Hey you! Yeah, all of you out there in Shawnee, Jackson and Jefferson counties! You know you are amazing, right?

This has been an intense and invigorating year. I spent much of it listening and learning—learning what it really means to Live United and how you fight for the education, financial stability and health of everyone in our community.

I am not sure I have found the perfect answer to this overwhelming question, but I know the equation has to include YOU! Together, we fight to make sure kids are ready for kindergarten. Together, we fight to keep our elementary students on track in reading and math. Together, we fight for a community where financial stability for everyone is more than just a dream. And when our neighbors are in crisis, we fight together to help them regain their footing.

When we fight together, we win together.

I have seen United Way become a unifying force for community leaders, organized labor, faith-based groups, corporations, nonprofit organizations and government. With an unrelenting commitment to innovation, collaboration and accountability, we are building a new model of social responsibility. It’s not just about how many people we help this year, but also about how many people will be in a better place educationally, financially and physically in the years to come.

When we fight together, the community wins. Whether it is through the Shawnee County Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Heartland Healthy Neighborhoods or Momentum 2022, United Way works to leverage our donors’ investment in our community.

Together we create cradle-through-career change that benefits us all. Children who enter kindergarten ready are more likely to succeed in school. Children who are on-grade in reading and math by 3rd and 6th grade have a better chance of succeeding in and finishing high school. And children and adults who have the education and support to become more financially stable are able to give even more back to our community.

In this report, we list our grant partners on the pages for each impact area. But those who receive grant dollars are only part of the story. This life-changing work doesn't happen without the cooperation and collaboration of nonprofits and public entities that are fighting for the same change we are. Some of those partners include the Topeka Housing Authority, Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, Washburn University and Washburn Tech, our school districts, city and county governments, The Greater Topeka Partnership and Momentum 2022, and all the businesses that run a workplace campaign, engage their employees through volunteering and make a difference all year long.

When you give to, volunteer with and advocate for United Way, your voice is amplified and your dollar goes farther. When we work as one, we create solutions that benefit us all. In 2017-18, more than 7,000 donors raised their hand and stood united to improve our community. We are grateful for every single one.

When we fight together, there is no fight we cannot win.
### Impact at a Glance

#### 3 Year Grant Cycle ending June 30, 2018

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<td><strong>Early Education</strong></td>
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<td>- 78 children with developmental delays were referred to appropriate services</td>
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<td>- 1,168 children enrolled in high-quality early childhood learning programs</td>
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<td><strong>On-Grade Achievement</strong></td>
<td>- 57% of youth improved attitudes toward reading and math</td>
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<td>- 1,416 youth participated in school and/or community programs</td>
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<td>- 27,000 high school students participated in financial literacy programs</td>
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<td><strong>Financial Stability</strong></td>
<td>- 41.2% of homeless individuals in a job skills program secured employment</td>
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<td>- 104 households reduced debt</td>
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<td>- 4,728 individuals had improved access to healthcare services</td>
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<td><strong>Access to Health</strong></td>
<td>- 77.9% of children/adults adopted healthy behaviors</td>
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<td>- 20,953 individuals participated in physical activity, healthy food access, and/or nutrition programs</td>
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**Invested Funds**

- **Early Education**: $1,419,409 INVESTED
- **On-Grade Achievement**: $1,191,268 INVESTED
- **Financial Stability**: $51,078 INVESTED
- **Access to Health**: $330,463 INVESTED
Early Education

Because of you:

387 children and families were served in five early childhood programs

85% of children in early childhood programs entered school on target

4,175 children under age 5 received a free book every month from Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library

Impact Partners
- TDC Learning Centers
- Pine Ridge Prep Preschool (Topeka Public Schools)
- Child Care Aware
- YWCA of Northeast Kansas
- Topeka Public Schools
- Parents As Teachers

When Sophia was adopted at age 1, she lagged far behind in all areas of development. She had no language and was afraid of people. She had difficulty crawling and sitting up on her own. Sophia’s mom had already contacted TARC and signed up with Parents as Teachers. The PAT parent educator showed her how to engage Sophia in activities that would support her development. Progress was slow. Sophia learned to say “bye.” She learned to crawl and sit up on her own. Each visit brought more progress, especially in language and gross motor development. She started walking with help. Now the child who refused to make eye contact could sit next to her parent educator for reading or finger plays. She began smiling and turning pages by herself. She became comfortable with eye contact and talking with others.

When Sophia completed her two-year PAT screening, her educator determined that she had improved so much that she was now at low risk for developmental concerns. She is now enrolled in preschool, socializing with other children and on the path to successful enrollment in kindergarten.
On-Grade Achievement

Because of you:

437 at-risk students received tutoring and school support

77% of families/caregivers were connected to services that removed barriers to school attendance

73% of at-risk students showed improved attitudes toward reading

When the FEATS program started in September, several 5th grade students asked about being junior group leaders. These students may not have high academic need, but they need the program for a safe place to be, because they are food-insecure, and because they qualify as at-risk. Now, four of those students help younger students weekly. Not only is it a huge success to have so many students interested in helping others, but we are absolutely overjoyed that the FEATS program’s reputation of being not only a tutoring program, but a mentoring program, is starting to make waves and have an impact on students.

