

UNITED WAY OF PORTER COUNTY

Impact

JULY 2019 – JUNE 2020



More than 2,300 donors help United Way of Porter County lead, unite and inspire Northwest Indiana to improve lives.

United Way of Porter County helps citizens of all ages, addressing needs related to financial stability, education and health.

As a support pillar for safety net services, United Way supported 54 emergency, disaster and basic needs programs in 2019-20 that helped members of your community find food, pay utilities, manage money, get medicines, keep or find housing, fight addiction and much more.

54 Safety Net Programs Supported in Porter County

8 OF THESE SERVE ALL OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

MORE THAN HALF

OF PORTER COUNTY RESIDENTS BENEFITED FROM THE SUPPORT OF UNITED WAY THIS YEAR.

In the 2019-2020 year, United Way of Porter County

provided more than \$2.3 million in community support and resources to improve lives of area residents. Here are some examples:



ACCESS TO HEALTH PROGRAMS

benefiting 33,279 residents

96% of program participants believe they have adopted healthier behaviors and have a brighter outlook on life.



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

benefiting 376 4 & 5 year olds

76% of children evaluated are achieving developmental milestones that will help them build a successful academic career.



FINANCIAL STABILITY & BASIC NEEDS

benefiting 28,696 residents

77% of residents accessing financial services have a better understanding of their finances.



YOUTH SUCCESS

benefiting 3,204 students

88% of students who receive tutoring services during or after school believe they have better work ethic or communication, problem-solving, teamwork and time management skills.



READING BUDDIES PROGRAM

benefiting 4,000 students

75% of 1st and 2nd graders participating in the program are reading at or above grade level proficiency standards.

2019-2020

COVID-19 Relief & Recovery

IN MARCH 2020, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN NEED OF VITAL, BASIC SERVICES SKYROCKETED. WITH YOUR HELP, UNITED WAY OF PORTER COUNTY:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connected 19,100+ residents to financial and food resources, many of whom had never needed assistance before.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided 24,300+ masks and other protection equipment to first responders, healthcare workers and frontline employees to keep them safe while serving.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobilized 775+ volunteers to effectively support COVID relief efforts, including critical food delivery to seniors. • Gathered more than 200 key nonprofits, businesses and government agencies to connect and communicate the current and anticipated needs to prepare for recovery. • Distributed more than \$1.2 million dollars to support United Way network activities and sustain basic services between March and June.

Our COVID recovery efforts will continue well into the fall of 2021, as we implement mortgage assistance programs, network partner grants and new needs initiatives to help families stabilize.

“United Way has been a key component in assisting with filling gaps relative to the needs within the county. You have also greatly assisted us in our ability to provide PPE to emergency services personnel during times when it was unavailable through other avenues. I truly value United Way’s contributions and look forward to our continued partnership together.”

– Lance Bella, Director, Porter County Emergency Management Agency

“Crises either splinter communities or pull us together. Coming together often takes the courage and leadership of key groups and people. I’m so proud of our United Way of Porter County in uniting us to do all we can to keep our families and friends safe.”

– Bob Franko, President/CEO, VNA of Northwest Indiana

HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Duneland Chamber of Commerce recognized our COVID relief efforts by honoring us with their 2020 Humanitarian of the Year Award.

“What a great honor to recognize the togetherness of our community. Thank you to all who support United Way of Porter County and understand that we are here for the long-term to help our neighbors recover. Live United!”

– Kim Olesker, President & CEO, United Way of Porter County

Learn more about our ongoing crisis relief and other community initiatives at unitedwaypc.org.





Three years running

**IN 2019-2020,
UNITED WAY HELPED
EMPLOY MORE THAN
680 RESIDENTS.**

THANK YOU!

We could not do what we do without the generous support of our donors.

LIVE UNITED!



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Northwest Health

The United Way of Porter County is a leader and advocate for health, education and financial stability. Together with more than 400 community partners, 4,000 volunteers and 2,300 donors, we are uplifting lives across Porter County and Northwest Indiana.

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