

LIVE UNITED

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How It All Started...

United Way of El Dorado has been able to contribute to the quality of life in El Dorado and Butler County since 1962.

This contribution has been achievable because of the hard work and commitment of volunteers like you. You join the ranks of some of the community's most respected business leaders as you help continue our tradition of caring.

We recently have changed our focus just a bit, so we are more effective in our community and our impact is greater than it has ever been before. We are now focusing on EDUCATION, INCOME STABILITY and HEALTH, which are the three building blocks for a good quality of life

Give. Advocate. Volunteer

By focusing our efforts on these three building blocks for a good quality of life, we can see where needs are being met and where we need to focus our attention to better meet the needs that aren't.

Without you, we are unable to continue to contribute to the quality of life in El Dorado and Butler County. Continue to care with us as we grow a stronger community.

Thank You!

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United Way of El Dorado

Our Goals Today

Listen

to the community to identify pressing issues and priorities.

Develop

change strategies.

Define

expected outcomes.

Join The Conversation



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United Way of El Dorado's Focuses

Why Invest in Education?

Today, young Americans are less likely to earn a diploma than young people in other industrialized countries. Missing this milestone can have detrimental effects. High school graduation is the single most powerful predictor of whether a young person coming from generations of poverty will break the cycle. EL Dorado education statistics affirm that this issue needs to be a local priority. 58.43% of students are living economically disadvantaged in USD 490. This is why United Way of El Dorado is investing in strategies that increase access to affordable, quality childcare, increase public awareness and support for investing early, equip students to read and comprehend by third grade, connect students with help they need to stay in school and equip parents to help children be ready for school and to succeed in school.

Why Invest in Income?

Today, the lack of resources to meet basic needs prompts close to 200 calls a month to 2-1-1 from all over Butler County. The cycle of increasing debt to keep up with the rising cost of living has left many families living paycheck to paycheck. As a result, families are more vulnerable to crisis, and in the long term, they have a very limited ability to save for advanced education, a home, reliable transportation or retirement. This limits the economic potential of both the family and the communities in which they live. This is why United Way of El Dorado is investing in strategies that provide access to employment and other opportunities, increase ability to manage personal finances effectively and help people in crisis meet their basic needs and move them to self-sufficiency.

Why Invest in Health?

Today, many El Dorado residents do not have access to primary health care, which is important to preventing or treating illness before it becomes more serious. In a study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a large percentage of people in the area were identified as obese, making them more susceptible to diabetes, heart disease and other issues. A safe and healthy home environment, access to health services and preventative healthcare starting early in childhood, avoiding risky behaviors, as well as knowledge about healthy eating and physical activity all contribute to achieving optimum health for individuals and our community. This is why United Way of El Dorado is investing in strategies that pursue and promote healthy living and lifestyle, provide access to affordable healthcare services and provide crisis and intervention services needed for health and wellness.

- 1 in 5 Kansas children are food insecure and 54% of students are on free and reduced lunches. El Dorado ranks one of the highest in Kansas.
- As of August 22, 2016, 22 new households were seeking assistance from the Butler Homeless Initiative.
- The Cold shelter was open in March of 2016 and 2 women, 8 men and one family received shelter. This is just in one month!



Basic Needs

United Way works to protect and improve access to services vital to the immediate needs of people in crisis. These services stabilize families so that they may begin building a good quality of life.

- Emergency Food
- Emergency Shelter
- Safety from violence & disaster



Building Blocks for a Good Quality of Life

United Way works to improve our community by making long-term investments in areas which make up the building blocks for a good quality of life. We all win when a person succeeds in school and life, when a neighborhood turns around, when families have good health and workers have solid jobs.



EDUCATION



United Way sees education as a community responsibility. It takes all of us – parents, teachers and caring adults – to help a person succeed in school and in life.

INCOME STABILITY



As many as one-third of working Americans do not earn enough money to meet their basic needs. United Way helps individuals walking a financial tightrope achieve stability and independence.

HEALTH



United Way believes a healthy region is a strong region, and our health underpins our ability to thrive at home, school and work. United Way connects our neighbors with the resources they need to lead healthier lives.

United Way of El Dorado Community Initiatives & Programs

So much MORE...

United Way of El Dorado is and does so much more than just give money. Through partnerships within the local community and United States, United Way of El Dorado offers initiatives and programs for the betterment of El Dorado and Butler County.

Initiatives & Programs

FamilyWize Prescription Card

FamilyWize prescription drug cards are available at United Way of El Dorado to be used at participating pharmacies, where a 42% reduction in cost of prescription drugs can be used.

So far, 147 residents have saved over \$9,245 in our community on prescriptions.

Free Flu Shots & Vision Screenings

United Way of El Dorado has partnered with FamilyWize to provide free flu shots and vision screenings this year.

On September 24, 2016 at 9:00AM, located at Central and Main, United Way of El Dorado is teaming up with the Elks to offer free vision screening and flu shots, provided by FamilyWize. Look for the Elks trailer and United Way sign!

MyFreeTaxes.com

Method 1: File on your own!

If you are comfortable using a computer, you can access the United Way supported program online at unitedway.org/myfreetaxes. Follow the prompts to be guided through the process at your own pace. To qualify for free filing, adjusted gross income in 2016 must be below \$62,000.

Method 2: Visit the Free Tax Clinic

Schedule an appointment with an IRS-certified volunteer tax preparer at your local VITA site who can work directly with you to file your tax returns. The Total Action for Progress tax clinic is located at 116 W. Pine Street, and reservations can be made starting January 12th by calling 316-321-6200. To qualify for assistance, adjusted gross income in 2016 must be below \$54,000. The tax clinic will be open February 1, 2016.



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Simple Dial...

2-1-1!

2-1-1 is a toll free hotline that connects individuals with information on support services, including child care, utility assistance, job training, after-school programs, crisis intervention, healthcare resources and more.

2-1-1 is completely confidential and free to use 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Within the last 6 months, 200 calls in Butler County have been made.

Simply dial 2-1-1
or
Call 1-888-865-9903



