

# November 2025 Fox Valley United Way Board Report

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**J.D. Ostergaard**

### **Operations**

Work continues on website improvements including our 2-1-1 page, Holiday Assistance, contact us, and donate. The Google Ad Grant is causing problems, but Eric is diligently working on achieving successful conversions with our donate page and newsletter sign ups.

Participated in Downtown Aurora window display decorating with a sled hill art installation contribution. Attended Illinois Department of Early Childhood informational session on their new process for requesting funding for programming on November 20.

Met with DuPage Foundation Vice President for Programs, Barb Szczepaniak, to acclimate ourselves with them and understand their programming funding. Discussions around other partnerships and nearby opportunities for SPARK were also discussed.

### **Finances**

Met with Old Second representative on November 10 to understand our relationship with the bank and how we can continue to improve our accounts with them.

### **Development**

Attended Waubonsee Community College Giving Tree Presentation on November 5 to kick off their contributions to our Holiday Assistance program.

Presented to Houghton, Mifflin, Harcourt (HMH) at an annual employee team building event in Geneva on November 5. The teams listened to my presentation on our work and then they built bikes for pre-teens that were donated to us for distribution to our Holiday Assistance families.

Presented to Eaton industries on November 13 as an introduction of FVUW, but also an overview of United Way in general. The audience was all off camera, so it was hard to tell their level of interest, but exposure was achieved.

Attended ribbon cutting of the new play space at the Aurora Fire Museum on November 13.

Decorated a tree at the Geneva Historical Society on November 14 in preparation of their non-profit donations drive. All collected money from our tree contributions will be split with the museum.

## COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

### Tricia Hoover

#### **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library:**

DPIL Numbers November 2025

	FOLLETT	KENDALL	TOTAL
September	2708	2304	5012
October	3152	2368	5520
November	3546	2424	5970
Change 09-10	444	64	508
Change 10-11	394	56	450

#### **DPIL Activity and Development:**

**11/12/25** – Meeting with Amber Peters and EPEL & The Basics of Greater Elgin, to discuss strategy to reach their audience. Sent over updated DPIL Registration forms and marketing flyers made by Annika.

**11/13/25** – Meeting with Dr. Brent Raby, Associate Superintendent of Teaching for West Aurora School District #129, to plan steps to broaden DPIL reach in their district.

**11/14/25** – J.D. and I met with Representative Anne Moeller's office to promote legislative support for DPIL.

#### **Nonprofit Community Partner Impact/Development:**

**11/03/25** – WCC Social Impact Panel Discussion where we discussed current community concerns and how to become more socially active. Discussed opportunities to volunteer and help fundraise for their causes, incorporating FVUW.

**11/07/25** - Matt Hanson Diaper Drive with Batavia United Way. Kathy and I gathered the collected diapers and took them to the Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry. We collected 142 lbs. of diapers. We will hold them to supplement Holiday Assistance and immediate needs.

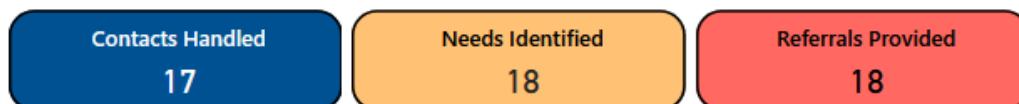
**11/20/25** - PAASSS Quarterly meeting – continued to promote 211 & DPIL.

## KANE County Big Rock Township (10/2024 – 10/2025)

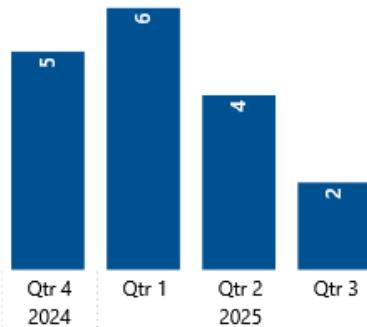


Between 10/31/2024 and 10/31/2025 the 211 Illinois network handled 17 contacts in Big Rock Township\*. During these conversations, Resource Navigators identified 18 specific needs and provided clients with 18 referrals to community based organizations in their area.

