# Fox Valley United Way 2017–2018 Annual Report

United Way fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in every community.







We are more than the Fundraisers.

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Every day, people look to United Way for lasting solutions to local problems. We are a vehicle for volunteers, donors and advocates who seek to change lives and communities through service, collaboration and impact. We are community conveners, connecting people and companies with the causes that matter to them most.

We are more than the fundraisers. We are the hand raisers. The game changers. No matter the obstacles. No matter the odds. We surround our community's most critical problems – and we fight. Fox Valley United Way fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in our community. Because we know that change begins when we LIVE UNITED, and that building a better tomorrow starts today.

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2 Counties

382,847

People in Service Area

663
Volunteers

138
Corporate
Partners

# Our Community

We are honored to be a part of and serve these 23 communities in Southern Kane and Kendall counties. In addition to our own initiatives, it's our privilege to support social service agencies throughout this area as well. All with the common goal of building stronger communities. We accomplish this goal by bringing people together to solve each area's toughest challenges. foxvalleyunitedway.org **Campton Hills** Wasco St. Charles 64 **Maple Park** Elburn La Fox Geneva 3 Kaneville Mooseheart **North Aurora** 88 Hinckley 30 Aurora **Big Rock** Sugar Grove Montgomery **Little Rock Bristol** Oswego **Yorkville Plano Sandwich** Millbrook **Plattville** 

# We are the Game Changers.

# Fox Valley United Way has been building stronger communities for 96 years.

We do this by working with businesses, non-profits, agencies, government, civicorganizations, along with educators, labor leaders, health providers, senior citizens, young leaders, and other influencers in the community.

Together, we take a long, hard look at the problems facing our communities. We involve experts, leaders, practitioners and neighborhoods. We work together, leading community

conversations and bringing people from all walks of life into the solution conversation.

Whether we're driving agencies to common outcomes, leading an initiative, or creating a collective impact, Fox Valley United Way is a driving force — in communities and for communities.







### We are the Problem Solvers.

We win by LIVING UNITED. By forging unlikely partnerships. By finding new solutions to old problems. By mobilizing the best resources. And by inspiring individuals to join the fight against their community's most daunting issues. We build stronger communities in the Fox Valley area by improving Health, Education and Financial Stability. These are just a few of the ways that we come together with partners to tackle local issues in our community.

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Due to the ongoing rising costs for prescription medications, many families are often forced to forgo medications that would improve their health. Our collaboration with FamilyWize is helping residents of the Fox Valley save money on prescription medications. We distribute free FamilyWize prescription discount cards, enabling local residents to save up to 75% at most

pharmacies on medications not covered or fully covered by insurance. To learn more or to download a free card, visit **foxvalleyunitedway.org.** 



Childhood obesity has more than tripled since the 1970's. Data from 2015-2016 shows that nearly 1 in 5 school age children and young people (6 to 19 years) in the United States has **obesity** which can lead to diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol. We are proud to join the effort to address childhood obesity by partnering with Making Kane County Fit For Kids! This organization works to improve access to safe places for children to walk/bike/play, increases access to fresh produce in school and childcare programs, and promotes a culture of health and wellness at home, school, workplaces and more. To learn more, visit **makingkanefitforkids.org.** 

# Partner Agencies as of June 30, 2018

We have been proud to fund the following local health and human service agencies in 2017–2018.

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Fox Valley United Way makes it easier to make a meaningful difference, whether it's through time, money or by raising one's voice. We're helping corporate partners realize their employee-engagement efforts and achieve their social responsibility goals. We're connecting people with easy and inspirational volunteer opportunities, staging events, creating leadership-development opportunities and helping rising community leaders step into committee positions and board service. Whether it is a volunteer opportunity directly with our organization or we connect people with one of our agencies, Fox Valley United Way brings people together to make a difference in the Fox Valley area.

**Volunteer Fox Valley** was created as a one-stop hub of volunteer opportunities in our community. It's a virtual volunteer center that connects interested volunteers with non-profit organizations that need their help for one-time events or ongoing needs. This collaboration with Aurora University is growing larger each year and volunteerism in the Fox Valley is increasing as a result. Volunteers can create a profile and be notified when the type of opportunity they are looking for arises. This portal can also track volunteer hours if that is needed for your company or for your school.

To learn more, visit volunteerfoxvalley.org.



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### These generous donor companies make it possible to fund many social service agencies in Kane and Kendall counties.

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Each year we recruit donors and volunteers for our special events. Not only do these events raise awareness and get the community excited about helping their neighbors in need — they also have tremendous impact and are a lot of fun!

#### **Souper Bowl of Caring**

The Souper Bowl of Caring is hosted by area grocery stores and gives teen volunteers a chance to gather food and monetary donations for the Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry and the Kendall County Food Pantry. After the holidays, these pantries need extra help in providing enough food for community members. In February 2017, our volunteers collected over 1,500 pounds of food and \$7,600. Since each dollar is able to purchase \$8 worth of food from the Northern Illinois Food Bank, the total food donations equaled \$60,740.

