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WHERE THE MONEY GOES...

Meet Jamie. Jamie is a child who wants to succeed. All that is needed is a clear path to a better life.

United Way aligns and convenes human services and community programs to create opportunities for a better life for thousands of “Jamies”.

We focus on strengthening EDUCATION, INCOME, and HEALTH, the building blocks for a good quality life.

Let’s Go!

**A GOOD EARLY EDUCATION PUTS JAMIE ON THE RIGHT PATH**
Over 4,250 “Jamies” receive school readiness books each month, which promote family engagement and develop pre-literacy skills.

**JAMIE’S PARENTS KEEP MORE OF THEIR HARD-EARNED MONEY**
Over 2,000 tax returns prepared for free, saving families a total of $420,800 in filing fees.

**JAMIE’S FAMILY HAS ACCESS TO QUALITY COMMUNITY RESOURCES**
2-1-1, a free 24/7 helpline, connects Winnebago and Ogle county families to critical human service resources.

**JAMIE’S DIPLOMA OPENS DOORS**
Jamie is more likely to secure a job and provide a healthy and financially-stable future for his family.

**JAMIE’S PARENTS GET ON MORE SOLID FINANCIAL GROUND**
Investments in job skills and training programs help prepare hundreds of families to find employment in our community.

**HEALTHY LIVING HELPS JAMIE FOCUS IN THE CLASSROOM**
Families increased physical fitness activity through education and awareness programs.

**JAMIE SUCEEDS IN SCHOOL!**
Over 370 Kindergarten-2nd grade “Jamies” are matched with mentors to help achieve literacy proficiency, a strong indicator of high school success.

**JAMIE HELPS BUILD A STRONGER COMMUNITY**
Higher graduation rates mean less crime and a healthy, productive workforce.

See inside back cover for a breakdown of community investments with our key partner organizations.

STATISTICS VIDEO: Follow the story of “Jamie” and “Jamie,” two young boys on different education paths. This video shares the journey of at-risk children in our community – told plainly with data, story, and animation. www.unitedwayrrv.org/statistics
Improving the quality of life for everyone in the Rock River Valley.

Providing stewardship to your contributions.

Creating real impact.

This has been United Way’s mission for over 95 years and we remain committed to creating a community of healthy, well-educated, and financially stable individuals and families.

This year you were introduced via video to “Jaime” — one of many children in our community who lacks the basic necessities for a wholesome life (you can watch this video again by visiting www.unitedwayrrv.org/statisticks). Children like Jamie often have parents who work, but low wages and unstable employment leave their families struggling to make ends meet. It is well documented that a family living in poverty can impede a child’s success in school, and can cause social, emotional, and behavioral problems. Living in poverty contributes to poor health outcomes and affects young children from birth on. It has been stated that the single most important determinant of a person’s success in life could very well be the zip code in which they are born.

This “zip code tyranny” is one of the reasons for United Way’s Strong Neighborhoods initiative. Through this initiative, we are working to reduce childhood poverty and build hope for families.

Our dedicated impact team has been working in our chosen neighborhoods in order to fully understand key challenges each neighborhood faces and to learn about the residents and their dreams for a better life. Every neighborhood possesses certain strengths and assets, and by working alongside capable neighborhood leaders, parents, teachers, and local businesses, United Way is building upon these assets.

We know that we can’t help children unless we help their parents so we are focusing on building job skills, employment opportunities, and financial literacy (read Myron’s story on page 3). Safety for families and neighborhoods is being increased (read Taneeka’s story on page 4). Children are getting the tools they need to be successful in school (read Cheyenne’s story on page 2).

There is nothing we can’t do as a community, if we work together to face our common challenges. It is our belief that strong neighborhoods make a strong community, and a healthy community benefits everyone.

Thank you for your support, engagement, and advocacy. Thank you for stepping forward to LIVE UNITED.

Paul A. Logli
CEO and President
United Way of Rock River Valley
Growing up, Carole Cook’s shelves overflowed with books and she developed an early love of reading. But as a single mother living on a restricted budget in public housing, Carole struggled to provide the same opportunities to her own child. Two years ago, Carole began receiving board books for her daughter, Cheyenne, as part of United Way’s Success By 6® home-visiting program through City of Rockford Early Head Start. During the visits, Carole learned about early childhood development to help her increase Cheyenne’s pre-literacy skills. Now a preschool student at Blackhawk Learning Connection, Cheyenne continues to build her home library and receives books each month through a Success By 6® classroom-based program.

Last year alone, more than 66,000 books were distributed by United Way to families in Winnebago and Ogle counties. In addition to the age-appropriate books, parents receive educational materials that encourage family engagement that increases child development, particularly pre-literacy skills. Preschool teachers also receive monthly curriculum to incorporate book-themed activities into the classroom.

The whole community benefits when more families and individuals are provided quality, educational opportunities such as Success By 6®. That’s why United Way focuses on lasting solutions that go beyond charity, because by helping children birth to age six gain the necessary skills to enter school ready to learn, children can grow up to lead productive and healthy lives.