### 211 Traffic Summary



#### Contacts by Quarter

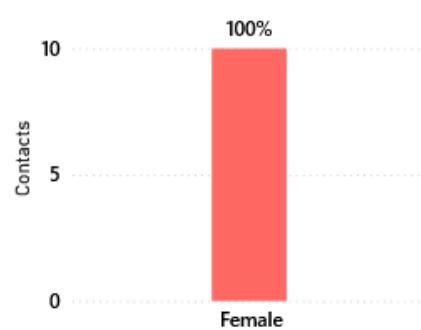


#### Top Needs

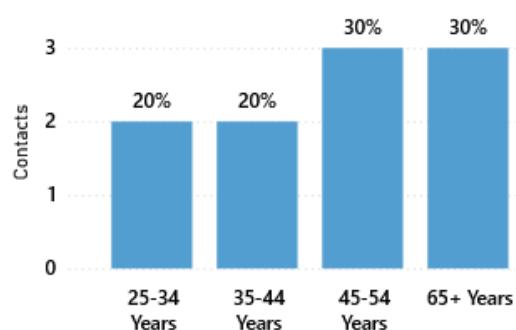
Need Description	Needs	% of Total
Specialized Information and Referral	3	17%
General Clothing Provision	2	11%
Information and Referral/211 Services	2	11%
Transportation Expense Assistance	2	11%
Utility Payment Assistance	2	11%
Food Pantries	1	6%
Homeless Permanent Supportive Housing	1	6%
Homeless Shelter	1	6%
Housing Authorities	1	6%
Housing Search Assistance	1	6%

### Client Demographics

#### 211 Client Gender



#### 211 Client Age



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## KENDALL 2-1-1: Big Grove Township (10/2024 – 10/2025)

### 211 Illinois County Subdivision Report

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Big Grove Township

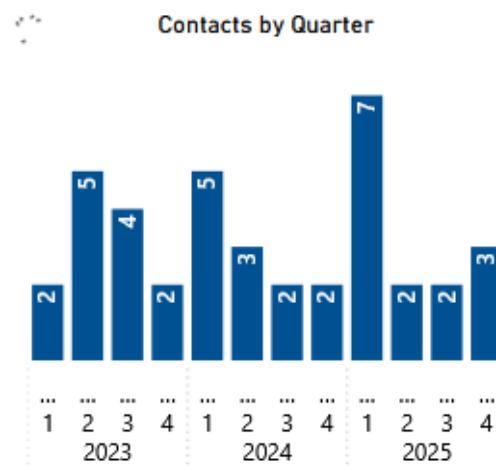
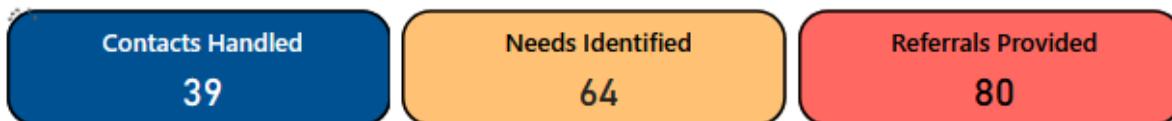
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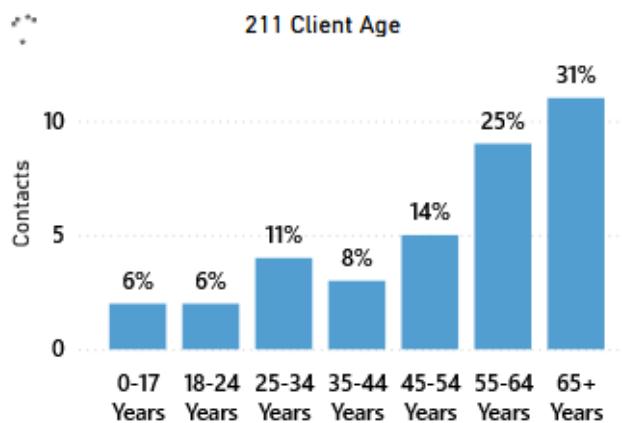
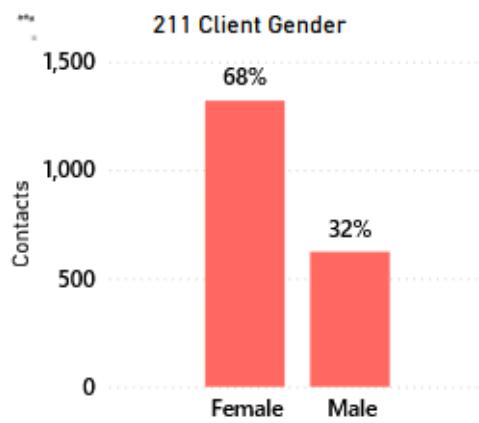
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Top Needs

