Community Spotlight
Community Impact

United Way Areas of Impact

Area Agency on Aging

40,359 people

The Area Agency on Aging of Tarrant County served 40,359 people in 2017.

The agency’s services for older adults, caregivers and people with disabilities provides services in three categories:

Direct Services
24,190 persons

Partnered Services
7,719 persons

Case Management
874 persons

Education

3,000 free books

Wild About Reading tripled in size and sponsorships filling the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. United Way and its partners distributed 3,000 free books. Families signed up for library cards and received handouts listing activities to do at home while reading their new books.

Income

Hours 5,363

VITA Volunteers 170

VITA saw a huge increase in volunteers and hours with 170 volunteers and 5,363 hours during tax season.
When Steven arrived at the Lena Pope Early Learning Center (ELC) at the age of 2, it was apparent his young life had been a difficult one. He had no structure and both parents had experienced drug use and spent time in jail. Initially, Steven had many severe behaviors including physical and verbal aggression, lack of focus, severe impulsivity and poor knowledge of academic basics. Steven received counseling services from Lena Pope and was assessed for additional interventions making it easier for him to focus and meet his potential.

The ELC also provided counseling and academic support as well as parenting support to Steven’s great-grandfather, who is raising him. Now in the second grade, Steven is bright, on target academically and is involved in extracurricular activities including baseball. The United Way of Tarrant County is pleased to provide funding for the Lena Pope Early Learning Center to help change the lives of children like Steven.
2016-2017 Annual Report
Financial Summary

2016-2017 Total Revenue

Campaign Contributions $13.9 million
Grant Revenue $9.4 million
Service Center Rental $.5 million
Other Revenue $.2 million

TOTAL REVENUE $24 million

Use of Funds

Service Centers $.6 million
2-1-1 Information & Referral $1.0 million
LIVE WELL $.9 million
EARN WELL $1.4 million
LEARN WELL $1.8 million
Program Support $1.9 million
Allocations $2.1 million
Homelessness $3.2 million
Fundraising & Admin $4.3 million
Designations to Other Agencies $4.1 million
Area Agency on Aging of Tarrant County $5.9 million

TOTAL USE OF FUNDS $27.2 million

Total Benefit to Community

Volunteer Hours $1.0 million
Donor Designations $4.1 million
Community Partners Allocations $2.1 million
Impact Leveraged Dollars $7.5 million
Grant Dollars $9.4 million
Impact Initiatives $22.8 million

Total Benefit to Community $46.9 million
The North Central Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association recently came to the aid of a mother with Alzheimer’s and the daughter who now takes care of her. The mother was living with her son in Virginia when her daughter discovered her brother was spending all of her mother’s social security and not caring for her. The daughter moved her mother to Tarrant County and received a referral to the Alzheimer’s Association. A caseworker discovered the mother was completely dependent on the daughter for preparing food and eating. The daughter also managed her mother’s hygiene and finances. Referrals provided by the case worker to the Association’s REACH program, Easter Seals and the Area Agency on Aging helped the daughter care for her mother until she was accepted into the STAR+PLUS program. The mother now receives 30 hours a week of care, incontinence supplies, regular visits from a nurse, a doctor to the home or transportation to the doctor and an attendant to bathe her. Funding provided by United Way of Tarrant County for REACH ensures case workers and dementia care specialists at the North Central Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association are available to help individuals and families affected by the disease.
Quick Notes
Lives are changing

Thriving communities, welcoming neighborhoods and a strong economy across Tarrant County.

Through Our LEARN WELL Initiative

16,124 unduplicated students visited a GO Center in 2016-2017

21 Reading Oasis locations increased to 21 with the addition of W.M. Green Elementary, Carroll Peak Elementary, Timberline Elementary, and Amos Elementary

Through Our EARN WELL Initiative

83% of all families improved financial management, income, employment, education and/or housing stability

1,371 families in year 7 improved their education or financial behaviors
Through Our **LIVE WELL** Initiative

**92%**
Over 92% of caregivers receiving education and respite are able to care for their loved ones at home for at least 6 months

**76% of Goal Reached**
Total lives improved: 12,888 *

**71% of Goal Reached**
Total lives touched: 44,346 *

* 10 year goal over 7 years

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President & Chief Executive Officer
United Way of Tarrant County

United Way of Tarrant County is pleased to present our annual report for fiscal year 2016-2017. During this time, we allocated more than $27 million to help solve some of the most pressing issues in our community. Our overall benefit to the community is estimated at $46.9 million. With the help of our funding, more than 16,000 students were able to visit a GO Center; more than 12,000 lives were improved through our health and wellness programs and 1,371 families improved their education or financial behaviors through our income initiatives.

This is just an example the impact we’ve made thanks to generous donations from companies, foundations and individuals. Please take a moment to read the two stories in our annual report for even more examples of how United Way of Tarrant County impacts our community.

**We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to continuing to LIVE UNITED for Tarrant County.**
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