We have been comparing data from last school year to this school year to show any growth from year to year. While this information isn’t required in our quarterly reports, we feel it is important to share our progress from year to year. Of students enrolled in both the 2016-17 and 2017-18 FEATS program, 45% decreased the number of behavior referrals. Additionally, 55% have improved average daily attendance as compared to last year. We are excited to see the growth and progress the students are making across other outcome areas.
Financial Stability

Because of you:

- 71% of adults in United Way-supported financial literacy programs reduced their debt
- 1,646 Topeka Public Schools high schoolers attended hands-on financial literacy workshops
- 73% of homeless participants in a career readiness program secured employment

Impact Partners
- Topeka Rescue Mission
- Housing & Credit Counseling, Inc.
- Communities in Schools of Mid-America, Inc.
- Jayhawk Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

A New Start Because of You!

Topeka Rescue Mission CaRE Program

The Career Readiness Education (CaRE) Program meets the needs of TRM guests who want to work but lack some of the skills to be successful. In addition to training in the traditional areas of computer skills, job search and interviewing skills, and resume writing, participants learn “soft” skills such as workplace ethics and attitudes, dressing for success, and interpersonal relationships. Participants also complete a six-week work internship.

Susan entered the CaRE Program as a very quiet individual who lacked self-confidence, direction and purpose. She was an older student who had been out of the work force for almost 14 years, spending her time as a stay-at-home grandmother in Austin, Texas. When she was interviewed for the CaRE Class she told us that she came to Kansas to die! Her future was transformed through her involvement in the CaRE Program. Susan gained self-confidence, regained a sense of purpose and enhanced her computer skills. Prior to graduating from the CaRE Program Susan was married and moved out of TRM. Susan completed her internship at Williams Science & Fine Arts Magnet School as a Para/Secretary and was later hired full-time.
Christmas Bureau

Because of you:

6,144

$300,360

individuals from 1,820 households had a happier holiday

worth of food, household essentials and gifts went to our neighbors in need

Basic Needs

Healthcare & Prescription Assistance
- Doorstep, Inc.
- Health Access
- Holton Community Hospital*
- Jackson Co. Health Department*
- Jefferson Co. Service Organization*
- Marian Clinic
- Positive Connections
- Valeo Behavioral Health Care

Rent & Utility Assistance
- Catholic Charities
- Community Action
- Doorstep, Inc.
- Jackson Co. Ministerial Alliance*
- Let's Help
- NEK-CAP*

Food
- Boys & Girls Club of Topeka
- Catholic Charities
- Doorstep, Inc.
- Harvesters
- Jackson Heights Education Foundation*
- Jackson Co. Ministerial Alliance*
- Let's Help
- Meals on Wheels
- Salvation Army
- Topeka Rescue Mission
- YWCA of Northeast Kansas

Safety from Domestic Violence
- Kansas Legal Services
- LifeHouse
- YWCA of Northeast Kansas

Designation List Expanded on 7/1/2018

When United Way of Greater Topeka adopted the impact model, the designation policy was revised to allow only partners receiving impact and basic needs grants to receive designations through the workplace and individual giving campaigns. Six years of experience and feedback from the community have prompted us to revise that policy to allow impact and basic needs partners since 2012 to return to/remain on the designation list even if they are not a current grantee. For the most current list, please scan the code above or visit: unitedwaytopeka.org/give/designations/

* Jackson County Investment
A three-year experiment in neighborhood engagement has become a model for creating a new sense of community among disconnected residents. Powered by neighbors and supported by mentors and nonprofit partners, Neighborhood Opportunity for Wellness (NOW) offers empowerment and opportunity designed to meet the unique needs of each neighborhood.

NOW is a new approach to neighborhood engagement. Outsiders don’t prescribe solutions—residents create them. NOW helps neighbors come together, propose solutions and then work with nonprofits, local government and other resource partners to address issues of public safety, health, education and professional development. NOW encourages participants to advocate for themselves, their neighborhood and their community.
Volunteer Engagement

Volunteerism through United Way is evolving beyond simple one-time projects to an ongoing menu of year-round engagement opportunities that align with community impact goals. Corporate partners are leveraging United Way’s expertise and knowledge to engage their employees and help them connect with their community.

1,838 volunteers, including 961 at Nancy Perry Day of Caring 2017

10,000+ hours of volunteer service

$227,404.80 of sweat equity invested back into the community
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Proposed Slate

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Matt Dinkel, Security Benefit
Carl Downing, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co./USW Local 307
John Fager, CoreFirst Bank & Trust
Morgan Franklin, Laird Noller
Sophie George, Topeka Housing Authority
Pastor TD Hicks, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church
Marlou Wegener, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas

Additional Terms
Matt All
Matt Pivarnik
Sarah Sanders

Community Report FY 2018
Financials

Revenue

- Contributions, Gifts: $205,251.00
- Grants: $38,705.00
- Other Revenue: $2,505,272.00
- Investment: $2,446,016.00

Expenses

- Total Community Investment: 80.30%
- Fundraising/Administration: 19.70%

Numbers shown are unaudited. Audit reports and IRS 990 filings are posted on our website as soon as they become available: unitedwaytopeka.org/about/financials.
Thank you to our Alexis de Tocqueville Society members for making an extraordinary investment in our community. These visionary donors contribute $10,000 or more yearly and make it possible to continue our fight for a stronger community.

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