Above: Souper Bowl volunteers at the Jewel-Osco on Eola Road. Right: St. Charles Open House with Mayor Ray Rogina.

#### St. Charles Office Open House

In March 2017 we officially opened our St. Charles office with a Ribbon Cutting Event and Open House. St. Charles Mayor Ray Rogina and the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce helped to kick off the festivities. Neighboring businesses joined in the fun with food, wine and raffle prizes. It was a full house. Thank you to the St. Charles community for warmly welcoming us.



### Our Events CONTINUED

Below: Aurora Mayor, Richard Irvin, at the Annual Breakfast.

#### **Annual Breakfast**

We host our *Celebrating a Community That Cares*Breakfast annually. This is our opportunity to
recognize those whose generosity of time and
resources has been a huge blessing to our partner
agencies in the past year.

We love to hear the testimonials of those whose lives have been changed because donors, volunteers, advocates and agency staff have taken the time to care.

#### **Boat Race**

It was a fabulous day and a wonderful turnout for the final What Floats Your Cardboard Boat Race.

In August 2017, we had 22 different boats racing in 8 separate heats. For the past 15 years, businesses, community organizations, police, fire and individuals have come out in droves to paddle, race or sink their handmade boats. The event raises awareness and donations for the social service agencies that we fund.





Below: Team Disney from Hesed House races at the What Floats

Photography by Perry Slade-SLADEIMAGES.

Your Cardboard Boat Race.



In October 2017, we kicked off a new event, the Fox Valley United Way Topgolf Outting. Year one was a big success as community members, businesses and supporters all came out to tee it up for stronger communities. There was a raffle, silent auction and 50/50. We had 150 people attending this first time event.

#### **Holiday Assistance**

Holiday Assistance gives businesses, organizations, families and individuals a chance to adopt a family or child for the holidays. Children receive requested toys and clothing and parents are given grocery gift cards to help make the season brighter. In December 2017, 127 families, including 348 children, benefited from the generosity of a caring community.



Toys, gift cards and cash make the season brighter for many families.



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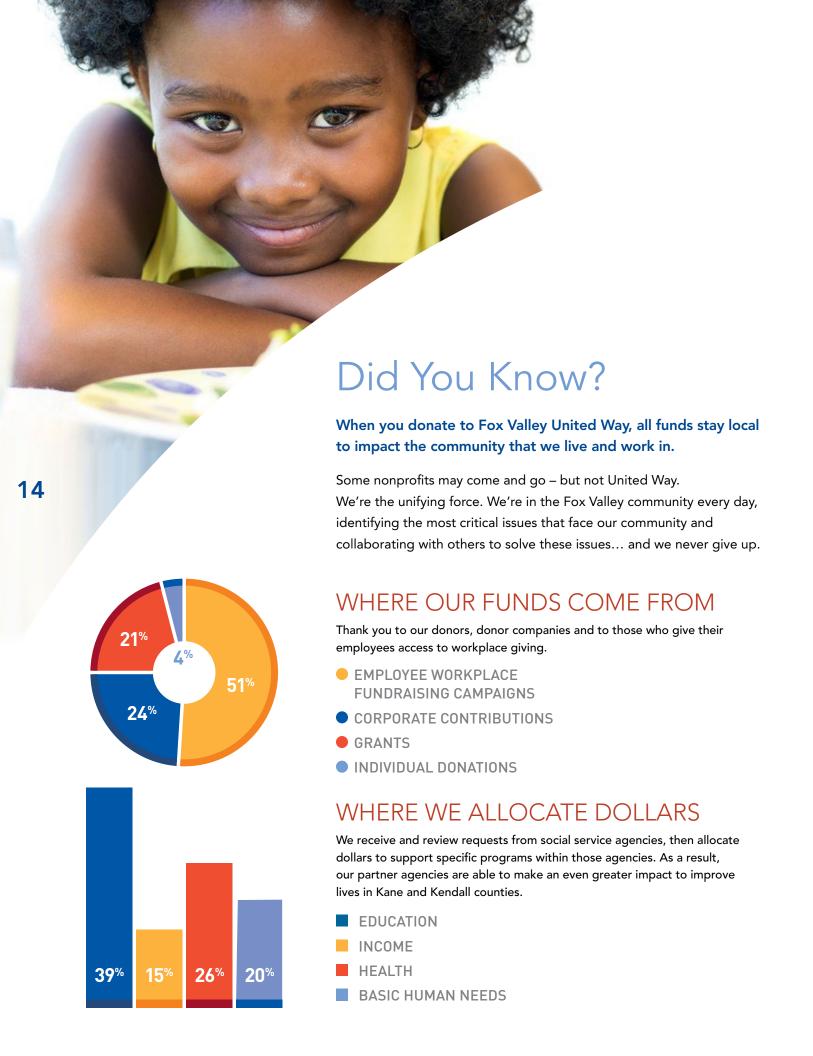
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There is still more work to do, because change doesn't happen alone. Hope isn't a one-man band. We have one life. To live better, we must LIVE UNITED!

Join the fight for stronger communities! Visit **foxvalleyunitedway.org** today.

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