Our Mission Statement
Our Mission . . . The United Way of Posey County will provide visionary leadership to assess community needs, mobilize resources, and direct those resources toward services which enhance quality of life for people living in Posey County.

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PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The United Way of Posey County has been in existence since 1962. Our goal is to make a difference – to improve the quality of life for Posey County people. In 2015, we have allocated funds to 21 agencies that serve Posey County people: Albion Fellows Bacon Center, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Boy Scouts of America-Buffalo Trace Council, Catholic Charities, Children’s Learning Center, Christian Church Day Care Center, Community Emergency Assistance, Deaconess VNA Plus, Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center, Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center-Posey County, ECHO Community Health Care, Family Matters, Homeless Shelter of Mt. Vernon, Indiana Legal Services, Lampion Center, New Harmony Ministry Association, Posey County Council on Aging, Posey County Red Cross, The Salvation Army, WNIN Radio Reading Program, and Willow Tree of Posey County. We also offer a Gifts In Kind program, an information and referral service for help, training sessions and workshops for volunteers and agencies, a prescription drug discount program, and 2-1-1 – the easily-remembered number to call for information and assistance.

We have over 170 local people serving as volunteers. Our programs helped over 14,500 Posey County people in 2013, not including casual encounters such as giving out information at public events, taking blood pressure, etc. We also have over 25 people who volunteer with the National Association of Letter Carriers each May to help replenish the local food bank, helped the Salvation Army collect items for care packages for the military in Iraq and Afghanistan, helped a local group affiliated with the local Red Cross Chapter provide care packages to the military and items for a food bank for local military, and provided emergency funding to continue the local Step Ahead program. We also helped with a program to help those in need receive dental care. In 2006, we were able to bring 2-1-1 for information and assistance calls to Posey County, and we worked with community partners to begin the “Keeping Posey County Families Together” project, which is now underway. In 2008, we brought a prescription drug discount program to Posey County for the uninsured and underinsured. In 2009, we started working with other community partners on a plan for better emergency preparedness and disaster relief awareness, and, so far, have provided information kits to all Posey County residents and provided information through newspaper, radio, and billboards. We have started a Youth Spirit Award to recognize volunteerism and community activity among high school juniors. The award winner then becomes an example to other youth for the next year.
In early 2012, the United Way of Posey County obtained grant funds through the Indiana Association of United Ways with funding from the Lilly Endowment by matching increased giving in the 2011 United Way Campaign. The $65,166 obtained from the grant is designed to strengthen the United Way initiatives of Education, Family Financial Stability, and Health. We have worked with 3 local agencies to focus on how to use these funds in areas to help work on concerns now rather than trying to deal with bigger problems later. Big Brothers Big Sisters received $35,000 to help establish its programs throughout Posey County. Community Emergency Assistance received $12,000 to be able to offer the Neighbor to Neighbor financial planning and training course to more people. ECHO Community Health Care received $18,166 to offer more basic health care for the people of Posey County.

In early 2014, an additional $63,927 in grant funds was received. The grant was designed to strengthen the United Way initiatives of Education, Family Financial Stability, and Health and the United Way of Posey County is again using the funds to help work on concerns now before they grow into larger problems.

MSD Mt. Vernon received $51,000 for a socialworker’s cost and program expenses to reduce alcohol, tobacco, and drug use and reduce the incidents of suspensions and expulsions. MSD North Posey received $10,000 to be used to continue the services of a school resource officer to maintain a safer school environment. Children’s Learning Center of Posey County received $2,500 to help them attain Level 3 and Level 4 on the Paths to Quality program to help provide superior child care and school readiness. The Medical Needs Committee received $427 to provide vouchers for emergency dental care for the uninsured of Posey County.

Pat Beckgerd, 2014 President, said “We think these funds will make a great difference in our Community. We thank the people, businesses, and industry of Posey County for their overwhelming generosity and support. This is the second grant we have been able to claim in full in the past 3 years, for a total of over $129,000 to impact our Community.”

Mount Vernon High School Senior Hunter Wilson is the recipient of the 2014 Elizabeth D. Baier Youth Spirit Award.

Michelle Hudson (left) was presented with the Volunteer of the Year Award by Pat Beckgerd at the United Way of Posey County Annual Meeting.
### United Way of Posey County
#### 2015 Agency Allocations

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The United Way of Posey County continues to maintain financial records that are favorably audited each year. The annual financial performance is under budget. The United Way of Posey County Board of Directors maintains United Way certification standards form. An active Finance Committee provides oversight and advice on financial operations. A copy of the audited financial statement is available upon request; and the IRS Form 990 is posted online at [www.guidestar.com](http://www.guidestar.com).

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