FUNDING COMMUNITY PRIORITIES IN EDUCATION

Children Enter School Ready to Succeed:
- High Quality Early Education—Apple Tree Child Development Center YMCA
- High Quality Early Education—Huffer Memorial Children’s Center
- High Quality Early Education—United Day Care Center
- Family and Child Care Center Resource—Huffer Memorial Child Care Resource and Referral

Children and Youth Achieve Academic Goals:
- AOK Program After School Academic Enrichment — A Better Way
- AIM Summer Program—Summer Enrichment Collaboration
- Power Hour After School Academic Enrichment—Boys and Girls Club of Muncie
- After School Academic Enrichment—Motivate Our Minds
- MuncieP3 After School and Summer Academic Enrichment—Ball State University
- After School and Summer Academic Enrichment—Ross Community Center
- EDGE Program After School Academic Enrichment—Roy C. Buley Center

Children and Youth are Emotionally Healthy and Socially Competent
- Mentoring Program—Big Brothers Big Sisters

Young Adults Make a Successful Transition from High School to College/Career
- Passport to Success Mentoring and College Transition Program—Project Leadership

FUNDING COMMUNITY PRIORITIES IN INCOME

Low Income Families and Individuals Have Their Basic Needs Met:
- Emergency and Transitional Housing—Bridges Community Services
- Family Laundry Service Program—Muncie Mission
- Social Services Assistance and Case Management Program—Salvation Army
- Food Distribution and Hunger Relief—Second Harvest Food Bank
- Emergency and Transitional Housing Program—YWCA

Low Income Families and Individuals Build and/or Maintain Savings and Assets:
- Home Repairs and Accessibility Improvements—Home Savers of Delaware County
- Home Weatherization—Interlocal Community Action Program
- Housing Opportunities and Asset Building—Pathstone Corporation
- Financial Literacy Program—TEAMwork for Quality Living

FUNDING COMMUNITY PRIORITIES IN HEALTH

Families and Individuals Have Access to Health Care Coverage and Services:
- Client Services Program—Cancer Services Little Red Door
- Health Care for the Uninsured—Open Door Health Services
- Mobile School-Based Health Center—Open Door Health Services

Families and Individuals are Healthy and Avoid Risky Behaviors:
- Crisis Intervention Program—A Better Way

Seniors and Persons with Disabilities are Able to Remain Independent:
- Adult Day Services—Alpha Center
- Home Meal Delivery—Meals on Wheels of Muncie
- Senior Rides Transportation Program—LifeStream Services
In 2015, Muncie/Delaware County was honored as a Pacesetter by the National Campaign for Grade-Level Reading for making measurable improvements in eliminating barriers faced by children from low-income families on the path to becoming proficient readers. UWDC serves as the sponsoring organization for the local Campaign for Grade-Level Reading initiative.

United Way of Delaware County focuses its efforts on early child education in an effort to end the cycle of generational poverty long-term. Studies show that 80% of children from low-income households aren’t reading at grade level. In Delaware County, nearly half of the households live in poverty or are Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed (ALICE). The children in these households face a 30 million word gap from their more affluent peers. This is why we must emphasize the importance of reading-based programs and work alongside the National Campaign for Grade-Level Reading to make significant improvements in our community.

Reading proficiency by the end of third grade is a critical milestone toward high school graduation and is an indicator for success in later life because it marks the transition from “learning to read” to “reading to learn.” Students who have not mastered reading by this time are more likely to drop out of high school and struggle throughout their lives.

United Way’s three initiatives for the 2015-2016 fiscal year were supporting BY6, the community’s kindergarten readiness initiative, coordinating impactful Reading Clubs, and bringing Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library to Delaware County. Learn more about this work at InvitedToLiveUnited.org/CGLR.

**reading club volunteers**

- **47 Volunteers Donated** 2,010 Volunteer Hrs

On average in a school year, a reading club volunteer gives approximately 60 hours to help students.

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Between the years 2012-2015, IREAD-3 pass rates rose from 78.2% to 91% for all third-graders in Muncie Community Schools. During the same time period, pass rates at Longfellow Elementary shot up from 54.1% to 98.4%. This remarkable rise was the result of focused efforts by many coalition partners to work with the school and students to improve IREAD-3 scores. In United Way’s Reading Clubs, students advance their reading level by an average of 1.3 grade levels.

**muncie/delaware county was the only community in indiana to receive pacesetter status in 2015.**

- **200 Communities** Doing this work across the nation
- **42 States**, Puerto Rico, D.C., and US Virgin Islands
- **38 Communities** Were recognized as “Pacesetters” in addressing at least one barrier to reading proficiency
- **13 Communities**, including Muncie/Delaware County were recognized for significant improvements in two of the six focus areas

**★ Muncie/Delaware County was one of 15 communities achieving improved numbers of children reading at grade level**

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**In Muncie, the campaign is supported by:**

- George and Frances Ball Foundation
- The Muncie Altrusa Foundation
- Ball Brothers Foundation
- Indiana Association of United Ways

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**reading club locations:** Longfellow Elementary • Sutton Elementary • South View Elementary • Wes-Del Elementary