

# UNITED WAY OF THE FLINT HILLS

YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK



United Way of the Flint Hills is a local, non-profit organization meeting local needs. United Way identifies issues facing our community's residents and seeks solutions to those problems. Most often, we provide grants to local organizations that have proven track records in improving lives. Over the past several years, we have also adopted several of our own initiatives and programs to enhance the offerings of our local community partners. The most important thing to remember is that **your donation to United Way stays right here in your community.**

How much money is distributed by the United Way of the Flint Hills? This year, we have invested nearly **\$510,000** in the counties we serve. How are the funds allocated? Non-profit organizations must submit a detailed application for funding each year, and the application is reviewed by a group of community volunteers. The volunteers hear from each of the organizations in order to get additional information about the organization and their needs. There is no guarantee of funding, and each organization is scrutinized just as closely in year ten as it was in year one. If you are interested in serving on the committee that reviews the applications, please email Daphne Reed Mertens at [daphne@uwfh.org](mailto:daphne@uwfh.org).

## OUR COMMUNITY



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2-1-1 is a service by the United Way's of Kansas that puts people in touch with much-needed services and volunteer opportunities in their local communities. In 2024, **776** in our community called 2-1-1 to receive help. Text your zip code to 898211 to get help.



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library sends an age-appropriate book a month to kids under 5 at no cost to the family, which instills a love of reading and prepares children for kindergarten.

In 2024:

Kids Enrolled	<b>541</b>
Graduated Total Books	<b>427</b>
Mailed	<b>22,416</b>



Healthier Lyon County (HLC) strives to promote healthy lifestyle habits by encouraging initiatives, policies, and resources to improve health in Lyon County. HLC's vision is to foster a vibrant community by championing equitable access to comprehensive health, nutritious food options, opportunities for physical activity, robust infrastructure supporting wellness, and policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all residents, paving the way for a healthier, happier future. HLC is now a program under United Way of the Flint Hills.

### **CHASE COUNTY**

Bloom House ♦ Camp Alexander ♦ Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation ♦ Corner House ♦ CrossWinds Counseling & Wellness ♦ Dolly Parton's Imagination Library ♦ Emporia Child Care ♦ Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland ♦ Housing and Credit Counseling ♦ Kansas Children's Service League ♦ Kansas Legal Services ♦ LEAP! ♦ SOS Inc. ♦ Southwick House

### **COFFEY COUNTY**

Bloom House ♦ Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation ♦ Corner House ♦ CrossWinds Counseling & Wellness ♦ Dolly Parton's Imagination Library ♦ East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging ♦ Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland ♦ Housing and Credit Counseling ♦ Jayhawk Area Boy Scouts ♦ Kansas Legal Services ♦ LEAP! ♦ Sacred Heart Child Care Center ♦ SOS Inc. ♦ Southwick House

### **GREENWOOD COUNTY**

Bloom House ♦ Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation ♦ Corner House ♦ CrossWinds Counseling & Wellness ♦ Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland ♦ Housing and Credit Counseling ♦ Jayhawk Area Boy Scouts ♦ Kansas Legal Services ♦ LEAP! ♦ Southwick House

### **LYON COUNTY**

Bloom House ♦ Camp Alexander ♦ Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation ♦ Corner House ♦ CrossWinds Counseling & Wellness ♦ Dolly Parton's Imagination Library ♦ Emporia Child Care ♦ Food for Students ♦ Girl Scouts of the Kansas Heartland ♦ Housing and Credit Counseling ♦ Jayhawk Area Boy Scouts ♦ Kansas Children's Service League ♦ Kansas Legal Services ♦ Leap! ♦ Sacred Heart Child Care ♦ SOS Inc. ♦ The Salvation Army ♦ SparkWheel ♦ Southwick House

### **MORRIS COUNTY**

Bloom House ♦ Building Blocks Community Child Care Center ♦ CASA of the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District ♦ Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation ♦ Corner House ♦ CrossWinds Counseling & Wellness ♦ Dolly Parton's Imagination Library ♦ Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland ♦ Housing and Credit Counseling ♦ Kansas Legal Services ♦ LEAP! ♦ Little Huskies Childcare ♦ SOS Inc. ♦ Southwick House

### **OSAGE COUNTY**

Bloom House ♦ Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation ♦ Corner House ♦ CrossWinds Counseling & Wellness ♦ Dolly Parton's Imagination Library ♦ East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging ♦ Girl Scouts of the Kansas Heartland ♦ Help House of Osage County ♦ Housing and Credit Counseling ♦ Jayhawk Area Boy Scouts ♦ LEAP! ♦ SOS Inc. ♦ Southwick House

### **WABAUNSEE COUNTY**

Bloom House ♦ Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation ♦ Corner House ♦ CrossWinds Counseling & Wellness ♦ Dolly Parton's Imagination Library ♦ Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland ♦ Housing and Credit Counseling ♦ Jayhawk Area Boy Scouts ♦ LEAP! ♦ Southwick House

### **WOODSON COUNTY**

Bloom House ♦ Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation ♦ Dolly Parton's Imagination Library ♦ Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland ♦ Housing and Credit Counseling ♦ LEAP! ♦ Southwick House