

# 2022 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

BECAUSE OF YOU

## 84,000 PEOPLE

Received Services in 2022

Thank you for supporting United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties in 2022 and *Being the Bridge* to build better futures for our local kids. Your generosity provided renewed hope in our communities. Together, we are *Bridging the Gap* to improve the lives of our local kids and their families.



### ACCESS TO SERVICES EXPANDED FOR LOCAL KIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES

## \$375,000

in grants to  
13 local non-profits

We provide grants to start a new program or expand the number of local people served.

## 39,000

more local children and their families accessing critical services

*\*For a full list of 2022 Grant Recipients visit: [uwbfco.org/grants](http://uwbfco.org/grants)*



## 14,440

family members received support to recover from violence



## 400,000

diapers distributed and helped babies stay healthy



## 12,000

children and their caregivers received food & essential care supplies through Mobile Markets



### STUDENT SUCCESS INCREASED

Our AmeriCorps Mentoring program increased the success of chronically absent middle schoolers. In the 2021/22 school year, the program provided over 13,000 hours of direct support to 11 local middle schools, which resulted in:

Mentoring over

## 250

chronically absent students

Additional in-school support of

## 850+

middle school students



## 54% DROP

 in chronic absenteeism amongst participants

## 90% IMPROVEMENT

in attitudes towards attendance and academics amongst program participants

Our 2023 AmeriCorps Members currently serve in:

**10 LOCAL MIDDLE SCHOOLS**  
**IN 6 SCHOOL DISTRICTS**



*“With the help of United Way, we were able to fund full-time case management and support services which is critical to the success of our participants and their children. Our Transition to Success Program helped 50 more families with the funding we received.”*

-Carissa Lieberman, Program Director & Local Grant Recipient  
Elijah Family Homes



*“The mentoring program is a huge connection piece. Kids would come down to the office to ask if the program was going to happen. And that will usually give a kid some reason to continue to hold on.”*

-Michael Kantman, Assistant Principal, Kiona-Benton City Middle School

 **\$240,000+**

Raised to address hunger and homelessness in our community at our 5th Annual Festival of Trees Gala and Auction

UNITED WAY'S 5TH ANNUAL  
**Festival**  
OF  
*Trees*



**\$482,000**

 **44,066**

in FEMA Emergency Food & Shelter Program funds we placed for diapers, food distribution and temporary housing for locals in need

local people received Emergency Food and Shelter Support in 2022 (over \$1 million granted in the last 3 years)



## SUPPORT IN LOCAL VOLUNTEERISM INCREASED

**VolunteerTriCities.org** connects volunteers and non-profits and serves as the only free public volunteer matching platform in the region.

**VOLUNTEER**  
**TR!-CITIES.ORG**

**260** New Volunteer Registrations in 2022

**100+** Total New Volunteer Opportunities Created in 2022

**110+** Active Non-Profits Using the Platform

**600+** Total Volunteer Registrations since 2020



Thank you to the Hanford VIT Plant for their continued support of this community service.



## CONTINUED TRANSPARENCY IN OUR MISSION AND RESULTS

We achieved the *Platinum Seal of Transparency* rating on Candid (formerly Guidestar), the world's largest source of information on non-profit organizations.



This rating puts us in the  
**TOP .01%** of charities nationally



## THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIFT

The impact of your donation goes far beyond the dollars donated. Your generosity ignites the interest of others and leads the way toward building a stronger and healthier community for our local kids and their families. We could not do it without you.

Thank you for helping us **Bridge the Gap in 2022** to improve local lives. We appreciate you investing in our community through our United Way.



Leonardo, Age 6  
Richland, WA



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