

# A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO GIVE

**\$10,000**  
Anonymous Giver

**\$8,500-\$5,000**  
Glen & Mary Jane Graber  
Jack G. Williams

**\$1,500-\$1,000**  
Robert C. & Bonnie Graham III  
Justin L. & Sarah Browning  
Jim & Sue Pearson III  
Gerry A. & Ruth Frette  
Cory & Tara Parsons  
Carolyn R. Jones  
Dr. Jon J. & Sue Clark  
Nathan & Elizabeth A. Gabhart  
Ken & Paula Jones  
Bill & Maria C. Killion  
Mary Memering  
Bruce A. & Katie Smith  
Beverly Summers  
Jim H. Norton  
Charles E. Taylor *(has since passed away)*

**\$4,000-\$2,500**  
Alan & Vicki Bubalo  
Anonymous Giver  
Eric S. & Julie Bassler

Note: These are individual givers and not through employee company payroll giving.

**\$999-\$500**  
Barbara S. Fyffe-Risch  
Dr. Anthony E. Nonte  
Stephen W. & Deb Sacksteder  
Jack L. & Sue Colbert  
C. Robert Gould  
Michael & Tonya Hosford  
Alex M. & Tara Knepp  
David & Gail Waller

Top 3 Corporate Gifts:	Top 3 Payroll Gifts:
Grain Processing Corporation \$23,000	Grain Processing Corporation \$23,000
NASCO Industries, Inc. \$10,000	Perdue Farms \$21,000
Midwest Natural Gas/ Gwaltney Drilling Corporation \$9,000	City of Washington \$5,100



## Donor Testimonial

"As a former nonprofit CEO for 30 years, I saw firsthand how United Way of Daviess County strengthens this community—not just by supporting local agencies, but by bringing in significant outside funding each year. They've helped secure over \$300,000 for COVID relief, provided tornado recovery support, funded building renovations for RISE and DSI—both of which serve the entire community—and expanded many additional programs to strengthen the county. Through volunteer efforts like Day of Caring, they bring people together to give back in meaningful ways. These are the kinds of community enhancements that simply wouldn't happen without United Way—or without the generosity of local donors. I'm proud to support this work, and I encourage others to give back too. Together, we can continue building a stronger Daviess County for everyone."

*Photo-Steve Sacksteder & his wife, Deb*



## MacAllister Machinery – Longtime Supporter and Advocate for United Way of Daviess County's Mission

At MacAllister Machinery, we've proudly supported United Way since 2008 because we believe in building stronger communities together. Over the years, our commitment has continued to grow—thanks to the incredible generosity of our employees and the meaningful impact we've seen firsthand from United Way in our community. From increased contributions to enthusiastic participation in events like Day of Caring and the annual United Way Golf Scramble, our team consistently shows up and gives back. Supporting United Way isn't just a tradition at MacAllister Machinery—it's a reflection of who we are. Both MacAllister Machinery and I deeply value the partnership we've built with United Way—as champions, volunteers, and contributors. It's a relationship rooted in shared purpose and lasting impact, and we look forward to continuing this meaningful work together.

Drew Johnson  
Washington Branch Manager  
MacAllister Machinery Company, Inc.



# ANNUAL REPORT



## DAY OF CARING



Despite the rain, Day of Caring 2024 was a huge success! Over 400 volunteers showed up and gave their time, contributing more than \$77,100 in volunteer labor hours to help improve our community. Without the dedication of these volunteers, many of our local agencies and civic organizations wouldn't have the resources to complete these much-needed projects.

**Thank you to everyone who participated and made a difference!**

**Mission Statement:**  
"To improve lives by mobilizing the caring power in Daviess County."

**Vision Statement:**  
"United Way of Daviess County envisions a community where lifting others up is common practice to achieve education, financial stability, and healthier lives."

