

United Way Live United Grant Investment Summary 2018-2019

In 2018 -2019 United Way of the Greater Dayton Area began their annual investment in the areas of Education, Income, and Health. Investments began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2019 with an option for contract renewal for well-run and top performing programs.

Investments in Education of more than \$500,000 are working to improve client success in the following priorities.

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| Kindergarten Readiness | <p>Kindergarten Readiness: 60% of children will be kindergarten-ready <i>A significant percentage of Montgomery County children do not have the skills required for kindergarten when they start. Local research indicates that to have an 87% probability of earning a proficient score on the third grade reading test requires a KRA score of at least 18 to 21.</i></p> |
| 3rd Grade Reading Proficiency | <p>3rd Grade Reading Proficiency : 100% of children will have 3rd grade reading proficiency <i>Too many Montgomery Students are unable to reach the proficient levels in reading by critical points in their elementary school years. There is substantial evidence that proficiency test scores in elementary and middle school are predictive of high school dropout rates. In addition, the proficiency tests themselves are markers of other issues in students' lives, such as food insecurity.</i></p> |
| 8th Grade Math Proficiency | <p>8th Grade Math: Proficiency 100% of children will have 8th grade math proficiency <i>Too many Montgomery Students are unable to reach the proficient levels mathematics by 8th grade. There is substantial evidence that proficiency test scores in middle school are predictive of high school dropout rates. In addition, the proficiency tests themselves are markers of other issues in students' lives, such as food insecurity.</i></p> |
| High School Graduation | <p>High School Graduation: Increase high school graduation rate to 95% <i>High School graduation is critical as an entree to further education and stable employment opportunities. In Montgomery County, only 4 out of every 5 (79.7%) students who entered 9th grade four years earlier graduate from high school. High school dropouts have a very difficult time sustaining even a low-wage job, and earning an income that can sustain family life is problematic.</i></p> |

Examples of Funded nonprofit Education Programs:

- Daycares with Quality Star Rating(s)
- After School programs focused on academic success, risk avoidance, and personal resiliency
- Special Needs Daycare for developmentally and physically disabled early learning
- Teen Parent Education focusing on eliminating child abuse and neglect before it starts
- Youth Mentoring, behavioral health, asset and character development training programs
- Academic support for early learning, 3rd grade reading, 8th grade math, and high school graduation.

Investments in Health of more than \$347,000 are working to improve client success in the following priorities.

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| Food Access | <p>Food Access: Reduce food insecurity <i>Many communities lack access to affordable, quality food including fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low fat milk, and other items that comprise a healthy diet. Hunger and food insecurity have been linked to chronic diseases, behavioral problems, poor academic performance, and more.</i></p> |
| Domestic Violence | <p>Domestic Violence: Reduce the number of domestic violence homicides <i>Domestic violence is the most common form of violence, especially against women. Domestic violence is a major contributor to poor mental and physical health of victims. Children who experience violence are likely to be violent themselves.</i></p> |
| Frail Elderly | <p>Frail Elderly: Increase the number of seniors who continue to live at home within their own community. <i>For many seniors aging in place is the preferred living arrangement. Aging in place allows seniors to maintain a comfortable living environment, hold on to feelings of independence, maintain familiarity with their surroundings, having convenience access to community services, and maintain a close proximity to family.</i></p> |

Examples of Funded nonprofit programs include:

- Advocacy, court accompaniment, legal, and counseling services for Domestic Violence victims and their children
- Community gardening, school gardening, and nutrition consciousness programming for all ages
- Home health care, visiting nurse, home delivered meals, hot meals and socialization, exercise and health checks for seniors and those challenged with disability.

Investments in Financial Stability of more than \$103,000 are working to improve client success in the following priority.

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| Stable Employment | <p>Stable Employment Increase the number of individuals who have employment stability. (Increase median household income) <i>*Census figures indicate that over 55,000 working-age Montgomery County residents last worked over five years ago or never worked. The living wage for Montgomery County is reported to be \$9.55/hour for one adult and \$19.92/hour for one adult and one child. The impact of advancing one educational attainment level for 10% of Montgomery County adults ages 25-34 who currently have no post-secondary education would generate over \$13 million in increased earnings annually.</i></p> |
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Examples of Funded nonprofit programs include:

- Work readiness and certification training in areas like forklift training, construction, and OSHA certifications.
- Life Skills training for adults with little to no work experience and complex needs.
- Family Stability and case management support for families struggling to meet basic needs.

In addition to investments in Education, Income, and Health United Way of the Greater Dayton area invested more than \$230,000.

Programs funding in this area provide basic need services for individuals and families experiencing financial crisis. Program services in this area provide support with Emergency Food, Freedom from Violence, disaster response supports, Emergency Shelter, and Prescription assistance.

United Way also invests in programs and services in Greene (\$149,000) and Preble County (90,000). Preble County volunteers make these investments and services within the respective County. Residents of the 3 county area may use any program service paid for by UWGDA in any of the three counties regardless of where they live.