



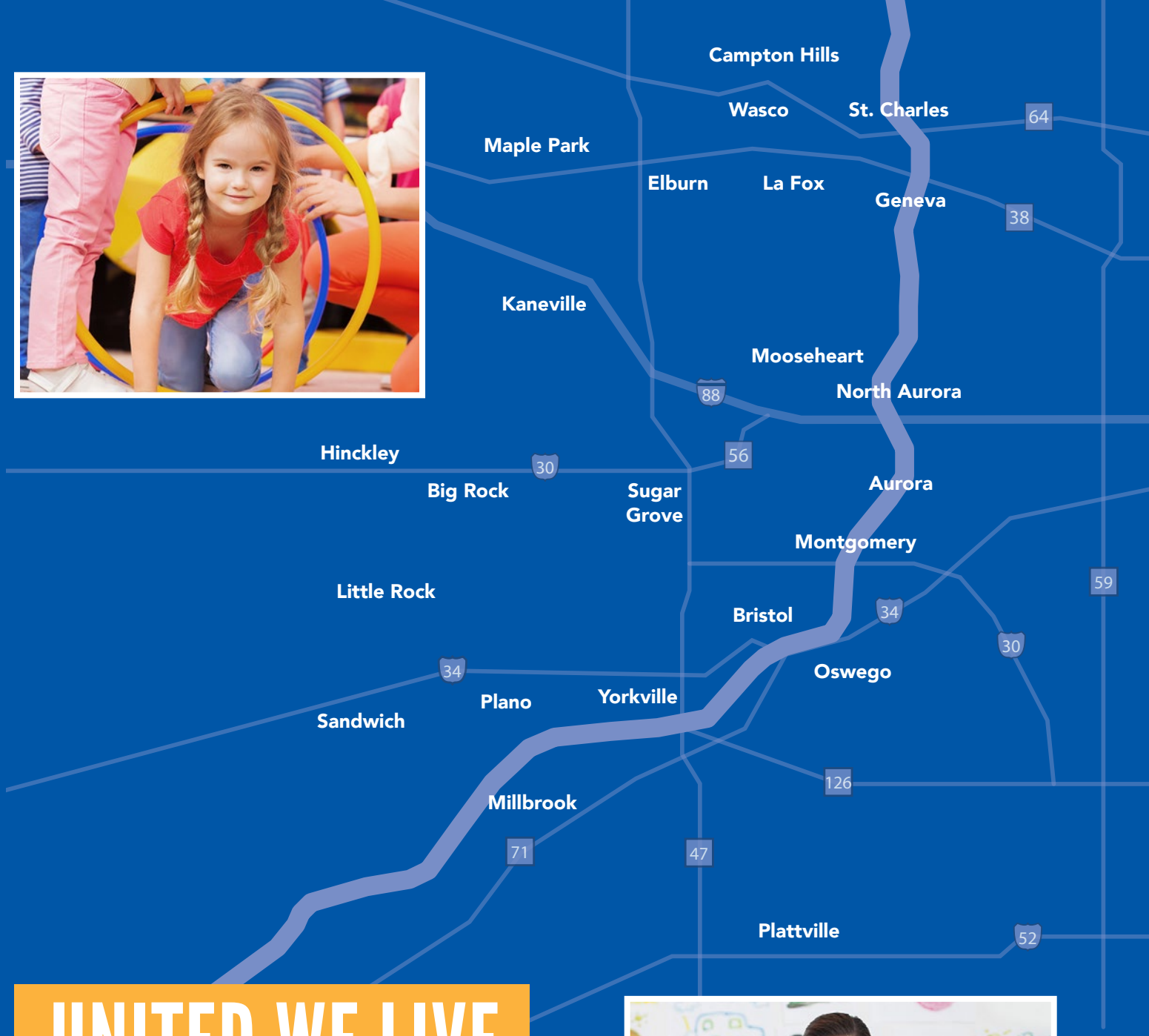
UNITED WE WIN

LIVE UNITED[®]

2019 Annual Report



Fox Valley United Way



UNITED WE LIVE

These 23 communities in Kane and Kendall counties are more than a service area. They are the place we call home, and where we engage with others. Here we are well acquainted with the needs of our neighbors and the issues that affect all of us. Here we SPARK conversation and action for the common good. Here we LIVE UNITED.

