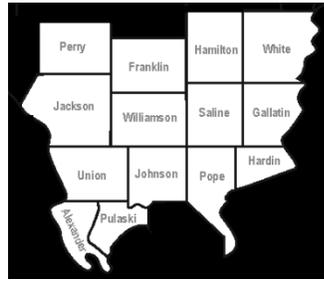


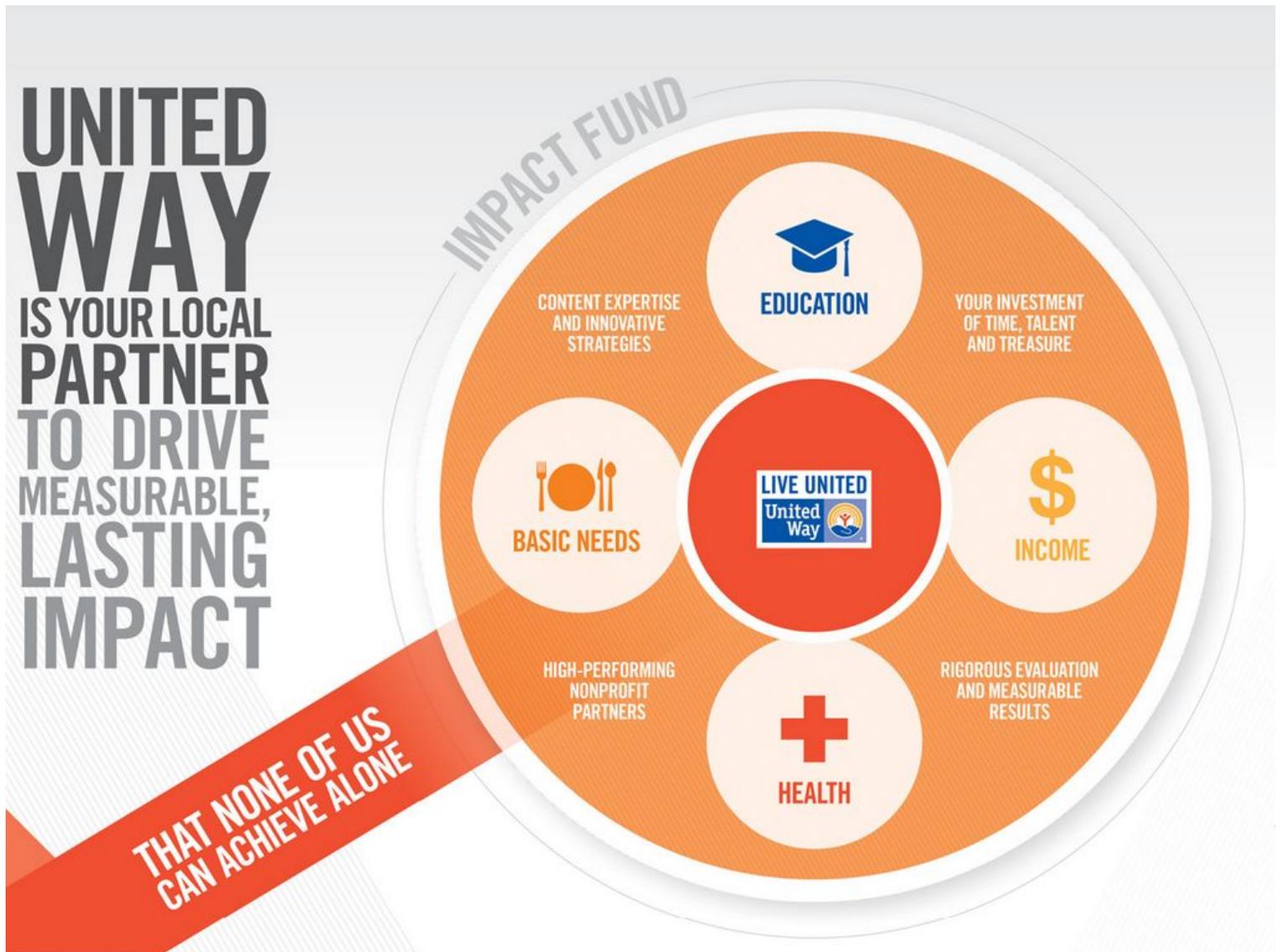
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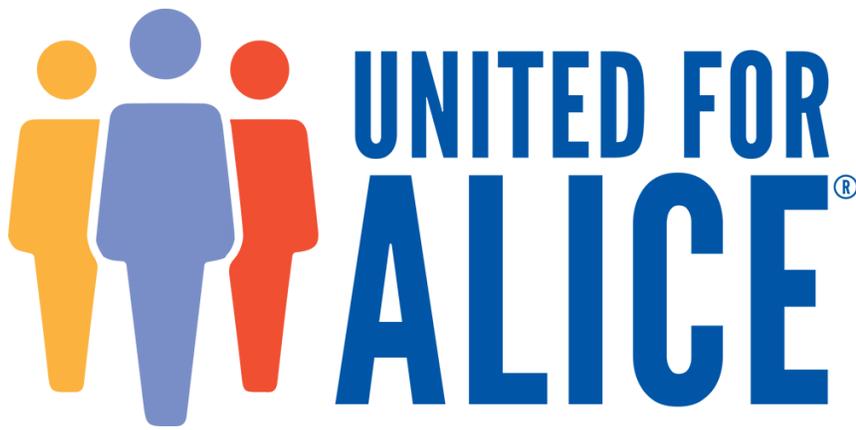


