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United Way of Posey County, Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Our Mission Statement

Our Mission . . . The United Way of Posey County will provide visionary leadership to assess community needs, mobilize resources, and direct those resources toward services which enhance quality of life for people living in Posey County.

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PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The United Way of Posey County has been in existence since 1962. Our goal is to make a difference – to improve the quality of life for Posey County people. In 2019, we have allocated funds to 18 agencies that serve Posey County people: Albion Fellows Bacon Center, American Red Cross-Posey County, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Buffalo Trace Council-BSA, Catholic Charities, Children's Learning Center, Christian Church Day Care Center, Community Emergency Assistance, Easterseals Rehabilitation Center, Easterseals Rehabilitation Center-Posey County, Family Matters, Homeless Shelter of Mt. Vernon, Lampion Center, New Harmony Ministry Association, Posey County Council on Aging, The Salvation Army, WNIN Radio Reading Program, and Willow Tree of Posey County. We also funded a one-time, specific request to help with security and transportation to Jacob's Village. We also offer a Gifts In Kind program, an information and referral service for help, training sessions and workshops for volunteers and agencies, a prescription drug discount program, and 2-1-1 – the easily-remembered number to call for information and assistance.

We have over 170 local people serving as volunteers. Our programs helped over 10,800 Posey County people in 2017, not including casual encounters such as giving out information at public events, taking blood pressure, etc. We also have over 25 people who volunteer with the National Association of Letter Carriers each May to help replenish the local food bank, helped the Salvation Army collect items for care packages for the military in Iraq and Afghanistan, helped a local group affiliated with the local Red Cross Chapter provide care packages to the military and items for a food bank for local military, and provided emergency funding to continue the local Step Ahead program. We also helped with a program to help those in need receive dental care. In 2006, we were able to bring 2-1-1 for information and assistance calls to Posey County, and we worked with community partners to begin the "Keeping Posey County Families Together" project, which is now underway. In 2008, we brought a prescription drug discount program to Posey County for the uninsured and underinsured. In 2009, we started working with other community partners on a plan for better emergency preparedness and disaster relief awareness, and, so far, have provided information kits to all Posey County residents and provided information through newspaper, radio, and billboards. We have started a Youth Spirit Award to recognize volunteerism and community activity among high school juniors. The award winner then becomes an example to other youth for the next year.

In early 2012, the United Way of Posey County obtained grant funds through the Indiana Association of United Ways with funding from the Lilly Endowment by matching increased giving in the 2011 United Way Campaign. The \$65,166 obtained from the grant is designed to strengthen the United Way initiatives of Education, Family Financial Stability, and Health. We have worked with three local agencies to focus on how to use these funds in areas to help work on concerns now rather than trying to deal with bigger problems later. Big Brothers Big Sisters received \$35,000 to help establish its programs throughout Posey County. Community Emergency Assistance received \$12,000 to be able to offer the Neighbor to Neighbor financial planning and training course to more people. ECHO Community Health Care received \$18,166 to offer more basic health care for the people of Posey County.

In early 2014, an additional \$63,927 in grant funds was received. The grant was designed to strengthen the United Way initiatives of Education, Family Financial Stability, and Health and the United Way of Posey County is again using the funds to help work on concerns now before they grow into larger problems.

MSD Mt. Vernon received \$51,000 for a socialworker's cost and program expenses to reduce alcohol, tobacco, and drug use and reduce the incidents of suspensions and expulsions. MSD North Posey received \$10,000 to be used to continue the services of a school resource officer to maintain a safer school environment. Children's Learning Center of Posey County received \$2,500 to help them attain Level 3 and Level 4 on the Paths to Quality program to help provide superior child care and school readiness. The Medical Needs Committee received \$427 to provide vouchers for emergency dental care for the uninsured of Posey County.

In early 2016, \$66,445 in grant funds was received and again designed to strengthen the United Way initiatives of Education, Family Financial Stability, and Health. The funds were divided between the two school districts – MSD of Mt. Vernon and MSD of North Posey to pay for socialworkers to reduce substance abuse, suspensions, expulsions, and absenteeism, and to increase graduation rates.

In 2018, \$66,590 in grant funding has been received. The funds have been split between the Mount Vernon and North Posey School districts. These funds will again be used to help provide social workers in both school districts. The goals are to reduce the incidents of child abuse and neglect in Posey County, reduce incidents of bullying, reduce alcohol and drug use among students, and improve the graduation rates in both districts. Grant Beloit said, "We thank the people, businesses, and industry of Posey County for their overwhelming generosity and support. This is the fourth grant we have been able to claim in full since 2012, for a total of \$262,128 to impact the community."

In 2016, the United Way of Posey County held their first annual Day of Caring event sponsored by SABIC. The event involved groups of volunteers going out to local not for profits and community locations to provide help in completing projects that needed to be done at the various locations. 245 volunteers participated in completing 31 projects throughout Posey County. The event was a huge success and is expected to get bigger and better in the upcoming years.

In 2017, the second annual Day of Caring event was even bigger and better than 2016! The event was again sponsored by SABIC. Over 300 volunteers provided help in completing 40 projects at various locations around Posey County. The volunteer work is done for not for profits and other public locations in the county. The event has received a tremendous response in the community. We look forward to what Dan Ritter and the other Day of Caring Committee members have in store for the event in 2018.

In 2018, we had our third annual Day of Caring event and it was a huge success. The event was sponsored by SABIC and TMI. 308 volunteers provided help in completing 39 projects at various locations around Posey County. The volunteer work is done for not for profits and other public locations in the county. The event has received a tremendous response in the community. Dan Ritter and Rod Clark were co-chairs of the event and did an amazing job!



Rod Clark was presented with the Volunteer of the Year Award at the United Way of Posey County Annual Meeting.



Mount Vernon High School Senior Maria Turner is the recipient of the 2018 Elizabeth D. Baier Youth Spirit Award.

United Way of Posey County
2019 Agency Allocations

Albion Fellows Bacon Center	\$ 14,000.00
American Red Cross-Posey County	34,600.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters	12,000.00
Buffalo Trace Council-BSA	9,450.00
Catholic Charities	7,200.00
Children's Learning Center of Posey Co.	26,000.00
Christian Church Day Care Center	28,000.00
Community Emergency Assistance	22,500.00
Easterseals Rehabilitation Center	11,340.00
Easterseals Rehabilitation Center-Posey County	61,200.00
Family Matters	19,000.00
Homeless Shelter of Mt. Vernon	18,000.00
Lampion Center	13,500.00
New Harmony Ministry Association	9,000.00
Posey County Council on Aging	52,000.00
The Salvation Army	6,000.00
Willow Tree of Posey County	12,300.00
WNIN Radio Reading Program	<u>900.00</u>
	\$356,990.00
Jacob's Village (one-time specific funding)	6,000.00
Designated Contributions	\$116,577.18



The United Way of Posey County continues to maintain financial records that are favorably audited each year. The annual financial performance is under budget. The United Way of Posey County Board of Directors maintains United Way certification standards form. An active Finance Committee provides oversight and advice on financial operations. A copy of the audited financial statement is available upon request; and the IRS Form 990 is posted online at www.guidestar.com.

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