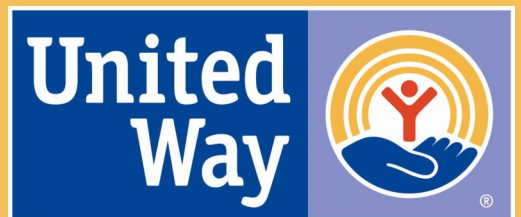


2015 Annual Report

United Way of the Flint Hills
Emporia, Kansas



MISSION

The United Way of the Flint Hills works to build a vibrant community by focusing on education, income, and health.

FUNDING FOCUS AREAS

In order to work towards improving our community, the United Way focuses its funding on the following areas:

Helping Children and Youth Succeed ♦ Supporting Vulnerable and Aging Populations ♦ Promoting Self-Sufficiency
Strengthening and Supporting Families ♦ Safety Net Programs ♦ Early Childhood Education

LEADERSHIP

The United Way of the Flint Hills is led by a volunteer Board of Directors who are committed to ensuring that the organization's financial and personnel resources are invested in ways that make the greatest positive impact on the lives of all who live in our community.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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STAFF

Jami Reeve*
Executive Director

Hannah Crowl
Community Impact Manager

**Member of Executive Committee*

ENDORSEMENTS

Each year, United Ways across the globe must complete membership requirements in order to remain a member in good standing with United Way Worldwide. The United Way of the Flint Hills continues to be a member of good standing.

In addition, the Guidestar Exchange is a valuable resource about nonprofit organizations, and all nonprofits in the country are classified on this website. After providing documentation about our work, Guidestar has awarded the United Way of the Flint Hills the Gold Level Membership, the highest level an organization can receive.



COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS

Community Partners

United Way is best known for awarding annual grants to its Community Partners. Last year, twenty-two organizations throughout our eight county service area were awarded funding for a variety of programs. Combined, these programs served over 11,000 individuals.

Big Brothers Big Sisters	Housing and Credit Counseling, Inc.
Building Blocks Community Child Care Center	Jayhawk Area Boy Scouts
Camp Alexander	Kansas Children's Service League
Catholic Charities of NE Kansas	Kansas Legal Services
Chase Children's Services	Morris County Care & Share
Chase County Care and Compassion	Plumb Place
Coffey County Resource Council	Sacred Heart Child Care Center
Emporia Child Care	Senior Services of Southeast Kansas
Food for Students	SOS, Inc.
Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland	The Salvation Army
Help House of Osage County	United Cerebral Palsy

Emerging Needs Grants

In 2015, the United Way of the Flint Hills' Board of Directors launched a new funding stream that provided support to communities throughout our service area. Applicants can apply for one-time grants up to \$2,000 to assist them in launching new programs or in funding unanticipated needs. The Emerging Needs Grant recipients were:

- Corky's Cupboard: Items for on-campus food pantry
- Emporia Child Care Center: Art supplies
- Emporia High School: Popcorn machine to assist school groups with fundraising
- Emporia Recreation Commission: Outdoor day camp experience for Summer Scape participants in collaboration with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
- Respect the Wheels: Classes, signs, and posters to promote bike safety
- Salvation Army: Beds for those impacted by the fire at Eastwood Lake Apartments
- Midwest Search and Rescue: Search and rescue class for first responders
- Hetlinger Developmental Service: Art therapy class for clients

Day of Caring

As part of the United Way's 2015 campaign launch, area non-profits were invited to participate in a Day of Caring. In addition to funding Day of Caring projects, the United Way recruited volunteers to assist the organizations in completing their tasks. The following organizations benefitted from this year's Day of Caring volunteers and grants:

Americus Elementary School	Girl Scouts
Camp Alexander	Sacred Heart Child Care Center
Catholic Charities	SOS, Inc.
Dolly Parton Imagination Library	The Salvation Army
Emporia Child Care	



COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Launched in 2013, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library continues to be one of the United Way's signature programs. Each month, children enrolled in this program receive a high quality, age appropriate book delivered to their door stop at no cost to the family. As of December 31, 2015, 1,404 children were enrolled in the program. To date, 27,891 books have been sent to children living in Coffey, Lyon, Morris, Osage, and Woodson counties, and 564 children have graduated from the program.

