A close-up photograph of two hands, one from the left and one from the right, cupping a small, red, fabric heart. The heart has a blue, decorative, scalloped edge. The hands are positioned in the center of the frame, with the fingers slightly curled. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey. A blue horizontal banner is overlaid across the upper portion of the image, and an orange horizontal banner is overlaid across the lower portion.

2019 Annual Report & ROI

United Way of Elkhart & LaGrange Counties

Leadership Notes



Bill Rieth
President/CEO

Since 1922, United Way donors, volunteers and staff have risen up to meet the great challenges that families in our community face. In 2019, we merged Elkhart & LaGrange counties to form a United Way that could better address needs in our area. We funded more than 20 programs impacting over 50,000 lives.

If you are one of United Way's donors or volunteers, THANK YOU for your part in changing lives. If you are not involved, please join us as we fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person in our community.



Shannon Klein
Board Chair

As Board Chair of United Way of Elkhart & LaGrange Counties, I personally say thank you! Words cannot begin to describe how grateful and thankful we are for the generosity of our community. We are humbled you choose to Live United and entrust us to be a good steward of your dollars. Having been a part of this amazing organization for over 15 years, I have seen many lives touched and transformed through the years. This would not be possible without your support. It truly is an honor to serve alongside the Board, Staff, Volunteers and Donors of United Way of Elkhart & LaGrange Counties to make a lasting impact!

OUR VISION

United Way envisions a community where all individuals and families achieve their human potential through education, income stability and healthy lives.

OUR MISSION

To improve lives of our residents by mobilizing the caring power of our community.

"There are no great people in this world, only great challenges which ordinary people rise to meet."
Fleet Admiral William F. (Bull) Halsey, Jr.

2020 has brought unprecedented health and economic crises, but, as usual, our community has risen to the challenge! Partnering with the Community Foundations in both Elkhart and LaGrange Counties, we raised emergency response and recovery funds to help those most impacted by the pandemic.

Anonymous Donor - 'Secret Santa' \$300,000	Karch Stewart Charitable Fund \$5,000
Lilly Foundation & Indiana United Ways ERI Grant \$100,000	Winnebago Industries Foundation \$5,000
United Way of Elkhart & LaGrange Co. \$80,000	Ora S. Troyer Trust \$4,000
Community Foundation of Elkhart Co. \$80,000	PNC Bank \$5,000
Meijer \$52,000	NIPSCO \$3,000
1st Source Bank Foundation \$44,000	Philip & Anne Shenk \$2,900
Bill & Kristin Fenech \$75,000	Nicole Hardy \$2,550
American Electric Power Foundation \$22,000	First Federal Savings Bank Fund \$1,000
Winnebago Foundation \$10,000	Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Blyly \$1,000
United Way Worldwide \$10,000	Mr. & Mrs. Myrl Nofziger \$1,000
JPMorgan Chase & Co. \$10,000	Mr. & Mrs. F. Richard Snyder \$1,000
Sugar Grove Church \$8,000	Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey M. Wells \$1,000
Joseph S. Shoemaker \$8,000	Suzanne Blosser \$1,000
Martin's Super Markets \$6,080	Blue Knights IN VIII \$1,000
Key Bank Foundation \$5,000	

United Way Of Elkhart County And United Fund Of LaGrange County Officially Merge

After a yearlong exploration process, United Fund of LaGrange County and United Way of Elkhart County became a new entity on December 6th, 2019. The vision for the merger is to improve lives and strengthen communities by ensuring all residents of both counties have access to the basic building blocks of a good life. Coordination with volunteers and community leaders will continue to help guide local strategies, programs, and fundraising in both counties. Thank you for your continued support to make this possible.



Mimi Wismer, former CEO of United Fund of LaGrange County and Bill Rieth, current CEO of the new organization.



The new board and staff members celebrate the merger in Shipshewana.

Return On Investment

**8,346 people
accessed
Financial
Stability support**

\$10/week donation
provided financial
independence for 20 people
\$50/week donation
provided 10,000 meals

**11,100 people
accessed Emergency
Services**

**56,242
PEOPLE
SERVED**

\$1/week donation provided nearly
\$2,000 in vital medications
\$5/week donation provided 24 kids
access to help with reading

**2,443 people
accessed health
support**

United Way Community Partners



Health



Education



Income Stability

-  2-1-1
-  ADEC
-  ALICE Report
-  Boy Scouts, LaSalle Council
-  Boys & Girls Clubs of Elkhart County
-  CAPS
-  Center for Healing and Hope
-  Church Community Services
-  Council on Aging
-  Early Childhood Alliance
-  Elkhart Community Schools
-  Elkhart County Clubhouse
-  Family Christian Development Center

