



The United Way of Greater McHenry County mobilizes the caring power of the community so that every child in McHenry County has the opportunity to thrive. By supporting our mission, you provide local children with resources and programs that drive success in school and beyond. Your generous contribution will significantly enhance the prospects for a brighter, more fulfilling life for the children in our community.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS 2024

The majority of the money that we raise is used to fund grants to our 30 local partner agencies. \$561,725 of \$1,091,525 in grants were awarded to support Youth Opportunity during the 2024-2025 fiscal year! Grants awarded this year are focused upon improving the lives of the youngest members of our community are providing:

- Mentors
- After-school academic support
- High-quality childcare at free or reduced cost
- Access to scouting programs
- Access to summer camps
- Early childhood education
- Literacy Development
- Advocacy to help overcome abuse and neglect
- College and career readiness
- Safe Housing
- Food Security

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY PARTNER AGENCIES



**\$2.50 PER PAYCHECK
GIVES THE GIFT OF
LITERACY**

All children aged 0-5 in McHenry County can receive a specially selected book in the mail for free each month! Thanks to our generous donors, the United Way of Greater McHenry County has brought this excellent program to McHenry County. Children benefit from early literacy exposure, strengthening brain development and boosting social, emotional, and language skills. A gift of \$2.50 per paycheck provides free books for one child for the year!

YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION: EMPOWERING CHILDREN TO OVERCOME FAMILY VIOLENCE AND FIND SAFETY

Through United Way's funding of comprehensive services aimed at ending family violence, children like James are finding their voices and reclaiming their sense of safety. After participating in the domestic violence children's services program, James and 100% of the other child clients can confidently name at least two actions they can take when they feel unsafe. This newfound knowledge empowers them with practical tools for protection. Additionally, 85% of these children now understand that the abuse within their families is not their fault, a crucial realization for their emotional healing. By providing these children with critical life skills and emotional support, the program is not only addressing the immediate impacts of violence but also fostering a foundation for long-term resilience and safety.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Donate today through payroll deductions or scan the QR code below!



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