2024/25

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**Current Board Members:** Board President: Carole Smith; Vice President: Holly Horrall; Treasurer: Lauren Milton; Marilyn McCullough; Shanon O'Toole; Claribel Quintanilla; Haley Matteson; Steve Walden; Olivia Sherman; Heather Stone; Sara Welsh; Steve Sturgis



*Carole Smith*  
Board President 2025

Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Giving back isn't just a good deed — it's a way to connect with others, so that each person can live life to the fullest. Volunteering is an essential way to be a part of the local community, and service work is more meaningful when aligned with what you care about. I care deeply for the people of Daviess County, and I am very thankful for the opportunity to serve!

## IN THE NOW: A MESSAGE FROM CEO, ZELLA TAYLOR

*This year has been one of growth, connection, and real community impact.*

At **United Way of Daviess County**, we remain committed to serving our community in ways that make a difference. Over the past five years, we've contributed **more than \$1.5 million back into Daviess County**—and much of that funding comes from outside resources that wouldn't have reached our community without a local United Way leading the effort.

Because of our partnership with **Indiana United Ways**, we're able to endorse local projects for special state-level funding opportunities. That membership and endorsement helped to bring in **\$271,200 in Capital Initiative Funding** to support two major renovations that will directly benefit local residents:

- **DSI (Developmental Services, Inc.)** – for the development of a **Hospitality Training Center**, open to all community members. This center will provide hands-on training for those seeking employment in hospitality, as well as teach basic independent living skills for individuals working toward self-sufficiency.
- **RISE** – for renovations at their **main office**, enhancing their ability to serve individuals in recovery and reentry programs.

Without a local United Way in place, these investments would not have been possible for Daviess County.

In addition to the Capital Initiative, we secured **\$44,610 in grants**, with **\$29,740 supporting the Perinatal Pathways Program** at Daviess Community Hospital. This life-saving initiative focuses on reducing infant mortality by supporting families without healthcare coverage, minority populations, and the Amish community through access to genetic testing and early intervention for congenital conditions.

We also received **\$40,000 in additional funding**, with nearly **\$30,000 going toward Peer Recovery Coaches and temporary housing solutions**—critical supports that help individuals in recovery build stability and long-term success.

**With portions of both the \$44,610 and \$40,000 grants, we expanded our Safety & Awareness Program.** Through these efforts, we've provided **free resource brochures, medication lock boxes, and community billboards promoting safe medication and sharps disposal.** Additional outreach materials were also developed to further educate and engage residents on harm reduction and health safety resources. A **new billboard campaign** will soon help direct the community to the sharps disposal box located at Daviess Community Hospital.

To build on this work, we received an additional **\$2,500 grant from the Glick Community Relief Fund**, allowing us to purchase even more medication lock boxes and expand our educational outreach across the county.

At **United Way of Daviess County**, we serve **everyone in our community—whether directly or indirectly.** From improving health and safety access, to helping our partners run essential programs, to enhancing parks, reading trails, and county-wide events like Day of Caring, our work touches every corner of Daviess County.

**But none of this is possible without local partnerships and support.**

If you're looking for a way to make a lasting impact, consider leaving a **legacy gift through an endowment, trust, or estate plan. 100% of your contribution stays local** and will continue supporting the people of Daviess County for generations to come.

United is the Way.



*Zella Taylor*  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & CEO



*Kori Johnson*  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT



*Holly Horrall*  
VICE CHAIR



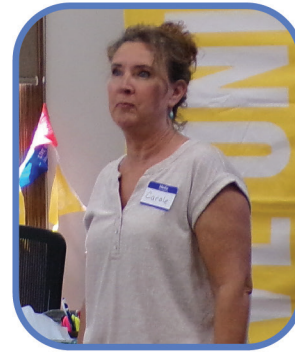
*Lauren Milton*  
TREASURER



**2024 Executive Awards:** Photo features, Board President; Steve Sturgis, Vice Board President & Campaign Chair; Carole Smith, Lauren Milton, Treasurer