-  FamilyWize
-  Goshen Community Schools
-  Gr8t Beginnings
-  Heart City Health Center
-  Lacasa
-  Oaklawn
-  READ UNITED
-  Ribbon of Hope
-  Salvation Army of Elkhart
-  Salvation Army of Goshen
-  Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive
-  Success by 6 Summit
-  United Way Coat Drive
-  Walnut Hill
-  YWCA North Central Indiana

BOARD LEADERSHIP

BOARD CHAIR

SHANNON KLEIN

Executive Committee
Community Impact Panel

BOARD VICE-CHAIR

ANDY HELFRICH

Executive Committee
Community Impact Panel

TREASURER AND CHAIR, FINANCE COMMITTEE

CORBIN MILLER

Executive Committee

BOARD SECRETARY

DAWN FISHER

Executive Committee
Campaign Cabinet
Community Impact Panel

PAST BOARD CHAIR

MARK PODGORSKI

Executive Committee
Community Impact Panel

BOARD MEMBERS AT-LARGE

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Member

JEFF NEW

Finance Committee

JIM PINARSKI

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BILL RIETH

Executive Vice President of Community Impact

KEITH SARBER

Vice President of Development

ASHLEY L. BOWEN

Executive Director of Finance & Human Resources

ANGIE HOOGENBOOM

Director of LaGrange County

MIMI WISMER

Development Manager

ERIN MCNEAL

Director of Community Impact

MONA LIVINGSTON

Manager of Marketing & Administration

MATT PURO

Financials

	2019	2018
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$562,921	\$562,516
Pledges Receivable-Prior Campaign, Less Allowance for Uncollectible Pledges of \$253,561 in 2019 (\$211,690 in 2018)	\$225,461	\$199,462
Pledges Receivable-Current Campaign, Less Allowance for Uncollectible Pledges of \$200,000 in 2019 (\$195,780 in 2018)	\$869,881	\$1,090,706
Investments	\$1,243,689	\$1,103,948
Other Current Assets	\$15,229	\$10,500
Equipment, Net	\$3,339	\$4,853
Funds Held by Community Foundation of Elkhart County	\$427,938	\$352,144
TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,348,458	\$3,324,129
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$76,274	\$54,864
Accounts Payables - Innovation Grant		\$2,874
Designations Payable	\$118,865	\$141,297
Total Liabilities	\$195,139	\$199,035
NET ASSETS		
Total Without Donor Restrictions	\$1,921,645	\$1,682,086
With Donor Restrictions	\$1,231,674	\$1,443,008
Total Net Assets	\$3,153,319	\$3,125,094
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$3,348,458	\$3,324,129

On a typical day last year, 12-year-old Heather looked forward to her time with Ms. Nicole and her friends after school at the Boys & Girls Club. Because of your support, she was able to get help with her homework, paint with Ms. Sheryl in the art room, and participate in the club's STEM Mentoring program.

Heather didn't just get educational help. The program helped her make new friends, gain confidence, and grow personally. "I was able to meet Toni. She is still one of my best friends. We became friends when we both started STEM Mentoring. Even though we both went to the same school, we didn't really become friends until then. I have opened up more since joining the program and it has helped me become a better leader. I think United Way is a great organization, and very helpful. I think everyone should know about United Way."

United Way funding helps many children get access to the resources that they need to thrive in school and beyond. Thank you for building a stronger community by investing in kids like Heather.

Top Corporate Partners



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Company**

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Corporate Office



Goshen Health



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Bronze Level (\$1K - \$1.5K)

