

COMMUNITY **HOPE** **VOLUNTEER** **GIVE** **OPPORTUNITY**
LASTING CHANGE
LIVE UNITED
FIND YOUR VOICE IMPROVING LIVES
MAKE A DIFFERENCE **HEALTH** **THINK WE BEFORE ME**
BETTER TOMORROW **ADVANCING THE COMMON GOOD**
OPEN YOUR HEART **EDUCATION**
INCOME **ADVOCATE**
BUILDING BLOCKS OF LIFE





TOGETHER WITH YOU...

Fox Valley United Way is advancing the common good. That means understanding where gaps may exist in educational opportunities, income stability and health programs in our community. Together we work to fill those gaps by supporting social service agencies and community collaborations that bring real, lasting change to individuals and families.

This report is our opportunity to show you the progress we made in our 2013–2014 campaign. Won't you join us as we work to make a difference this year?

Contact us today at uwfoxvalley.org.



WE SUPPORT

the work of health and human service agencies in the Kane and Kendall County communities we serve. We receive and review requests, then allocate the monies we raise to support specific agency programs. These local agencies that we partner with make a tremendous impact in our community:

African American Men of Unity, Aurora	DayOneNetwork, Geneva	Kendall County Health Department, Yorkville	RITAS Ministry, Aurora
Association for Individual Development, Aurora	Elderday Center, Batavia	L.I.F.E. Support Incorporated, Aurora	Salvation Army, Aurora
Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center, Aurora	Family Counseling Service, Aurora	Marie Wilkinson Child Development Center, Aurora	Salvation Army Golden Diners, Geneva
Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry, Aurora	Family Focus, Aurora	Mutual Ground, Aurora	Senior Services Associates, Aurora
Breaking Free, Inc., Aurora	Fox Valley Academy of Music Performance, Aurora	Open Door Clinic, Aurora	Suicide Prevention Services, Batavia
Camp Fire USA, Illinois Prairie Council, Lombard	Fox Valley Hospice, Geneva	Open Door Rehabilitation Clinic, Sandwich	Three Fires Council Boy Scouts, St. Charles
Camp Kishwaukee, Plano	Fox Valley Family YMCA, Plano	Operation Snowball, Plano	Triple Threat Mentoring, Aurora
CASA – Kane County, Geneva	Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois, Sugar Grove	People for Child Care, Aurora	VNA Health Care, Aurora
CASA – Kendall County, Yorkville	Golden Harvesters Senior Citizens, Plano	Plano Youth Athletic Association, Plano	Wayside Cross Ministries, Aurora
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Community Benefits – Kendall County, Yorkville	Joseph Corporation, Aurora	Quad County Urban League, Aurora	YWCA Aurora, Aurora
Community Career Center, Naperville	Kendall County Community Bridges, Yorkville	Rebuilding Together Aurora, Aurora	
	Kendall County Food Pantry, Yorkville		



WE COLLABORATE

with Aurora University to provide an online portal for volunteer opportunities in the Fox Valley.

VolunteerFoxValley.org matches community members, students and businesses with social service organizations looking for volunteers.

At VolunteerFoxValley.org, social service organizations can post their needs, instead of spending time and resources to find assistance. Volunteers can search for opportunities, join volunteer groups and track agency needs and events.

The Fox Valley is home to individuals and groups who are concerned about their neighbors in need and want to make a difference. VolunteerFoxValley.org brings those people together, promoting lasting change in our community.

“More than 330 people used Volunteer Fox Valley to make connections to volunteer opportunities in its first five months.”



**VOLUNTEER
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WE STRIVE

To ensure that every child in Aurora is on a trajectory toward success in school and in life with SPARK:
Strong, Prepared And Ready for Kindergarten.

SPARK, an early childhood learning initiative, was founded in 2012 by a coalition of leading civic organizations including Fox Valley United Way, the Dunham Fund, the City of Aurora, East Aurora School District 131, West Aurora School District 129, Indian Prairie School District 204 and Community School District 308. Since its inception, several other organizations have generously donated to SPARK including Aurora Public Library Foundation, Caterpillar Foundation, Farmers Insurance, First Merit Bank, Gustafson Family Foundation, Hollywood Casino, Illinois Action for Children, Aurora Kiwanis Club, Pentair Foundation, PNC Bank–Grow Up Great Program and Target Foundation.

SPARK is working to ensure that all Aurora families are aware of the importance of early learning and get connected with programs and services. This past year, SPARK engaged more than 1,000 parents through its Parent Council, workshops and special events. In addition, SPARK is making quality improvement in Aurora’s preschool programs a priority. To date, 200 early childhood providers have participated in professional development activities through SPARK.

“More than 1,000 parents participated in SPARK early childhood learning activities this past year.”



S P A R K

Strong, Prepared And Ready for Kindergarten

WE PROVIDE

individuals with a free prescription drug discount card that reduces their out-of-pocket medication costs.

Many people in our community struggle to afford their medications, and some don't take them as prescribed.

Not taking these medications in the short run can cause more problems in the long run.

This is why Fox Valley United Way has partnered with **FamilyWize, a prescription drug discount card** that can save users up to 75% in medication costs at their local pharmacy.

To date, 2,705 Fox Valley cardholders have saved more than \$260,000 with FamilyWize. We love participating in this program because it impacts health and financial stability, two of the three areas that affect the common good.

“More than 2,700 people in our service area have been helped by FamilyWize since 2012.”



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WE IMPACT

our area communities with meaningful annual events. The Souper Bowl of Caring and Holiday Assistance Program, respectively, help to restock the shelves at local food pantries and provide holiday assistance to needy area families.

Donations made at local Jewel-Osco stores, Montgomery Market Place and Prisco's Fine Foods benefit the **Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry** and the **Kendall County Food Pantry**. This year, our volunteers received 2,273 pounds of food and \$4,279 in cash donations. For every dollar raised, the pantries are able to purchase up to \$8 worth of food — making the community impact this year worth more than \$34,232.

Through our Holiday Assistance Program, individuals, businesses and organizations donated toys, clothing and grocery gift cards to help make the holidays brighter for 123 needy local families including 321 children.

“This year, our Souper Bowl of Caring provided more than \$34,000 in purchasing power for our local food pantries.”



WE APPRECIATE

all our donors who support their community through Fox Valley United Way. Support comes in the form of individual and workplace giving, corporate grants and gifts, as well as in-kind donations and services. Individual donors with gifts of \$1,000 or more qualified for this year's Leadership Giving Society.

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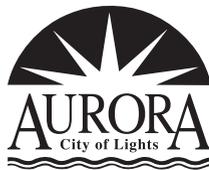
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“More than 1,000 people attended this year’s Cardboard Boat Race, our annual campaign kick-off event.”



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the board members, committee members and staff of Fox Valley United Way who provide support to health and human services agencies that serve 15 communities in Kane and Kendall Counties.

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WHERE WE RAISE MONEY

We obtain funds from three basic and traditional sources:



WHERE WE ALLOCATE FUNDS

We allocate funds based upon requests from our partner agencies to support specific programs. Generally, our funding priorities fall into four high-impact community need categories:



OUR SERVICE AREA

15 communities in Kane and Kendall Counties:



LIVE UNITED

United Way is a worldwide network that advances the common good, creating opportunities for a better life for all by focusing on the three key building blocks of education, income and health. The United Way movement creates long-lasting community change by addressing the underlying causes of problems that prevent progress in these areas.

LIVE UNITED is a call to action for everyone to become a part of the change. Join us. With your help, we can make a difference in the Fox Valley community today.



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