

**LIVE UNITED**



United Ways of Iowa

## UNITED WAYS OF IOWA (UWI)

United Ways of Iowa (UWI) is the network of 24 local United Ways serving Iowa communities. Each UWI member is governed by a board of local volunteers who convene communities to determine local needs, set priorities and make investment decisions.

**\$45 Million**

Invested in Iowa communities in 2016

**190,000**

Iowans contributed in 2016

### UWI 2017 Legislative Priorities

#### Education

Investments to support 3rd grade reading proficiency. These include state investment for the expansion of Iowa Reading Corps and adequate funding for intensive summer learning.

Expansion of access to preschool for all 4-year-olds, with particular emphasis on access for children from families with low incomes or who are English Language Learners.

Policy efforts to reduce chronic absenteeism among Iowa's students.

#### Financial Stability

Investments that enable Iowans to achieve financial stability by increasing the threshold for childcare assistance and creating a plan to taper assistance at the end of eligibility to avoid the "cliff effect."

Continued investments in adult basic education through pathway navigators, adjustments to the HiSet credential and access to skilled workforce programming.

Investments to increase access to transportation options for work and education.

#### Health

A more comprehensive approach to mental health services for all Iowans, particularly in the area of children's mental health, and to an equitable funding mechanism to provide these services.

Policies that ensure the accountability and efficacy of the state's managed care system to provide access to quality care for Iowans.

Increased access to healthy food for all Iowans.

### Iowa United Ways in 2016

**Investments** (\$40 Million)

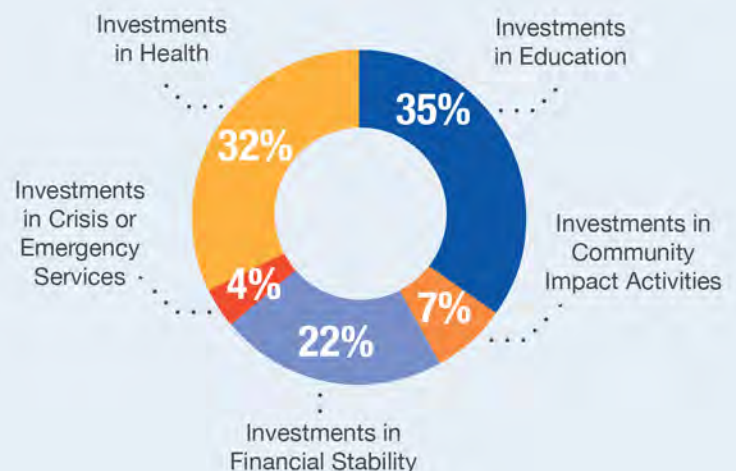
**800** Programs Funded in Iowa

**500** Volunteers Involved in Investment Decisions

**Volunteers** (\$5 Million)

**26,500**

Volunteers Provided \$5.7 Million in Community Benefit\*



\*2015 Bureau of Labor Statistics data, indexed by Independent Sector in April 2016, valued a volunteer hour at \$23.56.