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UNITED WE SERVE

Our communities trust Fox Valley United Way to ignite change. First, we work to understand the root cause of issues that undermine the health and welfare of our communities, then we collaborate with others to launch improvements that help everyone thrive. We are a vehicle for donors, volunteers and advocates who want to be part of a mission that creates lasting results.

Over the past few years, we've come to understand that the long-term wellbeing of a community is tied to the wellbeing of its children. Specifically to the positive development of children birth to age five. Therefore, in the last year we chose to laser-beam focus on issues that affect our youngest residents, to ensure that all children will be Strong, Prepared And Ready for Kindergarten (SPARK).

We invite you to read on to learn more about our work together this year. Through these efforts, we know a brighter tomorrow awaits, not only for these children and their families, but for all of us.

Fox Valley United Way

97
Years in Operation

23
Communities

382,847
People in Service Area

617
Volunteers

166
Corporate Partners

46
Funded Partner Agencies

UNITED WE BUILD a Stronger Community

Numerous studies show that the first five years of a person's life set the trajectory for the rest of their days. When children are healthy and developmentally prepared for kindergarten, they are more likely to graduate high school, go to college, own a home, earn a higher wage and less likely to commit a crime.

Investing in our children creates huge returns for families and entire communities. Unfortunately, too many children in our 23 communities will fall behind due to poverty, language barriers and lack of access to high quality early learning opportunities.

Our SPARK initiative is working to change that.



Strong, Prepared And Ready for Kindergarten

36%
of children in
Kane and Kendall
counties live at
or below the
Federal Poverty Level

12,000
families in our
communities
are isolated by
language barriers

ONLY 26%
of Illinois children
enter kindergarten
with necessary
readiness skills
in three key
developmental areas





SPARK

Impact

1,734

Children

1,429

Parents

177

Intakes

172

Referrals

FY 2018-2019 Data

Our SPARK initiative is recognized statewide as a holistic and collaborative model for tackling conditions that affect a child's success in school and beyond.

- We are:
- Supporting social service agencies that address basic needs (food, shelter, healthcare);
 - Leading collaboration with educators to improve the access to and quality of early childhood learning opportunities;
 - Working with parents to provide education on healthy child-rearing and to connect with local resources;
 - Screening children for developmental concerns and referring for programs and services (intake).



SPARK

Play. Learn. Connect.

Two-hour sessions for parents and at-risk children within their neighborhood. Parent/child activity time, developmental screening and referral to early childhood programs and services.

405

Children

395

Parents

8

Play. Learn. Connect. Events

Shared Intake

Developmental screenings offered in conjunction with DayOne PACT Network. Offered at Play. Learn. Connect. sessions and at the VNA Family Resource Center.

177

Intakes

47

Screenings

225

Children



Parent Cafés/Workshops

Educational opportunities to strengthen and support understanding of their role as their child's first teacher. Cafés help assess family, parent and child needs, and obstacles to school readiness.

485

Children

387

Parents





VNA Play. Learn. Connect. Family Resource Center

470

Parents

619

Children

72

Intakes

330

Hours

16,041

VNA Clients visited the
Family Resource Center
between July 2018 and June 2019



VNA Health Care in Aurora provides affordable care to many area residents who are medically underserved. The demand for their Women Infants and Children (WIC) services means that wait times can average 80 minutes. Believing this a great opportunity to engage with families and young children, SPARK teamed up with VNA to create a Play. Learn. Connect. Family Resource Center within the WIC waiting room.

Manned by SPARK staff and volunteers, the Center assists families who have questions about child development, parenting and area early childhood programs and services.

The Center is one more way that our SPARK program is reaching into the community to tangibly improve the lives of children in need.