For now, Carole is just happy to hear Cheyenne read a new book from her personal home library.

“You cannot imagine the joy every time my daughter brings home her very own book from school. It takes mere seconds for her to grab the books from her backpack and start reading,” says Carole.

Visit www.unitedwayrrv.org/strongneighborhoods to learn more about United Way’s collective impact approach for improving people’s lives and strengthening our neighborhoods.
Myron Simmons was discouraged by his financial situation. His student loans were in default and he had a bad line of credit – or so he thought. This discouragement led to an avoidance that only made matters worse.

Then one day he received an email from a friend about a the GoodSTEPS financial literacy program with Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois. He decided it was worth a shot. He had neglected his personal financial situation after investing many years focusing on others as a community advocate; but as a father, he knew it was time to invest in himself in order to better the life of his five-year-old daughter.

The program, which is part of United Way of Rock River Valley’s community impact focus on income, gave Myron the guidance he needed to get to the bottom of his financial mess. He increased his financial acumen, learned how to build up credit and where to go for loan assistance. As a result, he became more financially stable.

The whole community benefits when more working families and individuals like Myron are able to stop walking a financial tightrope and get on solid ground. That’s why United Way focuses on lasting solutions that go beyond charity, because financially stable people like Myron are more likely to have access to quality health care, provide a good education for their children, and contribute to their local economies.

“If I can help even three kids from going down a bad path, then I know I’m helping to build a better community for my daughter to grow up in,” says Myron.

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After making the tough decision that it was no longer healthy for her and her son to be in their current environment, single mother Taneeka Walker was forced to seek shelter elsewhere. She admits that the easier path may have been to relocate to Milwaukee and live with family. But after her son was accepted into the Rockford public school gifted program, Taneeka knew that she had to find a way to stay in Rockford. Taneeka applied for transitional housing through Shelter Care Ministries. The program, which is part of United Way of Rock River Valley’s community impact focus on safe and healthy families, provided Taneeka and her son with their own place to live plus the confidence and stability to move forward. Whether they spend their evenings building a Lego set or doing homework, they are building a safe and loving home together.

The whole community benefits when more families and individuals are empowered to be more independent and secure affordable housing. That’s why United Way focuses on lasting solutions that go beyond charity, because financially stable and independent people like Taneeka are more likely to have access to quality health care, provide a good education for their children, and contribute to their local neighborhoods.

“Sometimes we see a kid and think ‘they’re fine,’ but that doesn’t mean that down deep they don’t need someone to listen. I want to be a champion for those kids that get overlooked,” says Taneeka.

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COMMUNITY PARTNERS

United Way of Rock River Valley thanks the following organizations that partner with us to create opportunities for a better life for all. These organizations contributed a corporate gift, conducted a workplace campaign, or did both to advance the education, income and health of our neighborhoods and communities.

Gifts received between July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014
KEY:  - Ogle County Organizations  - 100% Employee Participation

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Gleason Cutting Tools
Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois

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United Way of Rock River Valley thanks the following organizations for creating powerful change in our community. These organizations invest in our community with total annual support of $200,000 and greater.

Table with logos of participating organizations:
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United Way thanks the organizations and individuals who contributed in-kind items and services that are of value to advancing our mission in our community.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION INITIATIVE PARTNERS

United Way of Rock River Valley thanks the following partners and sponsors for embracing our Early Childhood Education initiative to improve community conditions. Together with these organizations, United Way is creating opportunities to ensure every child succeeds in kindergarten and reads proficiently at grade-level.

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Blackhawk Learning Connection
BMO Harris Bank
Circles of Learning
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Easter Seals Child Development Center
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EMPLOYEE CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR
OF THE YEAR

United Way of Rock River Valley honors the following individuals for their outstanding leadership and spirit during a successful workplace campaign.

Nikki Jarrett - Thermo Fisher Scientific
Mona Kidd - Rockford Register Star and
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Monique Lindstedt - Rockford University
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Mutual Reinsurance Bureau
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Rock River Environmental Services
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HEALTH Nick Kavala – Forreston, Illinois

Nick, who is diagnosed with pervasive developmental disorder, always hoped to live on his own. He joined Village of Progress through his high school special education transition program. Now in his own apartment, Nick is making steps toward living more independently and serving as an example for others with disabilities.

Learn more about Nick’s story by visiting www.unitedwayrrv.org/nick
COMMUNITY LEADERS

The following people partner with United Way of Rock River Valley at a leadership giving level to advance the common good.

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Learn more about Michelle’s story by visiting [www.unitedwayrrv.org/michelle](http://www.unitedwayrrv.org/michelle)
Derrick was staring unemployment, unstable housing and the lack of finances straight in the eye. So when a friend told him about a local neighborhood resource center, Derrick did not hesitate at the opportunity. Derrick not only secured employment but also restored his self-confidence.