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While we work to address the root causes of important community issues, United Way realizes that there are individuals in our region who need our support right now. That's why we work to provide basic needs of food, shelter, health, and safety. When individuals are unable to meet their immediate needs, it becomes more difficult to focus on long-term goals such as employment, housing, or education.



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Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed

What is the ALICE Report?

To better understand the growing financial struggles many households face across the state of Illinois, **United Way of Illinois** launched a statewide research initiative. The ALICE Project—ASSET LIMITED, INCOME CONSTRAINED, EMPLOYED—is a grassroots movement and research initiative that brings together United Ways, foundations, academic institutions, corporations, and other state organizations to present data that can help inform strategies for positive community change.

ALICE represents our neighbors, loved ones, friends, and acquaintances who are living above the poverty line, but do not earn enough to afford the necessities of housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, and technology.

Household Type: All Households

<u>County</u>	<u>Households</u>	<u>% Below ALICE</u>
Alexander	2,323	59%
Franklin	16,135	47%
Gallatin	2,314	42%
Hamilton	3,376	31%
Hardin	1,438	47%
Jackson	23,728	51%
Johnson	4,342	43%
Perry	8,323	41%
Pope	1,644	49%
Pulaski	2,173	56%
Saline	10,002	44%
Union	6,669	42%
White	6,082	36%
Williamson	27,089	40%

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Holiday Helping Hand Program

The Holiday Helping Hand is a partnership of community businesses/organizations and United Way of Southern Illinois. This program provides support for individuals, seniors, children and families who might otherwise have little or nothing for the holidays, but is limited each year by the number of participating businesses.



How Can You Help?

As Holiday Helping Hands, you'll be matched with a family who is in need this holiday season. Holiday Helping Hands can be representatives of companies, departments/divisions, neighborhood associations, churches, civic organizations, families, friends or individuals.

- **Adopt a family!** You'll be matched with a family who is in need this holiday season, and provide needed items from their wish list(s).
- Organizations may provide gift cards and food for one or all families adopted.
- Cash contributions to Holiday Helping Hand program allow UWSI staff and volunteers to shop for Wish list items, or purchase gift cards (i.e. grocery, gas, movie/event passes).

If you are interested in helping to make this Christmas special for a less fortunate family, please let us know, no later than November 22nd so that we may match you with a deserving family.

Families must provide names, ages and sizes of all household members; phone number(s) and address of family; a scenario of their situation; & a Wish list of gift ideas from the family. Families are carefully screened by the UWSI staff for:

- Need (hardship, what is their "story"?)
- Are they receiving other help? (i.e. Angel Tree, Shop with a Cop, Toys for Tots, & other local organizations)
- Have they received help from UWSI in the past?
- Referral from an agency or school. Caseworkers are encouraged to refer only those families with whom they have personal knowledge of their circumstances. We ask caseworkers to refer families with extreme need.

Please wrap and label all gifts for each family member. UWSI will arrange with the family (date, time and place) for the delivery (usually at the family's home). Delivery of gifts must be by December 22. It is your choice if you want to deliver or to stay anonymous and let UWSI deliver. We ask that you be sensitive to a family's need, keeping in mind you may not know all the circumstances. We ask that you let them celebrate their holiday privately. Many families will send a note or card that their families liked the gifts and appreciated what the HHH's did. Some families could use assistance with basic needs including toiletry items or food for the pantry.

Gently Used Items: These items should be given IN ADDITION TO the items you buy IF it is okay with the family. Do not wrap these items; just deliver them with the rest of the gifts.



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DIAL 211



GET CONNECTED **GET ANSWERS**

United Way of Southern Illinois **2-1-1** provides referrals for the following needs:

FOOD / EMPLOYMENT / JUVENILE SERVICES
PROTECTIVE SERVICES / RENT/UTILITY AID
DISABILITY SERVICES / EMERGENCY SHELTER / LEGAL SERVICES
TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE
SUBSTANCE ABUSE / CRISIS INTERVENTION & COUNSELING
ELDERLY SERVICES / HEALTHCARE & PRESCRIPTIONS
HOME REPAIR
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
AND MORE!

