



UNITED WAY
Winneshiek
County

2025 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

A MESSAGE FROM US:

United Way of Winneshiek County brings people together to strengthen lives across Winneshiek County as a locally governed nonprofit, we invest in education, financial stability, and health, the foundations of a resilient community.

In 2025, funds were allocated to Winneshiek County agencies whose approved programs prevented utility shutoffs and evictions, provided nutritious meals, expanded access to childcare, strengthened youth leadership, supported survivors, and helped older adults remain independent. While our investments are rooted locally, the communities of Northeast Iowa and Southeastern Minnesota are affected through the work of our partner agencies and their funded programs.

United Way of Winneshiek County serves as both a funder and a convener, aligning nonprofits, businesses, volunteers, and donors around shared priorities. Every dollar is invested with accountability, transparency, and clear results.

This report reflects more than numbers; it represents neighbors supported, families stabilized, and communities strengthened. For more than 40 years, our commitment has remained the same: when we unite our resources and compassion, we create lasting impact.

Thank you for being part of this work.

Christopher Miculinich
Board President

4,062

Total Individual's
Served With
UWWC Funding

28,840

Individual's Served in
Winneshiek County
by Funded Agencies

\$91,000

Total
Allocated
Funds

786,937

Total Individual's
Served by
Funded Agencies

UNITED IS THE WAY TO IMPACT!



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STRONGER TOGETHER

Funds are allocated to Winneshiek County agencies supporting essential local programs. Through the broader reach of these partner agencies and their funded work, surrounding communities in Northeast Iowa and Southeastern Minnesota are also impacted. Guided by dedicated volunteer leadership, every investment is made with accountability and purpose.

OUR FOCUS AREAS



HEALTH



EDUCATION



**FINANCIAL
STABILITY**

Our Mission

To enrich lives in Winneshiek County by providing leadership, advocacy, and resources that strengthen our community, reduce inequalities, and help those in need achieve their fullest potential.

Our Vision

To create a thriving community where every individual has the resources, opportunities, and support to achieve their full potential, and where collective action drives lasting positive change for all.



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COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & PARTNERSHIP

The programs listed here reflect the heart of our local impact. Funds are invested in Winneshiek County agencies that have applied for support, with volunteer leadership providing oversight and stewardship to ensure resources are directed where they are needed most. Through strong partnerships and accountability, meaningful change extends across our community and the broader region.

Funded Agencies

4-H Pine Bluff Camp
Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois
Helping Services for Youth and Families
Niss Preschool & Kids' Place
Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging
Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation
Northeast Iowa Food Bank
Northeast Iowa RSVP
Opportunity Homes, Inc.
Riverview Center
St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School & Child Care Center
Sunflower Child Development and Discovery Center
The Spectrum Network
Thunder Road
Toys Go 'Round Toy Lending Library
Scouting America, Winnebago Council
WinnMed Farmers Market Senior Nutrition Program

2025 United Way Leadership

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IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

United Way-funded programs supported 27,886 individuals in Winneshiek County in 2025, with 3,108 directly served through United Way investments. Together with our regional partners, services extended to more than 785,000 individuals across Northeast Iowa and Southeastern Minnesota.

Agency	Individuals Served in Winneshiek County	Individuals Served with United Way Funding	Individuals Served Regionally
4-H Pine Bluff Camp	954	954	954
Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois	123	123	13,911
Helping Services for Youth and Families	1,254	253	6,881
Nisse Preschool & Kid's Place	40	40	40
Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging	75	75	2,529
Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation	115	57	1,079
Northeast Iowa Food Bank	23,840	706	756,436
Northeast Iowa RSVP	220	220	437
Opportunity Homes, Inc.	45	45	55
Riverview Center	45	25	1,104
St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School & Child Care Center	68	73	73
Sunflower Child Development and Discovery Center	160	160	160
The Spectrum Network	50	55	55
Thunder Road	20	20	20
Toys Go 'Round Toy Lending Library	1,492	942	1,462
Scouting America, Winnebago Council	48	23	1,450
WinnMed Farmers Market Senior Nutrition Program	291	291	291
Totals	28,840	4,062	786,937



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INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY'S ESSENTIAL PROGRAMS

Each year, United Way of Winneshiek County invests in specific programs delivered by agencies that receive funding through our annual allocations process. These are not unrestricted contributions; they are targeted investments in clearly defined programs that address critical needs within Winneshiek County and the surrounding communities of Northeast Iowa and Southeastern Minnesota. While all allocated funds must be utilized to serve only Winneshiek County individuals, United Way funding opens up other funds to assist in serving individuals from the greater region.

Through a structured and transparent review process, our volunteer Allocations Committee carefully evaluates applications from agencies, reviewing program outcomes, financial documentation, sustainability plans, and demonstrated community need. Funding recommendations are then presented to and approved by the full United Way Board of Directors, ensuring strong governance, accountability, and alignment with our mission.

The programs supported in 2025 represent essential services that strengthen education, financial stability, and health across our region. Many of these initiatives provide direct support to vulnerable populations and, in some cases, may not consistently receive funding from other sources. United Way of Winneshiek County helps keep these community programs running by filling funding gaps, stabilizing services, and making sure essential resources are available to the people and families who rely on them.

The following pages highlight the specific programs funded through United Way of Winneshiek County allocations and the measurable impact they delivered throughout our community.

Pine Bluff 4-H Camp



Pine Bluff 4-H Camp programming engaged 954 youth in Winneshiek County through outdoor education and hands-on camp experiences focused on teamwork, nature exploration, and personal development. United Way of Winneshiek County funding helped support essential camp operations, including facility utilities, ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for campers. This support helped make camp experiences accessible to youth while strengthening opportunities for learning, leadership, and connection to the outdoors.