Alivia A. Alesi	Brett L. Hartzler	Marcus A. Miller	Phillip & Jennifer Smoker
Dick & Linda Armstrong	Brian T. Healy	Marlin R. Miller	Vanessa M. Sparks
Andrew T. Ault	Andy & Amanda Helfrich	Rick & Stephanie Mirer	Carol A. Sprague
Maria A. Behr	Billie Jean Hewlcomb	Randy & Cindy Mockler	Edward A. Sullivan
Liz & Tom Borger	Kenneth D. Hochstetler	Matthew L. Mullett	Robin G. Sutton
Ashley L. Bowen	David A. Holderman	Rob & Stephanie Myers	Todd M. Taylor
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George & Marty Buckingham	David W. Holland	Terri L. Nowicki	Karlan M. Troyer
William B. Burton	Stephen M. Holmes	Todd A. Nowicki	Joe A. Velleman
Denise M. Chariya	Lorence & Cheri Howe	Robert & Tracy Olson	Charles H. Vetter
Joe Choflet	Nathaniel A. Howell	Steve & Linda Ostrander	Kevin R. Wagler
Matthew C. Christensen	Cody M. Huffines	Kerry & Leslie Peel	Jeffrey A. Wagner
Randal E. Christophel	Devin M. Jenkins	Laura A. Perkins	Leona & Kyle Walker
Michael Cocanower	William Johnson	Maraya L. Priestly	Anthony Warning &
Bonnie D. Cripe	Tim L. Jones	Christopher & Erin Putt	Martha Peterson
Kerry D. Cripe	Ryan & Jodi Juday	Rebecca L. Ratliff	Chad A. Weinberg
Steven Deranek	Ram K. Khattri Chettri	Sandy J. Richardson	Lindsay A. Welch
James H. DeWitt	Jeff Kime	Hon. James W. Rieckhoff	Brock M. Welch
Nicteloy Diaz	Shannon G. Klein	Kirk Root	Krista J. Wheeler
Gregg A. Doberenz	Jonathan R. Nisely	Candy A. Rucker	Dale T. Williams
John & Kimberly Dooley	Mark & Staphanie Krol	Pat & Ginny Russell	Jordon T. Wilson
Jacob Eash	Christopher M. Lane	David A. Samaniego	Dr. Min Yan
Tom & Sara Elkin	Chris L. Lawrence	Michael A. Sanchez	Devon D. Yoder
Jim & Deb Ellis	William I. Lazon	Evarado L. Sanchez	
John & L. Anne Fetter	Erica L. Lindke	Keith & Sharon Sarber	
Juan Flores	Todd B. Lozier	Kathryn A. Schoonaert	
Martha A. Foreman	Tim & Michelle Markel	Bob & Marie Schrock	
Tony Frieden & Stacy Quarandillo	Juan A. Martinez	Hunter W. Schuler	
Matt & Amanda Gardenour	Christopher & Terri Mason	Gary J. Sieber	
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Christopher E. Goins	Terri A. Miller	Mary Smith-Demeulenaere	
John & Anita Green	Allen & Dorothy Miller		

Platinum Level

(\$7.5 K - \$10K)

Tim & Michelle Koch

Gold Level

(\$5K - \$7.5K)

Anonymous

Tom & Dottie Arnold

David & Sara Chupp

Luis Cintron

Jack & Karen Cittadine

Troy & Katie James

Ken and Deb Julian

Steven and Joan Malm

Mary E. Naquin

Thad & Rachelle Naquin

Dan & Angela Stoltzfus

Will D. Weed

Jack & Angie Welter

Colleen & Bill Zuhl

Silver Level

(\$2.5K - \$5K)

Peter D. Barrett

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Richard & Tammy Deisler

Timothy & Jeri Edwards

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Geoffrey Landis

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David & Cindy Hawkins

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Corbin L. Miller

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Stan & Linda Rupnow

Sid & Kim Sherwood

Jeff & Mary Snyder

John M. Stukenborg

David & Rhonda Thwaites

Jeff & Phid Wells

Andy & Susan Wyse

Copper Level

(\$1.5K - \$2.5K)

Donald & Keri Anderson

Dennis & Caron Blyly

Derald & Cindy Bontrager

Brian & Margot Borger

Copper Level (Cont.)

Garett D. Carolus

John & Mary DeVous

Shannon K. Downs

Mike T. Farmer

John & Lois Fidler

Dawn L. Ford

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Dave Goodling

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Leanne K. McKee

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Dan & Karen Oakley

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Kendal & Robina Sommers

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Randy L. Zonker

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Heartland RV
Meijer Inc.
Crowe LLP
Fairmont Homes
Manchester Tank
Goshen Community Schools
RSM
Lake City Bank
L & W Engineering
1st Source Bank
Green Stream Company
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First State Bank
Menno Travel
Godfrey Marine
ADEC
United Way of Elkhart & LaGrange
Counties

Concord Community Schools
Yoder Ainlay Ulmer & Buckingham
Indiana Michigna Power (AEP)
Troyer Foods
ASA Electronics
Teachers Credit Union
DJ Construction
Hawkins Water Tech
Arboc Specialty Vehicles
Kennametal Stellite
Kem Krest
Elkhart Community Schools
Quality Drive-Away
Jayco
D&W
Goshen College
Stifel
Tenneco
Key Bank
Insight Accounting
Cummins Onan
Boys & Girls Clubs of Elkhart County
LaCasa
Cornerstone CPA Group
Meijer Central Kitchen
Goshen Stamping
Wa-Nee Community Schools
Accretive

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Placon Corporation
Family Christian Development
Center
PNC Bank
Skyline
Goshen City Offices
Nappanee Public Library
Walnut Hill
Sherwin Williams (Geocel)
Oaklawn
Grossnickle Eye Center
Goshen News
Nipsco
Boy Scouts - LaSalle Council
Satellite Industries