Need Description	Needs	% of Total
Utility Payment Assistance	10	16%
Mortgage Assistance	5	8%
Food Pantries	3	5%
Rent Assistance	3	5%
Specialized Information and Referral	3	5%
Temporary Financial Assistance	3	5%
Transportation Expense Assistance	3	5%
Comprehensive Job Assistance Centers	2	3%
General Legal Aid	2	3%
General Relief	2	3%
Low Income/Subsidized Rental Housing	2	3%

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## **Holiday Assistance**

**11/05/25 & 11/15/25** - Tree decorations at WCC & Geneva History Museum.

**11/28/25** - Met with Bruce from Hesed House to plan for drop off/wrapping for Hesed House families.

**11/18/25** - Power Network Breakfast meeting for blanket drive plus FVUW and AAA commercial to be placed in AAA's social media.

**Entire month** - general solicitation for drives, donations, and support from local community partners.

## **S.P.A.R.K.**

### **Rosaisela Sida**

## **Events & Outreach**

SPARK participated in different outreach events in the month of November.

1. November 8, 2025, SD131 Parents University for Early Childhood programs.
2. November 20<sup>th</sup>, Collaboration with SD131 and SPARK to have IDEC Funding Design session for the Aurora Community.
3. November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Financial Empowerment a picture with Santa.

## **SPARK programs**

Northern Lights Center; Every Monday from 10 – 11 am

Kindergarten Readiness Playgroups every other Tuesday from 11 am – 12 pm

Playgroups in collaboration with World Relief every Friday from 9-11 am

Developmental Screenings at the Public Library Saturdays and Fridays from 12:30-2:30pm

Parents Cafes with Family Focus once a month.

## **Collaboration**

SPARK is attending: All are Kids Collaboration monthly meeting. (There is a new initiative to coordinate Developmental Screenings online in Kane County and SPARK is supporting the process due to having experience conducting online screenings)

The Basics Monthly Meetings

Birth to Five monthly meetings

City of Aurora Educational Commission, monthly meeting-SPARK- is in the Kindergarten Readiness subcommittee.

SPARK community meeting Nov 20, 2025

SPARK had one on one meetings with:

1. Old National Bank Banking Center Manager Mr. Ray Bronski. He offered to support SPARK by organizing a toy drive and volunteer for the holiday assistance program.
2. Interview with Aurora University intern; Aneiqua Samuels.

# MONTHLY DATA SNAPSHOT NOVEMBER 2025

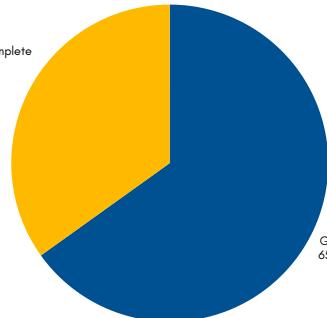


Thank you to the  
Community Foundation  
of the Fox River Valley  
for your generous  
donation to our Mobile  
Learning Project!

We have loved  
sharing our Mobile  
Learning Project  
with local Early  
Childhood  
Collabs!



ASQ-3 & SE-2 complete  
54.9%



ASQ SE-2  
Screenings **22**  
Completed

ASQ-3  
Screenings **22**  
Completed



The City of Aurora and a camera crew visited our  
Monday Play Group at Northern Lights Youth Center to  
promote kindergarten readiness!



**7**  
Play Groups



**4**  
Coaching  
Sessions

**2**  
Car Seats



SPARK began a new  
partnership with Old  
National Bank in Aurora -  
who have a SPARK giving  
tree and are helping  
volunteer with the holiday  
assistance program!



**646**  
Total people reached

**347**  
Children  
Logged

**33**  
New Families  
(Gateways)

