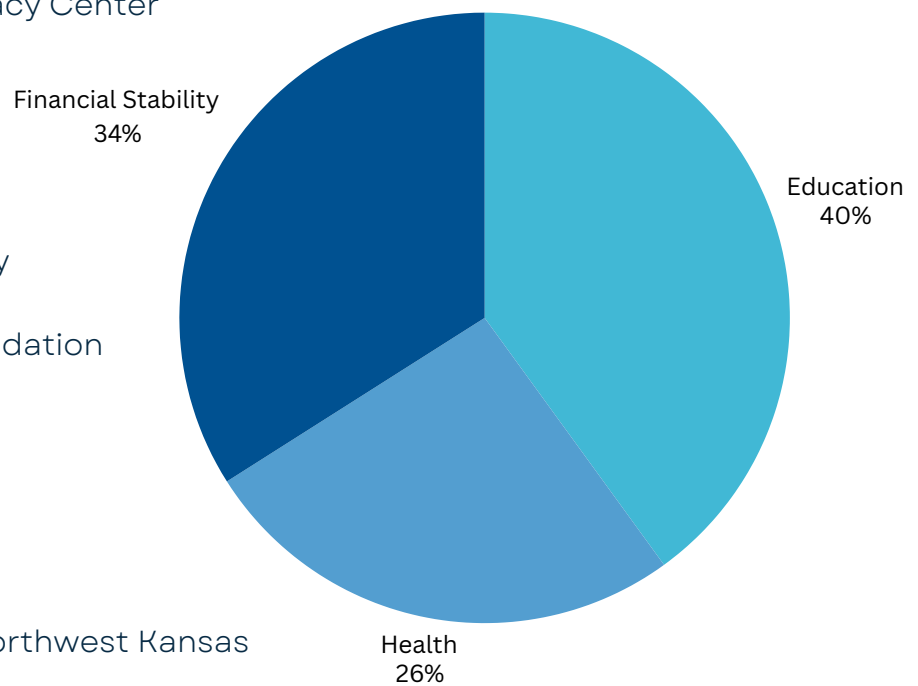
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Casa of the High Plains
Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas
Parents and Children Together
Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center

Health

American Red Cross
Cancer Council of Ellis County
Catholic Charities
Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation
Hays Senior Center
Options

Financial Stability

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas
First Call For Help
Salvation Army
Western KS Association on the Concerns of the Disabled





Financial Statements

	2022	2021
Current Assets	\$465,408	\$264,764
Property, Plant and Equipment	\$1,963	\$7,705
Other Assets	\$235,048	\$210,032
Total Assets	\$702,419	\$581,248
Total Liabilities	\$65,562	\$13,812
Net Assets	\$636,857	\$567,436
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$702,419	\$581,248



United Way of Ellis County **CHAMPIONS CIRCLE**

Individuals

Platinum

Don and Millie Bickle Jr.
Larry and Margie Caspers
John and Jayne Clarke
Kent and Lisa Colwell
Brian and Michelle DeWitt
Schamra Detherage
Lindsey Fox
Dave and Sonya Herl
David Kohtz
Pat Parke
Patricia Phillips
Andrew and Kathy Rupp
Randy and Tammy Walker

Gold

Tim and Susan Bickle
John Braun
Allen K. and Kathie Brooks
Craig and Kris Dewell
Travis Dinges
Sharon Dreher
Stan and Carol Dreiling
Larry Getty
James and Linda Hohman
Travis Kohlrus
Lindell Linenberger
Tisa Mason
Mike and Rena Morley
Grover Musser
Dustin and Kristy Schlaefli
Gary and Mary Ann Shorman
Shane and Stacey Smith
Phillip and Linda Stahlman
Cindy Strube
Bob and Nancy Wertenberger
Josh and Shauna Zweifel

Silver

Troy Basgall
James and Deborah Braun
Jack and Jessica Dennis
Josh Dreher
Ruth Firestone
Tim Flax
Brandon Prough
Jaden Richardson
Nathan Schippers
Gene and Cheryl Stramel
Fred Taylor

Bronze

Nancy Apel
Megan Ball
Marcia Bannister
Andrew Beck
Shirley Bollig
Darla Braun
Tura Clement
Kurt and Kathy David
Michael Drees
Jim and Shelby Doty
Trevor and Erin Giebler
Lisa Karlin
Mark and Kathleen Kaseforth
Mariah Legleiter
Kelly Lewis
Dane and Kayla Lonnon
Todd and Kim Meier
Nathan McNeil
Tom Meis
Steve and Marva Miller
Kathy Mitchell
Steve and Julie Paul
Scott and Nikki Pfannenstiel
Verlin and Elaine Pfannenstiel

Bronze

Margaret Plante
Michael and Marlene Pollock
Justin Randa
Darrell and Melissa Romme
Erik Scott
Cathy Shaffer
Don and Christi Scheibler
Charlotte Schulte
Terry Siek
John and Shelbi Solida
Brittney Squires
Greg Swob
Justin Wendland
Meagan Wellbrock

Businesses

HaysMed
Midwest Energy
Fort Hays State University
Schmidt Foundation
Dillons
Insurance Planning
Adams Brown
Bank of Hays
Nex-Tech
Warehouse/S&W Supply
Eagle Communications
Sunflower Electric
Sunflower Bank
City of Hays
Commerce Bank
Vyve Broadband
USD 489
DSNWK
Jeff Pinkney CPA

Blue Cross Blue Shield
Epic Games
Hays Rotary Club
High Plains Mental Health
Midwestern Pipeworks
Volga German Association
Northwestern Printers
First Kansas Bank
Brungardt Hower Ward Elliott & Pfiefer
Michael Hattan OD
Ellis County
TMP & Holy Family
Emprise Bank
Cumberland Farms
Jeter Law Firm
Simply Charmed
Heartland Credit Union
Clinkscales Elder Law
Kennemer Orthodontist
Ellis Co. Bar Association
Lifetime Dental
EyeSmile
I-70 Truck Repair
Kansas Natural Gas Operating
Meckenstock Group
Hearing Solutions
Border States Electric
McHays
Tri-Central Office Supply
Gordon's Carpet Center
Commercial Builders
Zinszer Oil
Golden Plains Trucking
Hertal Tank Service
State Glass Co.
ABC Seamless
Advance Real Estate
Field Abstract & Title
Voss State Farm
High Plains Farm Credit

Year in Review: Events

United Way held their annual golf tournament at the Smoky Hill Country Club.



United Way along with their Partner Agencies participated in three Homecoming Parades.



United Way Board Members and Staff volunteered to help with the Oktoberfest Mug Toss



Year in Review: Events

The City of Hays proclaimed October 22nd to be United Way Day in celebration of 70 years in the community.



Partnered with Big Creek Crossing to provide Cookies and Milk during Storytime with Santa.



United Way helped celebrate the Grand Reopening of the community's Dillons Store!



Programs & Services



Reality U

United Way brought Reality U, a financial simulation activity for middle school and high school students, to Ellis County schools again for 2023.

Ellis County Resources

Access a directory of Ellis County Resources at the website www.elliscountyshelp.com or download the app.



Northwest Kansas Volunteers

United Way's Volunteers Website is a great way to access volunteer opportunities in the community.



Contact Us



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