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# Your gift strengthens the Kearney area!

United Way of the Kearney Area brings vitality to people in Buffalo, Kearney, Phelps, Harlan, Franklin and Custer counties through programs and agencies that promote a quality of life where everyone can thrive.

Together, we can create a community where everyone has what they need to be healthy, earn an acceptable income, and live meaningful lives. Your support helps local families through programming and sustainability of services.

We use our community-wide perspective to identify which of our community's needs are going unseen or unmet - then we use partnerships to activate solutions. With your help, we are mobilizing organizations to address needs so that everyone can thrive.

## UNITED IS THE WAY



Your gift

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Other people's  
donations & grants

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Nonprofits

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Everyone  
Thrives!



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# UNITED IS THE WAY EVERYONE THRIVES

2025-2026



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# Non-Profit Partners

Your donations to United Way are used, in part, to provide grant funds to these local non-profit partners. United Way partners are vetted so that you know your dollars are making the most impact in the community. Trained volunteers help determine funding decisions after the campaign has been completed.

## HEALTHY COMMUNITY

### Commodity Supplemental Food Program

Donations through United Way help ensure that seniors in rural areas have access to this program, which provides a food box to low-income seniors every other month.

### HelpCare Clinic

The HelpCare Clinic relies on support from United Way to expand capacity for services to **uninsured** individuals. Past support has provided multiple staff members, increasing the number of patients that can be seen so that individuals receive timely treatment.

### Immunization Program

The Immunization Program utilizes United Way funding to hold clinics for free and reduced fee immunizations for uninsured children. The program keeps children healthy and saves families from lost wages, too.

### Minden Senior Center

Your donation helps provide free or low cost meals for senior citizens in Minden, NE at lunch, Monday through Friday. Seniors can also access referrals for services and enjoy activities with friends.

## FINANCIAL SECURITY

### Homeless Prevention Program

United Way support for this program helps families facing eviction or a utility shut off from an even bigger emergency like homelessness. When receiving financial support, individuals also receive financial counseling and education.

### Kearney Jubilee Center

Jubilee Center uses donations from United Way towards its Help Now fund. This fund helps provide emergency assistance to people for housing, utilities, transportation, or medical needs.

## YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

### CASA of South Central Nebraska - Franklin County

CASA uses donations from United Way to address chronic absenteeism in Franklin Public Schools through parenting education and in-school programming for students.

### Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska

Through your donations, Girl Scouts provides weekly programs for girls in under-resourced schools in Kearney including Emerson, Bryant, Central and Northeast.

### Head Start

Head Start promotes school readiness of young children from low-income families. Their current need from United Way is for funding for a new playground.

### The Friends Program

The Friends Program provides mentors for children in elementary schools in Buffalo County. Your support through United Way helps recruit, vet and support mentors in their on-going relationships with youth.

## Our Impact Work

### United Way Free Little Pantries

We have four Free Little Pantries at various locations in Kearney. Your donations help support their upkeep and restocking of food occasionally.

### Coats for Kids

In partnership with local clubs, your donations help supply 900 children in Buffalo, Phelps and Kearney counties with coats each year.

### United Against Hunger

This year, 300 volunteers came together to pack over 50,000 meals for 1200 families to be distributed by multiple local food pantries. Your donation helps us do it again in 2026!

### Community Assistance Fair

Along with NPPD, Community Action Partnership and others, United Way will be bringing a Community Assistance Fair to Kearney in February 2026. Your donation ensures that people have access to this resource event!

### Recreational Scholarships

Your donations help provide small scholarships for children in low-income families to access fun activities like camps, sports, pool passes, and lessons.