Funding for the Family Resource Center was provided by the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, Dunham Fund, Gustafson Family Foundation of the DuPage Foundation and Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley.



Watch the
Be the SPARK
Video



UNITED WE SOLVE PROBLEMS



When community members cannot afford prescription medication, their health suffers. And when an individual suffers, families and communities are affected as well.

Because of ongoing rising costs of prescriptions, we are proud to partner with **FamilyWize** prescription drug discount cards. By distributing their cards at events and online, we've helped our neighbors save up to 75% at most pharmacies on medications not covered, or not fully covered, by health insurance. Individuals can download a free card at foxvalleyunitedway.org.

We work with Kane County officials and healthcare professionals concerned about childhood obesity through our support of **Making Kane County Fit for Kids**. This organization strives to improve access to safe places for children to walk/bike/play, increases access to fresh produce in school and childcare programs and promotes a culture of health and wellness throughout the community. We are proud to sponsor efforts aimed at disease and disability prevention for area children. To learn more, visit makingkanefitforkids.org.

15,000

Community members are now using a FamilyWize card

\$1,990,069

Has been saved locally with the FamilyWize discount since 2011





UNITED WE VOLUNTEER

The Fox Valley is home to generous and caring individuals, schools, service organizations and businesses looking for volunteer opportunities that make a difference in their community. They can now be easily connected to social service agencies who rely on volunteer assistance, thanks to **Volunteer Fox Valley** (VFV).

VFV is a one-stop virtual volunteer center that connects interested volunteers with non-profit agencies that need their help for one-time events or ongoing needs. This collaboration with Aurora University grows larger each year, with more individuals creating profiles that allow them to be notified when the opportunity they are looking for arises.

With VFV, social service agencies benefit from passionate volunteers. Organizations fulfill employee or student team-building and social responsibility goals. Individuals experience the value of giving back to the community. It's a win-win for people in need and for those with a heart to serve.

To learn more, visit volunteerfoxvalley.org.



VolunteerFoxValley

2,322

Registered Volunteers

154

Registered Non-profit Organizations



Watch the Kane County 2-1-1 Video



UNITED WE CONNECT

This year we were excited to be one of the organizations that brought the 2-1-1 service to Kane County. A nationwide United Way initiative, Kane 2-1-1 is a free and confidential line that helps people connect with essential health and human services 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

This non-emergency service can be accessed by phone or computer. A trained professional is available to provide information about local resources such as food programs, shelter options, employment opportunities and a variety of health care services.



2-1-1 stands ready to serve in times of personal crisis or natural disaster. It's a wonderful way to provide assistance in times of great distress.

Kane County 2-1-1 can put you in touch with organizations ready to help you with:



Emergency Shelter



Health Resources



Rent or Utility Assistance



Food Pantries



Elderly Care



Employment Assistance

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We are grateful for generous organizations that help fund programs and social service agencies assisting young children and families in Kane and Kendall counties.

**as of June 30, 2019*

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Our Events: Topgolf Outing

For the second year, we hosted our "Drive Until All Kids Thrive!" fundraising event at Topgolf in Naperville in September 2018. A great time was had by all as we teed off to raise money for at-risk children in our communities.





Our Events: Holiday Assistance

What could be better than making the holidays brighter for people who don't have the means to celebrate? Once again, local businesses, organizations, families and individuals went above and beyond to show their holiday spirit, as **94 families** and **263 children** received gifts and grocery gift cards in December 2018 through our Holiday Assistance program.





Our Events: Annual Luncheon

This year we gathered again to “Celebrate a Community that Cares”. We were pleased to invite Geoffrey Nagle, Ph.D., President and CEO of the Erickson Institute and an internationally recognized leader in the field of early childhood education, to speak to attendees. He reinforced our understanding that by intervening to make early childhood experiences positive ones, we can promote better health, higher academic achievement and greater overall well-being later in life.



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Many thanks to those who donate time, talent and resources to help us improve the lives of children, families and communities.

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2018 Holiday Assistance Program Recognition

Served 94 Families, 263 Children

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