



# ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

## United Way of Northwest Illinois

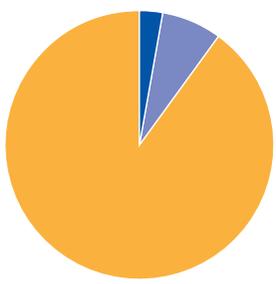
**\$155,250**  
**27,286**  
**PEOPLE SERVED**

### BASIC NEEDS

During the 2020-2021 Campaign we were fighting a pandemic that had the UWNII switch gears to funding our Partner Agencies that were meeting the Basic Needs in our local communities. This included services provided by 11 agencies that ranged from senior meals, independent living services, & emergency childcare, to education, domestic violence counseling & a 24-hour crisis hotline.

**3 COUNTIES SERVED**

**Stephenson** 89%  
**Jo Daviess** 7%  
**Carroll** 3%



**11 AGENCIES FUNDED THIS YEAR**

- YMCA Children's Center
- Tyler's Justice Center
- NICAA Golden Meals
- Boys & Girls Club
- Girl Scouts of Northern IL
- Mother Hubbard's
- Voices RAMP
- Contact FACC
- Amity

### COVID-19 RESPONSE & RECOVERY

The Covid-19 Response & Recovery Fund was created in response to the dramatic increase in the need of services from our local organizations who provide community support to our most vulnerable members, while still being able to provide their day-to-day services. Funds were used to support services that included answering crisis calls, food & prescription deliveries, local pantries & emergency childcare for essential frontline workers.

**\$105,000**  
**15 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS**

### HEALING ILLINOIS

**\$125,000**  
**16 EQUITY PROGRAMS**

The Healing Illinois initiative provided an opportunity for residents across northwest Illinois that have been disproportionately impacted by Covid-19, to engage in meaningful dialogue about racial healing. A portion of these funds were used to facilitate belonging & equity conversations & trainings in partnership with Northern Illinois Center for Non Profit Excellence, that had a total attendance of over 2,400 participants.

### EMERGENCY FOOD & SHELTER PROGRAM

UWNII serves as the chair of the local emergency food & shelter board that receives funds from the national Emergency Food & Shelter Program to help supplement existing service organizations that meet critical emergency needs in Stephenson, Jo Daviess & Carroll counties. Recipients of funding include homeless shelters, food pantries, home delivered meals & other vital services that assist individuals in crisis.

**\$89,710**  
**16 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS**



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# This year's highlights!

### IMAGINATION RIDE September 2020

The inaugural Imagination ride was a month long virtual event that gave people the opportunity to raise money for our Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

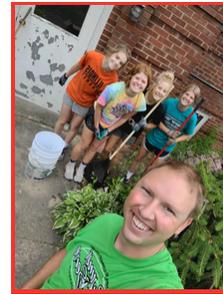


We raised \$1,100 & our riders loved that they could ride when & where they wanted throughout the month.

### DAY OF ACTION June 2020

United Way Day of Action is an opportunity for volunteers, donors & advocates who seek to change lives and communities to be part of the solutions that make a real difference in people's lives.

This year we had over 60 volunteers that worked on 10 projects in Stephenson & Jo Daviess counties.



### DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY June 2020

At the end of the 2020/2021 Campaign, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library had 2,577 enrolled children, from age 0 to five in Stephenson, Jo Daviess & Carrol counties. That is 74% of the total eligible population of our service area!

The United Way of Northwest Illinois designated \$60,000 to this program as part of our Education Initiative.



### HEALING ILLINOIS JANUARY 2020



THE CHICAGO COMMUNITY TRUST  
EQUITY • OPPORTUNITY • PROSPERITY

Healing Illinois is a bold statewide initiative that addresses and heals the harms caused by racism. This initiative supports creating community-centered, inclusive and safe spaces to talk about racial disparities and designing local solutions. It is a first step toward the larger mission of fighting poverty and ending racial inequality for all Illinoisans and was funded in partnership with the Chicago Community Trust and the Illinois Department of Human Services.

The funded organizations include:

- Northern Illinois Center for Nonprofit Excellence
- Illinois Balanced and Restorative Justice
- St Paul Missionary Baptist church & C.U.R.R. E
- Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity
- Environmental Education Association of Illinois

- The Freeport Public Library
- YWCA of Northwestern Illinois
- The Workplace Connection
- Children's Home and Aid Society
- United Way of Rock River Valley

- Amity Society
- Carpenter's Place
- The Winneshiek Players
- Rockford Art Museum
- The Liam Foundation