Great Cardboard Boat Race

10th Anniversary



53 Boats
Raced



Over 1,000
attendees



25 Local
Companies
participated



Over \$75,000 raised to support the community

Tocqueville Society

Recognizing those who gave \$10,000 or more in 2019

Brian & Jeannelle Brady

John M. Collins

Arthur J. Decio

Mary Pat & Bob Deputy

Bill & Kristin Fenech Family

Chris & Shawn Hermon

Ashley M. Martin

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Frank & Marsha Martin

Rex Martin

Douglas and Sara Smoker

M. Scott & Kimberlee Ann Welch

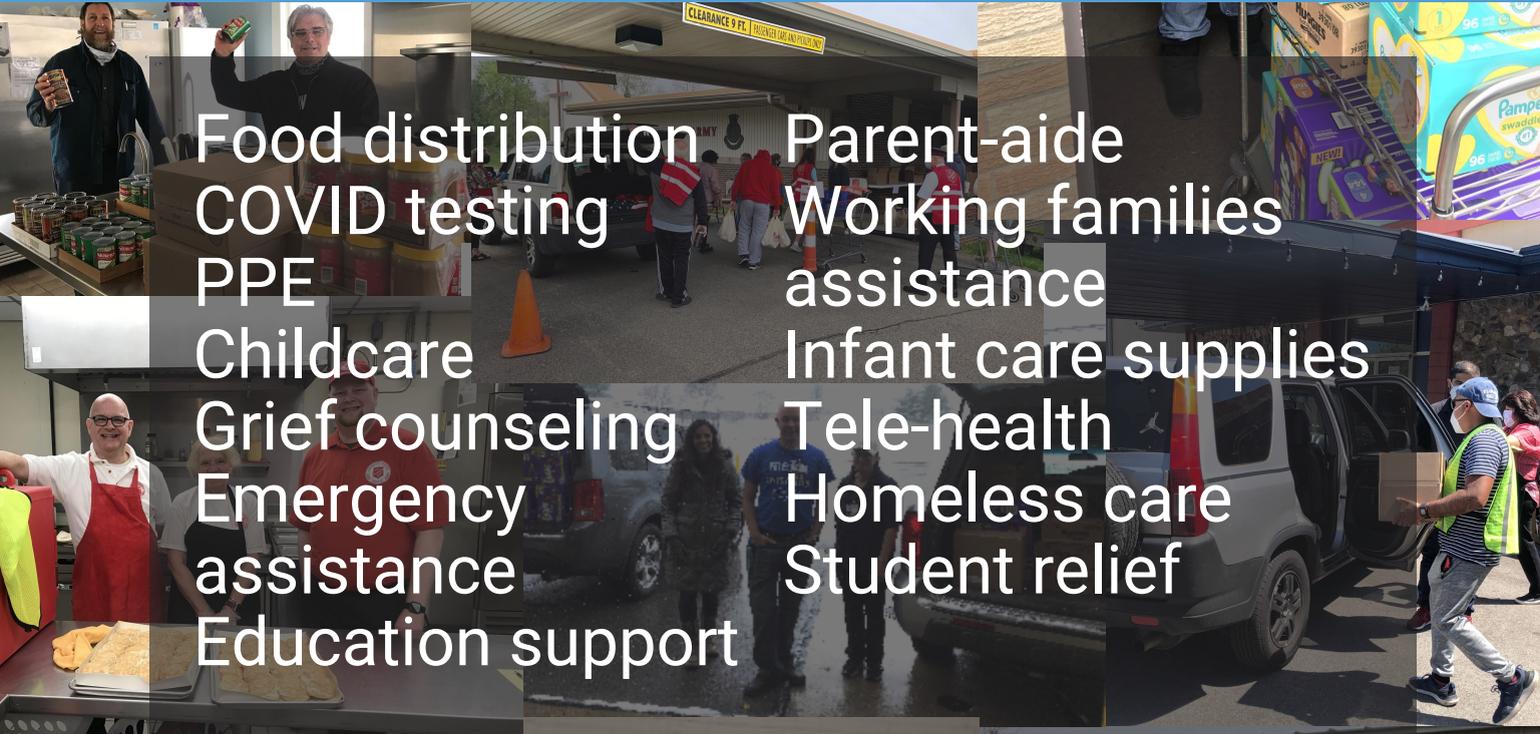
Ed & Willy Welter

Todd and Sarah Woelfer

Matt & Monica Zimmerman



COVID-19 Response... so far



Food distribution
COVID testing
PPE
Childcare
Grief counseling
Emergency assistance
Education support

Parent-aid
Working families assistance
Infant care supplies
Tele-health
Homeless care
Student relief