This program is funded through a partnership between United Way of the Flint Hills and the following organizations:

Capitol Federal Foundation

The Hopkins Foundation

The Jones Foundation

The Kaltenbacher Foundation

Morris County Attorney's Office

Osage County Attorney's Office

The Trembley Foundation

The Trusler Foundation



Summer Climbin'

In order to decrease summer learning loss, the United Way created the Summer Climbin' program. During the summer, United Way staff members and volunteers visit summer feeding sites and engage kids in summer learning. Participants are reminded of the importance of keeping their minds and bodies active and are given supplies to use at home. Thanks to a grant from the



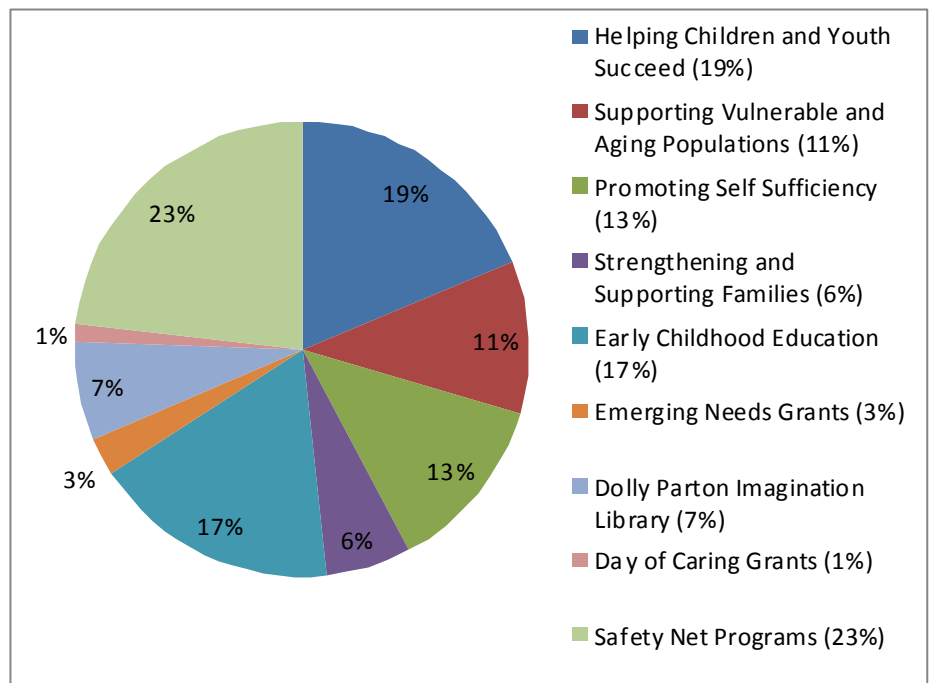
Kansas Volunteer Commission, we were able to expand our program and visit summer feeding sites in Emporia, Osage City, Neosho Rapids, and Burlington.

Total Investments

In 2015, the United Way invested \$476,079.65 in our community. The United Way Board of Directors determines the funding level for each focus area to ensure that our investments have the greatest impact in the community, and a volunteer group known as the Community Investment Committee is charged with the responsibility of awarding grants to our community partners.

In addition to our annual grants, the United Way will issue one time grants, such as the Day of Caring grants or Emerging Needs Grants. Those grants are determined by members of the Executive Committee.

The United Way takes seriously its role to invest as much of its resources as possible into the community. Of the funds raised, 99% remain in our community and the remaining 1% is paid as membership fees to United Way Worldwide.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

The United Way of the Flint Hills values the importance of accountability and transparency. Our accounting services are outsourced to a local accounting firm and the finance committee meets regularly to review the monthly financials, which are then presented to the board at their monthly meeting. An audit is conducted annually. Below is the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2015.

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 233,286.22	\$ 247,970.93
Accounts receivable	20,700.00	60,875.64
Investments	207,012.39	207,009.84
Pledges receivable	453,060.33	381,001.57
Other Assets	119,685.99	98,646.21
DPIL Receivables	21,916.00	49,800.00
Emporia Community Foundation	97,769.99	50,130.21
Property and equipment	5,747.25	6,665.96
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,039,492.18</u>	<u>\$ 1,002,170.15</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 497.96	\$ 5,323.22
Agency Liabilities	63,710.32	19,423.00
Accrued compensation	3,494.88	3,321.12
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 67,703.16</u>	<u>\$ 28,067.34</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted		
Undesignated	72,709.42	127,749.42
Board Designated	304,782.38	237,974.20
DPIL Board Designated Fund	19,644.08	30,000.00
Temporarily restricted	574,653.14	578,379.19
Temporarily Restricted	498,851.32	496,653.36
DPIL Restricted Funds	75,801.82	81,725.83
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 971,789.02</u>	<u>\$ 974,102.81</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 1,039,492.18</u>	<u>\$ 1,002,170.15</u>

**2015 figures are unaudited*

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2015

Campaign Celebration

The 2015 Campaign reached a successful conclusion on February 26, 2016, when Campaign Chair Stuart Symmonds announced that we surpassed our goal of \$580,000 and raised \$604,995 for the campaign. In addition to announcing the final campaign total, the following businesses were honored for their support of the campaign:

Community Partner of the Year: Emporia State University Student Body

Business Partner of the Year: Emporia's Radio Stations

Campaign Coordinator of the Year: Coralie Cooper, Norfolk Iron & Metal

Spirit Award: Hopkins Manufacturing

Community Builder Hall of Fame: Emporia State University, Tyson Foods, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Plant

Outgoing Board of Directors members Linda Markham and Delores Heins were also recognized for their service to the United Way and their support of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