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girl scouts of eastern iowa and western illinois

Girl Scouts programming engaged 123 youth and adult members in Winneshiek County through leadership development experiences centered on STEM, life skills, outdoor education, and entrepreneurship. Girls participated in hands-on learning and community service projects that strengthened teamwork, confidence, and civic engagement. Financial assistance helped ensure that participation remained accessible to families across the community.

Helping Services supported 1,254 Winneshiek County residents through youth mentoring, domestic violence advocacy, and prevention education initiatives. Services included crisis response for survivors, mentorship connections for youth, and community-based presentations focused on safety and healthy relationships. These programs promote stability, strengthen protective factors, and build safer communities across the region.



HELPING SERVICES
for Youth & Families



Nisse Preschool & Kid's Place served 40 children in Winneshiek County through its early childhood education program. Support helped sustain staffing during periods when tuition revenue was limited, ensuring program stability and continuity of care. By maintaining quality educators and affordable access, the program strengthens early learning foundations for young children and supports working families across the community.



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NEICAC supported 115 Winneshiek County residents through its Crisis Assistance Program, providing emergency help with utilities, housing stability, and other urgent needs. Assistance helped prevent service disconnections and reduce the risk of eviction for vulnerable households. By stabilizing families during times of financial hardship, the program strengthens long-term security and resilience across the community.



Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging served 75 older adults in Winneshiek County through congregate and home-delivered meal services. More than 2,400 meals were provided locally, supporting nutrition, social connection, and independence. These services help older adults remain safely in their homes while reducing isolation and strengthening overall well-being.

The Northeast Iowa Food Bank supported 23,840 individuals in Winneshiek County by increasing access to nutritious food through local partner agencies and school-based programs. More than 396,000 meals were distributed locally, including weekend Backpack Program support for children experiencing food insecurity. These efforts help close the meal gap and ensure families across the community have reliable access to healthy food.



NORTHEAST IOWA
FOOD BANK



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AmeriCorps
Seniors

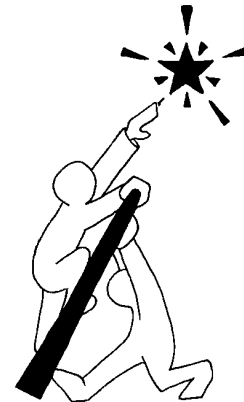


Northeast Iowa RSVP engaged 437 volunteers in Winneshiek County, contributing more than 42,000 hours of service to local schools, nonprofits, healthcare facilities, and community organizations. By connecting individuals with meaningful volunteer opportunities, the program strengthens essential services, expands community capacity, and fosters civic engagement across the region.

Opportunity Homes Inc.

Opportunity Homes served 45 individuals in Winneshiek County by strengthening staff training and professional development efforts. Support helped provide required compliance training and specialized instruction to enhance service quality for individuals with disabilities.

By investing in workforce development, the program ensures consistent, high-quality care and promotes greater independence for those served.



Riverview Center served 45 individuals in Winneshiek County through advocacy and counseling services for survivors of sexual violence. Support helped provide trauma-informed therapy, crisis response, and ongoing assistance to promote healing and safety. These services strengthen individual resilience while fostering a safer and more supportive community.



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St. Teresa of Calcutta School & Childcare Center served children in Winneshiek County by providing a safe, structured, and nurturing learning environment. Funding supported essential items including cots and cot sheets, climbing structures, art materials, and other classroom supplies that enhance daily programming. These resources help create a fun, developmentally supportive space where children can learn, grow, and thrive.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School



Child Care Center

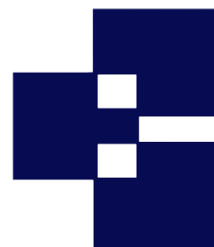
SUNFLOWER

CHILD DEVELOPMENT + DISCOVERY CENTER



Sunflower Child Development Center served children in Winneshiek County by providing quality early childhood care and education in a safe, nurturing environment. Funding supported classroom materials, educational supplies, and program enhancements that promote social, emotional, and cognitive development. By strengthening early learning experiences, the program helps children build a strong foundation for future academic success and lifelong growth.

The Spectrum Network served individuals in Winneshiek County through its Day Habilitation and community support programming. Funding supported general operations and program supplies, helping sustain daily services that promote skill development, independence, and social engagement. Participants engaged in structured activities such as holiday meals and seasonal sensory projects designed to strengthen fine motor skills, communication, and community connection.



the
Spectrum
network



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Thunder Rode served 20 individuals in Winneshiek County through therapeutic riding and equine engagement programming. Funding supported essential operating expenses including instructor supervision, horse care, insurance, and facility maintenance to ensure safe and consistent service delivery. Participants demonstrated growth in confidence, balance, coordination, and emotional regulation, strengthening their ability to engage more fully in school, work, and community life.

Toys Go Round supported children and families in Winneshiek County by providing holiday gifts to households experiencing financial hardship. Funding helped ensure children had access to toys, books, and essential items during the holiday season. By reducing financial stress and creating moments of joy for families, the program strengthens community connection and supports children's well-being during a meaningful time of year.





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Winnebago Council, Scouting America engaged youth in Winneshiek County through programs focused on leadership development, outdoor education, and character building. Funding supported local scouting activities that promote teamwork, service, and personal responsibility. Through hands-on experiences and mentorship, youth gain practical skills, confidence, and a strong sense of community involvement.



WinnMed Senior Nutrition Program

WinnMed served 291 seniors in Winneshiek County through its Farmers Market Senior Nutrition Program. Funding provided 3,000 coupons for fresh fruits and vegetables at the Decorah Farmers Market, increasing access to nutritious food for older adults. The program supports healthy aging while also strengthening connections between seniors and local farmers.