

METRO UNITED WAY IN SOUTHERN INDIANA



Metro United Way improves lives and our community in a variety of ways and now more than ever, we are focused on three priorities: **thriving kids, strong households**, and an **equitable community**.

Here is the work that we are currently investing in and leading in Clark, Floyd, and Harrison Counties in Southern Indiana.

BUILD-A-BED

Since 2017, we have partnered with the school systems in Clark, Floyd, and Harrison counties to provide bed frames, mattresses, sheets, blankets, and laundry bags to children that need them. Since its inception, we've helped meet bed need for more than 1,000 students.

FREE 211 HELPLINE

Available to anyone in Southern Indiana to be connected to resources. Residents can call 211 or text their zip code to 898211 or search our online database of resources: metrounitedway.org/get-help

FREE, DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING PROGRAM

For parents and caregivers of children 0-5 ½ and available to all residents. It's called our Ages & Stages Questionnaires (ASQ) program and helps parents and caregivers better understand a child's development. Free books and activities are sent after each screening is complete. Visit metrounitedway.org/asq to learn more and sign-up. Thanks to an investment from The Lilly Foundation, we have 10 referral partners and six strategic partners to support enrollment in ASQ in Southern Indiana.

YOUTH SUCCESS NETWORK

Available to any youth-serving organization and there are currently five partners in Southern Indiana that are part of the network that provides resources, capacity building, training, and more support for those organizations that serve youth outside of school hours. And most recently, another organization was provided funding from our Hardship to Hope Youth Summer Fund.

FAMILY HOMELESSNESS AND SCHOOL MOBILITY PREVENTION

We work with Salvation Army in Southern Indiana to move families from crisis to stability and also help residents with first time home ownership.

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

During tax season and our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, we provide volunteers to help qualifying individuals in Southern Indiana with their taxes.



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CLINICAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM

Pilot program that helps mental health care providers start their own practice in order to serve more individuals. One organization from Southern Indiana participating.

GROCERY CARDS DURING SNAP PAUSE

In 2025 when Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits were temporarily discontinued, more than 60,000 households in our service area, including Southern Indiana, were affected. We acted quickly and provided qualifying families a way to apply for digital grocery cards to help provide sustenance.

HOME REPAIRS AND BASIC NEEDS

We invested in five organizations that work to provide basic needs for residents of Southern Indiana and also have a home repair program that helps qualifying residents with repairs that might put their staying in their home at risk.

RACIAL WEALTH GAP SIMULATION

Takes people and organizations on a historical journey to wealth building in America, pausing on 13 federal policies that most powerfully accelerated or impeded progress. More information or to schedule one, visit metrounitedway.org/rwg

BLACK L.O.V.E. (LIVE, OWN, VOTE, EXCEL) PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERSHIP

Seeks to advance a culture of philanthropy rooted in generosity, justice, and shared accountability, attacking the roots of systemic inequalities, investing in the expertise and leadership of impacted people and communities. Currently, there is one organization in Southern Indiana that is part of Black LOVE.

UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS

A new, place-based approach focused on specific neighborhoods. It prioritizes resident-driven priorities, strategies and solutions. Ongoing community engagement in Southern Indiana, including resident outreach and a food insecurity survey in Claysburg.

PUBLIC POLICY AND ADVOCACY

We recognize that systemic change and lasting impact require a pairing of powerful programming and transformative policy making. We have a targeted public policy agenda for Indiana that has relevance in every county we serve. Learn more at metrounitedway.org/advocacy

VOLUNTEERISM

We have a volunteer connection portal that is open to any nonprofit in our region to enter their own volunteer opportunities to recruit volunteers to help further their mission(s). We also provide strategic volunteer planning, leadership, and execution in a variety of ways to further our own mission. This past year, in Southern Indiana alone, we worked with 62 nonprofits providing 48,768 impact kits.

We are always open and eager to explore additional ways to impact Southern Indiana, working alongside local leaders, community partners, donors.