TRAINED COMMUNITY REFERRAL SPECIALISTS
FREE / CONFIDENTIAL / AVAILABLE 24/7

Dial 2-1-1

1-888-865-9903 toll free

www.pathcrisis.org/community-resources/2-1-1/

211 is a single telephone number that cuts through the red tape. It is our toll-free hotline number connecting people with available community resources. **People with nowhere else to turn call 211** for information on a broad range of services, including rent assistance, food banks, affordable housing, health resources, child care, after-school programs, elderly care, financial literacy, and job training programs. **YOU can put that hope in their lives.** You can make it possible for us to answer these calls for help, one person at a time. What a great way to amplify the impact and your caring to our most vulnerable neighbors.



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Health Care

2.1%

Transportation

3.1%

Individual, Family and Community Support

4.0%

Information Services

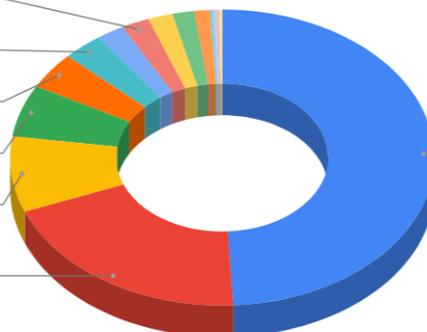
5.7%

Income Support/Assistance

8.3%

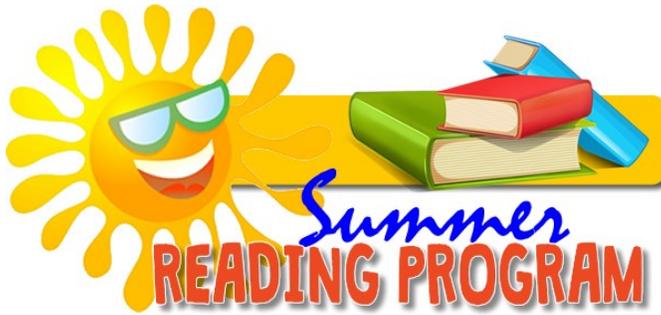
Utility Assistance

19.9%



Housing

49.2%



The United Way of Southern Illinois will be distributing summer reading and activity packs to children from toddler to teens as part of its Summer Reading and Activity Program.

They are distributed in June at United Way of Southern Illinois' office at 1800 W. Boulevard St. in Marion.

Parents and children can fill a tote with their choice of 3 books, snacks, and several other activity items. In addition, United Way will provide each family with a SingleCare prescription discount card and 211 resource information.

Supplies are limited to 150 packs and will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis. Packs will be limited to one pack per child or a family limit of three packs to ensure the greatest number of families can be served.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, donate books (excellent condition), activity items or promotional items; please call Toni or Linda @ 618.997.7744.



NOW
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Saving people money on necessary prescriptions is vital to the health and well-being of our families and our community. Too often, not taking medicine you need because you can't afford it begins a series of consequences that could start with disease progression & end with large medical bills or even bankruptcy. The United Way – FamilyWize partnership demonstrates how a grassroots initiative can help individuals and communities avoid such consequences. We provide these free prescription discount cards to local social service agencies, faith-based organizations, schools, community centers, local governments and healthcare providers so everyone can get the medicine they need.

Equity

The color of your skin, your family lineage, your zip code might influence your successes, they should not dictate them. People should not be defined by their DNA, but by the impact they make in this world. In order to move towards a culture where people are seen by their impact; we must create an equitable society. While change has happened, focus must not just be on creating an equal opportunity society, but an equitable equal opportunity society.

United Way of Southern Illinois condemns racism and oppression toward black, indigenous, and all people of color. We are working to create a just and equitable society where everyone can thrive.

Equity, Equality - What's the Difference?

Equality in communities means every person is receiving the same level of support to achieve an outcome. Society achieves equality by giving the same things to all people regardless of individual needs/circumstances. At its very basic definition some examples of equality could be every child has access to a public education; every person has water to drink; and, every person has a roof over their head. If the goal is only focused on equality, in these examples only the homeless would not be treated equally.



Meanwhile...

Equity goes much deeper. Equity is providing various levels of support based on the needs of each unique individual to achieve stronger, fairer outcomes. In order for us to achieve an equitable society, one must understand each other's circumstances and provide the unique supports they need to achieve the outcome. Public schooling is not just available, but tailored to each student with the resources to meet needs. Water is not just in homes, but it's clean and affordable. Equity promotes fairness and justice through systemic change, not just "checking a box".

Equality aims to promote fairness, but it can only work if everyone starts from the same place and needs the same aid. We know this is not the case for communities. Equity actively moves everyone closer to success, providing unique individualized supports. Equality can be easy to achieve, but to create true equity it requires a deep look in oneself and the systems around. Once the lack of an equitable society is understood by those in power (at all levels), people can join together to create systemic change that will truly create an equal community where everyone starts from the same place.



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