More than 4,000 individuals donate to United Way to support its mission to lead, unite and inspire our community to improve lives.

United Way of Porter County helps citizens of all ages, addressing needs related to financial stability, education and health. It helps preschool children, students, the disabled and the dying.

As a support pillar for safety net services, UWPC supported 65 emergency, disaster and basic needs programs in 2016-17 that helped members of your community find food, pay utilities, manage money, get medicines, keep or find housing, fight addiction and much more.

In the 2016-2017 year, United Way of Porter County provided more than $2.3 million in community support and resources to improve lives of area residents. Here are some examples:

- Preparing 938 young children to succeed in kindergarten
- Supporting 640 people with disabilities
- Addressing mental health and drug addiction for 1,746 people
- Providing shelter and safety for 691 people
- Helping and feeding 18,900 people in financial crisis
- Ensuring 2,222 elderly citizens have access to healthcare
- Mentoring 6,790 youth to be community leaders
- Recruiting > 8,000 volunteers supporting nonprofits

PORTER COUNTY RESIDENTS BENEFITED FROM THE SUPPORT OF UNITED WAY THIS YEAR.
2016-2017 THROUGH UNITED WAY’S OWN PROGRAMS:

KELLI’S STORY

Kelli and her 10 year old son were evicted from their apartment in February 2017. They stayed with whatever friends they could, motels, and finally, the car. Kelli’s son is autistic and the inconsistencies were causing more behavioral challenges for him. Since coming to Gabriel’s Horn, the meetings with her case manager have helped Kelli think of some ways to help her cope with both her situation and her son’s autism. She is eligible for assistance through Housing Opportunities and is looking for a place that will accept payment from them. Placement at Gabriel’s Horn has restored some of her dignity and given her a plan to strive to improve her situation.

SPIRIT AWARDS

United Way of Porter County and its partner, The Times of Northwest Indiana, were pleased to honor these individuals who display extraordinary service above self and serve as an inspiration to others, exhibiting what it means to Live United.

MIKE BARANKO • CATHY CONN • CHUCK HARRIS • JEFF MEYERS
R. EUGENE & JEANNE WEASE • MARILYN WYNN • MARK ZIMMERMAN

DAYS OF CARING 2016

Connected 100 teams of volunteers working on 81 projects for 45 community partners in Porter County
The United Way of Porter County is a leader and advocate for health, education and financial stability. Together with more than 200 community partners, 4,000 donors and 8,000 volunteers, we are uplifting lives across Porter County and Northwest Indiana.

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