



2024 LIVE UNITED

FOOD DRIVE

Your participation improves lives.

Hunger is a complex issue with many factors that create food insecurity. Our annual, countywide food drive stocks pantry shelves with needed items before the busy summer months.

But UWSC fights hunger all year round!

9%

The most recent data estimates Story County to have a food insecurity rate of 9%.

United Way convenes both the Story County Hunger Collaboration and the Food Pantry Collaboration.

These collaborations work to eliminate food insecurity and share best practices among the pantries.

We keep a database of hunger-related indicator data and outcomes.

This data helps United Way, elected officials, community partners, and the general public know the current state of hunger in our communities. This data can be viewed at uwstory.org/health and uwstory.org/financial-stability.

11%

The consumer price index for food purchases has risen yearly since 2020, reaching 11.4% from 2021 to 2022

We fund local partners that provide food assistance.

These include Heartland's programs for seniors (Meals-on-Wheels, Commodity Food Boxes, and Congregate Meals), meals at local emergency shelters and childcare facilities, food pantries at MICA and The Salvation Army, and Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance's emergency food voucher program.

We created the Story County Emergency Food Pantries and Programs Guide.

This guide is widely shared and utilized, helping to quickly connect neighbors in need to available resources. You can find this guide at www.uwstory.org/story-county-hunger-guide.

27%

of all students in Story County schools were eligible for free-or-reduced price lunch this year.

United Way funds BackPacks at local elementary schools and helps support free summer meal sites countywide.

Addressing hunger among children is a priority. During the school year, we provide funds to support weekend "BackPacks" of food for children K-5. During the summer, we work to ensure there are partnerships and infrastructure to provide free meals to children 0-18.

United Way provides grants to hunger/nutrition programs.

United Way provides grants to programs like Primary Health Care's Farm to Clinic and healthy snacks for summer programs. We also apply for and manage external grant funds like the Emergency Food and Shelter Program and Story County ARPA funds, providing additional funds to local programs.

Want to continue to help? You can host another food drive. Volunteer at a local food pantry. Serve meals at a summer meal site. Join the Story County Hunger Collaboration. Advocate for local, state, and federal policies that support food security. Get engaged in United Way's annual campaign. Support other United Way initiatives in health, education, and financial stability. View the back for more ways United Way works for our community!

You are a key part of our work to Improve Lives and Strengthen Our Community

United Way has 34 health and human services partner agencies. Plus, we lead work in the following areas:



HEALTH

LIVE UNITED Food Drive
Summer Food
BackPack Program
Story County Food Pantry
Collaboration
Story County Hunger
Collaboration
SingleCare Prescription
Cards



EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education
Iowa Reading Corps
Out of School Learning
Story County Reads /
Story County College Access
Network



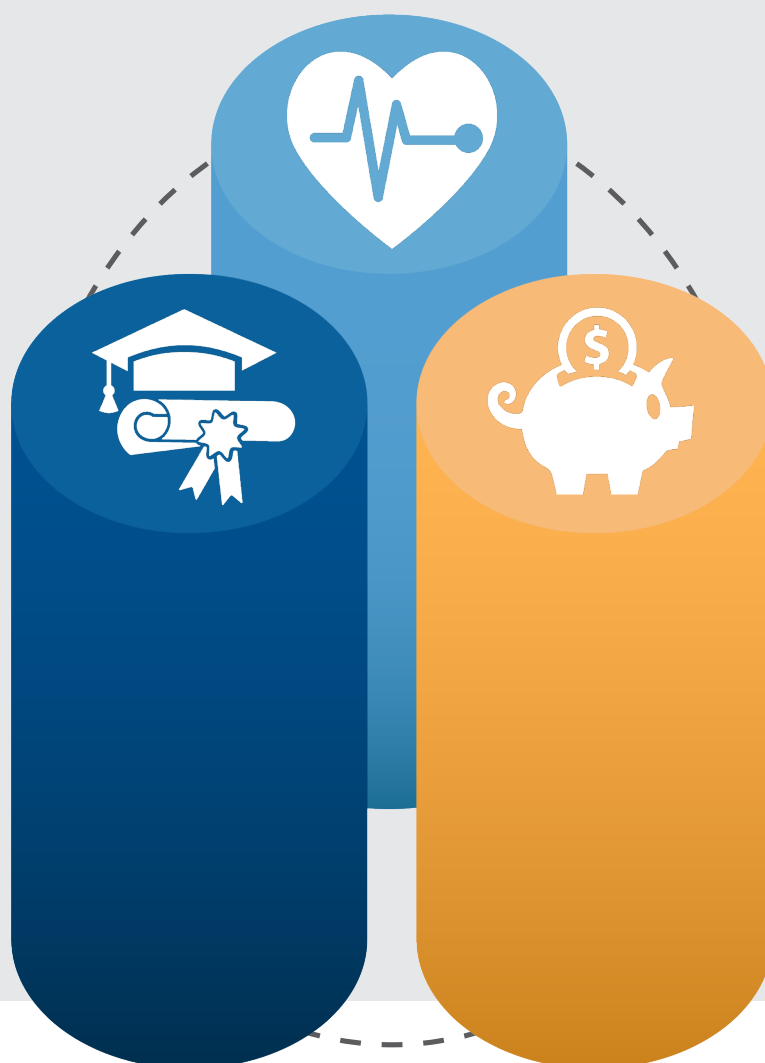
FINANCIAL STABILITY

Childcare Coalition
VITA free tax preparation
Wheels for Work
Women United



OTHER WORK

211 Community Resource
Community Well-Being
Day of Caring
Grant Programs
Golf Fore Kids
Immigrant and Refugee
Collaboration
Indicator Database



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