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American Red Cross, Rock River Chapter
Emergency Services - $20,000

Angelic Organics Learning Center
Roots and Wings Youth Leadership - $45,000

Barbara Olson Center of Hope
Development Training - $35,000

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the YMCA of Rock River Valley
One to One Mentoring - $50,000
RAISE - $18,372

Blackhawk Learning Connection
Kreative K- $75,000
Creative Curriculum - $23,625

Boy Scouts of America, Blackhawk Area Council
Career Exploring - $50,000
Comprehensive Youth Development - $2,271

Boys and Girls Club of Rockford
Prevention - $198,819

Catholic Charities, Rockford
Family Services - $15,000

Children's Home + Aid
MotherHouse - $50,000
Pregnancy & Early Parent Counseling - $15,000

Comprehensive Community Solutions
YouthBuild Green - $50,000

Court Appointed Special Advocates
CASA - $8,500

Discovery Center Museum of Rockford, Inc.
After School Achievement - $20,000

Easter Seals Children’s Development Center
Teen Family Support - $30,000
Family Support - $3,000

Family Counseling Services of Northern IL
Counseling - $43,260

Focus House
Counseling - $11,000
Residential - $11,000

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois
aMAZE Violence Prevention - $35,000
General Girl Scouting - $27,000
General Girl Scouting - $2,250
Project Opportunity - $35,000

Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois
Financial Literacy - $10,000
Tax Outreach - $20,000

Harlem Community Center
Neighborhood Playground - $14,000

HOPE of Ogle County
Domestic Violence Walk In Services - $23,000

Hub City Senior Center
Senior Transportation - $17,000

Ken-Rock Community Center
Asset and Enrichment - $10,000
Strong Communities/Strong Families - $26,000
Title XX Delinquency Prevention - $9,500

Joyner Neighborhood Resource Center
21 & Over Parenting - $8,000
Life Enrichment - $30,000

La Voz Latina
AMBOS Youth Program - $35,000

Lifescape Community Services
Bright Side Adult Day Center - $15,000
Medication Management - $18,511
Mobile Meals - $50,000
Nutritional Services - $6,000
Senior Assistance - $20,000

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois
In Touch Services - $4,750
Reentry for Returning Citizens - $25,000
School Based Services - $4,000

Lydia Home Association
Lydia Urban Academy - $40,000
Safe Families For Children - $26,000
Youth Development
Through Work Study - $15,000

Mt. Morris Senior Center
Health and Fitness - $5,000

Northwest Community Center
After School Program - $17,688
Neighborhood Empowerment - $21,541
Comprehensive Youth Services - $7,570
Out of School Suspension Program - $20,000

Ogle County Probation
Reporting Center - $16,000

Patriots Gateway Community Center
Life Skills Center - $20,000

Pinecrest Community
Daily Activities - $5,000

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Meet Jamie. Jamie is a child who wants to succeed. All that is needed is a clear path to a better life.

A GOOD EARLY EDUCATION PUTS JACK ON THE RIGHT PATH
Over 4,250 “Jamies” receive school readiness books each month, which promote family engagement and develop pre-literacy skills.

HEALTHY LIVING HELPS JAMIE FOCUS IN THE CLASSROOM
Families increased physical fitness activity through education and awareness programs.

JAMIE’S FAMILY HAS ACCESS TO QUALITY COMMUNITY RESOURCES
A local YMCA provides free classes where families can bond.

JAMIE’S PARENTS KEEP MORE OF THEIR HARD-EARNED MONEY
Over 2,000 tax returns prepared for free, saving families a total of $420,800 in filing fees.

JAMIE HELPS BUILD A STRONGER COMMUNITY
Higher graduation rates mean less crime and a healthier, more productive workforce.

JAMIE’S DIPLOMA OPENS DOORS
Jamie is more likely to secure a job and provide a healthy and financially stable future for his family.

JAMIE’S PARENTS SET ON MORE SOLID FINANCIAL GROUND
Investments in job skills and training programs help prepare hundreds of families to lead fulfilling lives in our community.

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We All Win!

See inside back cover for a breakdown of community investments with our key partner organizations.
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At the heart of United Way of Rock River Valley’s vision is a community of interconnected individuals, groups, and organizations working together for the benefit of all. This sense of collective impact is what we mean by advancing the common good.

It is United Way’s belief that we will only realize the change we are seeking in our community when everyone has a stake in creating a healthier and stronger community.

VISION
United Way of Rock River Valley will create a community of healthy, well-educated, and financially-stable individuals and families.

MISSION
To improve life in the Rock River Valley by mobilizing the caring power of our community.

ABOUT THE COVER: The Walking School Bus program is a dynamic example of what happens when we all work together to make our neighborhoods stronger. The program, a partnership between the Rockford Housing Authority, United Way of Rock River Valley, Winnebago County Health Department, YMCA of Rock River Valley, and Youth Services Network, creates a safe walking passage to school for students and helps reduce truancy and tardiness.