



United Way of  
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**United Way awards \$375,000 to local programs supporting children**

KENNEWICK, Wash—United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties has awarded \$375,000 to 17 local programs to support critical needs of children and their parents or caregivers.

United Way’s Board of Directors reviewed 59 proposals from local agencies during the last quarter of 2021. “For every dollar we had to give, we received about \$4 in requests,” said Community Impact Chair Charles Simpson. “That response demonstrated the capacity of local nonprofits to address community need. It also focused our reviews to identify where our funds could best ensure the biggest benefit to people in need in our community.”

Today, thirteen agencies received grants of \$7,000 to \$30,000 to address childhood health and wellness, student success, support for family systems, and parent success. Agencies receiving grants report accomplishments to United Way every six months through June 2023.

“Local donations enable us to invest in the future of our community by supporting the education, health, and safety of children in our bi-county region,” said Dr. LoAnn Ayers, our United Way’s President. “From housing assistance for families escaping domestic violence to service dogs for parents who are veterans, these grants will help nearly 39,000 people over the next 18 months.”

Since 1958, our local United Way has been building collaborations and raising funds to address challenges that no one agency can solve alone to provide the support that every child needs to thrive.

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