

UNITED WAY OF MONROE COUNTY #35-0985959

Form 990, Schedule O Program Service Accomplishments

United Way of Monroe County works with 25 member agencies and a network of other community partners to provide comprehensive and collaborative solutions that help local residents improve their lives. Specifically, we work to ensure that:

- Children & Youth Build Success from Education
- Families Earn and Save for Independence
- Everyone has the Essentials of Life

Serving Monroe County since 1936, and as a United Fund/Way since 1956, we address the most critical human problems that people face today and work to reduce those needs in the future.

In 2008, United Way invested \$1,193,954 in support of 25 certified member agencies, other exempt organizations, and United Way initiatives. We also distributed \$141,922 to 94 exempt organizations through the Combined Federal Campaign.

Donations to United Way were invested in local programs with these results:

Our Priorities		
<i>Education</i>	<i>Earnings</i>	<i>Essentials</i>
Education is the path to increased earnings, so United Way works to ensure children have the cognitive skills and social supports to enter school ready to learn and leave school ready to earn.	By making job skills workshops, health programs, grocery delivery services, and stable employment opportunities available to those in need, we help people build assets and stay financially independent through retirement.	Stable housing, a community safety net, counseling, low-cost medical office visits, and referral services supported by United Way help ensure every family can be successful.

Our Results (a sample of the outputs and outcomes we support)		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 5,500 area youth participated in after-school programs, day care, education opportunities, mentoring, therapy, advocacy, and other organized. • Over 750 families received Born Learning materials filled with research-based parenting tips and ways to turn everyday moments into learning experiences. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 900 at-risk residents were provided supports to maintain or gain employment. These supports included resume/interview coaching, on-the-job training, reliable and affordable childcare, and legal counseling. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 935,000 meals were given to local residents experiencing hunger. About 50% went to children and 15% to seniors. • Nearly 11,000 residents in need were provided with medical services, equipment, prescription assistance, screenings, and counseling, enabling them to maintain their health.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 119 community members learned how to respond in a disaster through American Red Cross training. • At Amethyst House, more than 60% of clients who needed to work on their GED have completed or continued their programs. • At Area 10 Agency on Aging, 28 out of 31 students tutored by seniors showed marked improvement in their reading and language scores. • At Big Brothers Big Sisters, 98% of children showed increased confidence. Only 25% of children were involved in any school or community activity before being matched. After one year, that increased to 90%. • At Boys & Girls Clubs, kids increased their math and reading test scores by 43% and 33%, and over 80% agreed they have learned to make healthy decisions at the Club. • Through Catholic Charities, students improve their social and coping skills, learn how to resolve conflicts appropriately, and to accept and value diversity. • At Girls Inc., 100% of the teenage girls participating in after-school programs graduate from high school. • Middle Way House offered 213 educational sessions, with 4,581 individuals attending. • Monroe County United Ministries reports that 81% believed the quality of their family time had improved and MCUM made them more aware of how they can support their child's development and education at home. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United Way worked with the VITA Community Team to help 1,559 people receive free tax preparation, saving them over \$200,000 in fees, and helping them claim over \$350,000 in Earned Income Tax Credit. • A local temporary employment service now specifically requests Amethyst (who are recovering from addictions) because of their reliability. • At Monroe County United Ministries, 100% of the parents of enrolled children maintained their employment, and 61% believed that enrolling their child at MCUM improved their employment or educational opportunities. • Options, Inc. reports that 68% of Options employment customers (people with disabilities) find jobs within 90 days and stay employed over 2 years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Monroe County Long Term Recovery Committee, a United Way program, assisted more than 400 individuals and families affected by the severe storms and floods of 2008. • The Community Kitchen Summer Breakfast program delivered 11,766 breakfasts to children in 8 low-income neighborhoods and 2 youth-serving programs. • Nearly 500 families were kept from homelessness because they received help with rent, utilities, and legal assistance. • 141 preschool children had affordable, dependable care that allowed their parents to work. • 5,044 nights of emergency shelter were provided by Middle Way House to women and children in the aftermath of traumatic violence. • The American Red Cross provided 32 individuals and families with emergency food, shelter, and supplies to help them recover from residential fires. • At Amethyst House, 80% of the clients in the residential programs are successfully free of drug and alcohol at discharge. • Indiana Legal Services, Inc. reports that 95% of the families represented by ILS increased or maintained access to health care, housing, or benefits. • At Monroe County United Ministries, 97% of parents believed their child is learning fundamental health and nutrition habits in the program.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard, 89% of class participants report that their diets improved as a result of MHC’s gardening or nutrition classes. • At Rhino’s, of the 28 graduate age youth in the program, all 28 of them graduated, with 20 planning to attend college or technical school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Stone Belt, employment services clients have an average tenure of 5 years and 4 months, exceeding the national average for all workers by 3 years and 10 months. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned Parenthood provided 30 local women free access to potentially life-saving colposcopies (including biopsy). • Volunteers in Medicine saw an average of 85 client visits per day, with 96% of patients at or below 100% of the poverty level; 39% of those have no reported income at all. 50% of VIM patients are employed.

We partner to achieve community goals

- We chair the Emergency Food and Shelter Board, to provide food, rent, and utility assistance to low-income residents.
- The Homeward Bound Walk, Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, the Interfaith Winter Shelter Task Force, and the NonProfit Alliance receive our fiscal services at no charge.
- We bring critical funding into our community by providing important information to local, state and federal officials.
- United Way provides funding and technical assistance for the Monroe and Owen County “211infolink” service. This partnership between UW and other organizations makes a simple but critical connection between people seeking services and the appropriate community-based organizations and government agencies.
- Working with local early childhood education and health care providers, we bring United Way’s Born Learning into childcare centers and pediatricians’ offices. Materials provided by United Way are distributed through childbirth classes and available to parents of all babies born at Bloomington Hospital. All mothers in the maternity unit have access to the parenting video. Born Learning encourages parents, grandparents, and caregivers to turn everyday tasks into learning experiences.
- United Way and Indiana University’s School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) began the process of updating our social service needs assessment.
- With the City of Bloomington, Community Foundation, and SPEA, we sponsor the NonProfit Alliance of Monroe County, which brings trainings, networking and outreach opportunities to help strengthen the operations of all nonprofit organizations and prepare future professionals.
- We have full accreditation from United Way Worldwide, meeting or exceeding all membership standards. In the past few years, we earned the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce workforce award, a statewide communications award, the Chamber family-friendly workplace award, and a Midwest staff excellence award.
- We work with management, union, and state, and local officials to assist workers who have become displaced from their jobs. The Mayor asked us to lead the GE employee transition effort.
- United Way’s Day of Action placed 130 volunteers at 15 area agencies.
- We raised \$182,694 in the Combined Federal Campaign for the Crane Area.
- United Way partnered with over a dozen businesses and organizations to sponsor a series of education workshops developed by the Foundation for MCC Schools.
- We are helping Bloomington Hospital review its options for future sites.
- In collaboration with the Monroe County Public Library, we host and provide materials for the nonprofit resource center and co-sponsored free access to a national grant search service for local agencies.

