

EDUCATION

Children and Youth Achieve Their Potential

TARGET ISSUE: Increasing Graduation Rates

FOCUS: Early Grade Reading



United Way and its partners are very committed to education and increasing graduation rates. We know that a child's ability to read at grade level can many times predict whether or not they'll graduate and be successful, so we're talking with and listening to the broader community and working with schools to accomplish that.

EDUCATION: Day to Day Services

Boy Scouts, LA Purchase Council: *Scouting, Learning for Life, Multicultural Markets*

Boys & Girls Club of North Central LA: *Core Programming*

Boys & Girls Club of Northeast LA: *Core Programming*

Girl Scouts, Pines to the Gulf: *Girl Scouting Leadership Experience*

O.I.C. of Ouachita: *I CAN, GED Program*

Volunteers of America: *Twin Cities Early Head Start*

The Wellspring: *Big Brothers Big Sisters of NELA*

YMCA: *Y-Kids After School*

Youth Services of Northeast Louisiana: *Teen Court*

INCOME

Hardworking Individuals and Families Become More Financially Stable

TARGET ISSUE: Increasing Income, Building Savings, and Gaining & Sustaining Assets

FOCUS: Financial Education

- Workplace Financial Education (Adults)
- Dollars & \$ense Reality Fair (Youth)

Helping a student to understand the importance of budgeting, saving and being financially stable is another way that we're working to prepare our youth for success. The Dollars & Sense Reality Fairs are a practical, hands-on way for students to learn what it takes to be financially stable.



Because so many of us are living paycheck to paycheck in our community, United Way has also launched a Workplace Financial Education pilot to begin helping hardworking people learn how they can get back on their feet, become financially stable and start saving for a brighter future for themselves and their families.

INCOME: Day to Day Services

Girl Scouts, Pines to the Gulf: *Girl Scouting Financial Literacy*

O.I.C. of Ouachita: *Career Training Program, Community*

Initiatives Financial Literacy Program

HEALTH

People's Health Is Improved

TARGET ISSUE: Increase Access to Care and Preventative Health & Nutritional Services

FOCUS: Wellness: Nutrition & Physical Activity



We know that nutrition and physical activity are cornerstones of wellness. By providing health grants to some of our partner agencies who are working in these areas, we're able to give them an opportunity to be more heavily involved in United Way's long term work and help people live healthier lives.

HEALTH: Day to Day Services

ARCO: *Early Intervention*

Louisiana Methodist Children & Family Services: *Family Counseling Center*

Med-Camps of LA: *Summer Camping Program*

Monroe Area Guidance: *Harmony House*

Ouachita Council on Aging: *Congregate Meals, Home Assistance*

Northeast LA Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation: *Social Worker Program*

Rays of Sunshine: *Substance Abuse Prevention Program for Children*

Twin City Athletic Association: *Youth Sports & Athletics*

The Wellspring: *Counseling & Family Development Center*

West Ouachita Senior Center: *Healthy Aging Lifestyle Options*

Helping People and Improving Community

United Way of Northeast Louisiana is working to create lasting changes by focusing on the building blocks we all need for a good life -- education, income and health.

This involves working toward long term solutions in our community, as well as the support of day to day services provided by our outstanding Partner Agencies.

We are stronger together and can change our community for the better. We can inspire hope and create opportunities for a better tomorrow. That's what it means to LIVE UNITED.

How Can You LIVE UNITED?

GIVE.

The workplace campaign is an easy and powerful way to invest in your community. Give United and by reaching out a hand to one, you can influence the condition of all.

ADVOCATE.

You can make change happen with your voice. Get informed. Tell your friends. Write a letter to the editor. United Way needs people who are passionate about our community to make some noise.

VOLUNTEER.

United Way 2-1-1 works with volunteers and local nonprofits to match talents and interests with needs. To learn more about local volunteer opportunities, call 2-1-1 or visit www.uwnela.org.

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BASIC and EMERGENCY NEEDS

Although we're committed to making lasting changes in our community, we remain firmly committed to meeting basic and emergency needs such as food, shelter, medicine, and disaster relief.

In the 12 parishes of Northeast Louisiana, the rate of domestic violence reports are almost four times the national average. D.A.R.T. and The Wellspring provide critical, life saving services for those who need them in our community.

"My stay at the shelter and receiving services at The Wellspring helped to give me some self confidence and to believe in myself. They actually believed in me before I believed in myself and that helped me to just really want to do better for myself and to realize that I could accomplish that goal of graduating from school."
- Natalie, Domestic Violence Survivor

BASIC & EMERGENCY NEEDS: Day to Day Services

American Red Cross: *Emergency Services*

D.A.R.T.: *Domestic Violence Program*

Food Bank of NELA: *Adopt-A-Senior, Agency Program, Backpack-for-Kids, Disaster Relief*

Lincoln Council on Aging: *Home Delivered Meals*

Monroe Area Guidance: *Fairhaven Homeless Shelter*

Ouachita Council on Aging: *Transportation, Home Delivered Meals*

Our House: *Crisis and Youth Center*

Rays of Sonshine: *The Zone*

Saint Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy: *Prescription Services and Counseling*

The Salvation Army: *General Social Services, Emergency Shelter*

The Wellspring: *Crisis Lines, Domestic Violence Program, Housing & Supportive Services*

West Ouachita Senior Center: *Community Supportive Services (Elderly & Families)*

For information on resources to help with basic and emergency needs, or to volunteer, call 2-1-1.



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