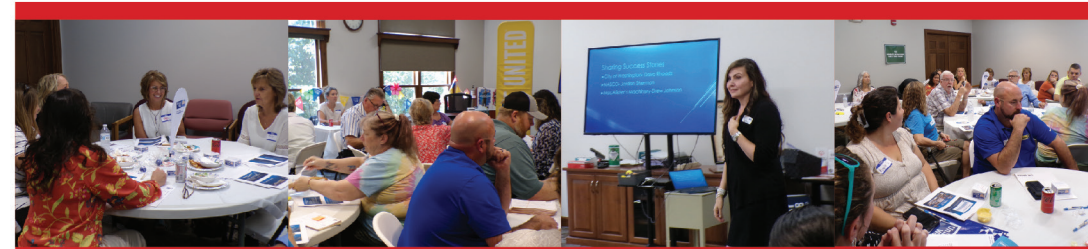


**We had our 1st annual golf scramble at the Washington Country Club! It was a success, raising over \$6,000 towards our Campaign efforts!**



## A WORD FROM OUR CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN, 2024- CAROLE SMITH

"I believe everyone has something to offer—whether it's time, resources, or kindness. During the campaign, we had the chance to meet with businesses and donors, build relationships, and inspire giving that changed lives. It was an honor to be part of a team focused on making a lasting impact for our community—both for that moment and for the generations to come."



**Our business coordinator luncheon meeting**



Perdue Farms Campaign Kickoff; Perdue Employees contributed over \$21,000!

Photo features: Zella Taylor, CEO/ED; Steve Sturgis, Board president & Campaign member; Steve Sacksteder with Perdue human resources & staff members



Presenting to staff and receiving our 1st donation from Ketcham Memorial! We're grateful & looking forward to growing our partnership throughout the year!

Photo features: Zella, Taylor, CEO/ED and her Campaign team presenting to approximately 70 staff members



Presenting during Odon Town Council.

Photo features (left back row): Steve Sturgis, UWDC Board President; BJ Sanders, Odon Council Member; Steve Ford, Fire Dept. Supervisor; Josh Kidwell, Utility Supervisor; Doug Benjamin, Odon Council Member; Front left: Zella Taylor, UWDC CEO/ED; Mandy Wilz, Clerk Treasurer; Carole Smith, UWDC Vice Board Chair & Campaign Chair



**Campaign kickoff with DeWayne Shake at Scoops.**

**Campaign fundraiser at Walmart**



## IMPACT WORK

**PACE Head Start box distribution & slumber party!**

Last year, we partnered with PACE Headstart to provide 40 Bedtime in a Box kits to their preschoolers. The Bedtime program offers families valuable learning materials designed to help establish healthy bedtime and reading routines with their children. In September, we joined a slumber party with the children and their families, where we read books together, enjoyed fun activities, and distributed the Bedtime in a Box kits. We received positive feedback about both the materials and the program itself.

Reviewing the pre- and post-surveys, we found that 93% of families would recommend the Bedtime program to others. Most families reported increased frequency and consistency in reading with their children, and there was a 7% rise in families maintaining positive bedtime routines.



**Serving our youth in the Daviess County CEO Program—mentoring & presenting for 8 years**



**Making a Difference Award!**  
Zella Taylor presents Making a Difference award to Brenda Sobocki! Sponsors: Chris Dunahee, Walmart; AJ Miles, Burkhardt Insurance and DeWayne Shake, Shake Broadcasting



## EDUCATION, FINANCIAL STABILITY & HEALTH



**EDUCATION**  
Strengthening families, children and individuals to reach their full potential.



**FINANCIAL STABILITY**  
Empowering people to live independently and achieve financial stability.



**HEALTH**  
Improving and promoting health and healing

**Campaign 2024 funded partners: Junior Achievement, Four Rivers/DSI, Generations/Meals on Wheels, Girl Scouts, Real Recovery, Red Cross, RSVP, Senior and Family Services, YMCA, Youth First**



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