The Heart of Missouri United Way is a force-multiplier. We leverage your donations and volunteer efforts by investing in our agency partners who collaborate to provide effective and efficient services to those in need of help.

Thanks to Your Support, Over $2,000,000 Was Allocated to Agencies

31%  
EDUCATION - $575,405

28%  
INCOME - $280,563

27%  
HEALTH - $555,016

14%  
SAFETY NET - $624,701

51,835 total needs were addressed

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR AGENCIES

Whether you need help or want to provide help, 2-1-1 is the best way to locate hundreds of services in your community.


Community Results 2014


1 in 5 of us are living in poverty in Boone County.

PERCENT OF POPULATION IN POVERTY

Boone County, MO (13.95%)
Missouri (15.46%)
United States (15.37%)

The poverty standard for a family of 4 is less than $24,250 a year.

• Students who experience economic hardship in early childhood can start kindergarten as much as 8 months behind their peers
• Although nearly 11,000 of us are working full-time, we still aren’t earning more than 185% of the Federal Poverty Level. We are struggling as “low-income” individuals and families
• More than 1 in 5 of us are lacking a consistent source of primary health care
• 53.5% of our renters are cost burdened—meaning they spend more than 30% of their income on renting costs

Our Future at Risk

Boone County is rated the lowest county in Missouri for income mobility for children in poor families. This makes it very unlikely that children in poverty will achieve higher levels of education or income than their parents.
### COMMUNITY RESULTS 2014

**Working Together. Reducing Poverty.**

The extended 2016 report with full results by agency available August 2015 at www.uwheartmo.org

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#### TARGETS: **EDUCATION**

- Increase the number of youth who:  
  - Enter school ready to succeed  
  - Read proficiently by third grade  
  - Make a successful transition in and out of middle school

**Fund ed Agency Partners**
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central MO
- Boonslick Heartland YMCA - Cooper County
- Boys & Girls Club of Columbia
- Columbia Community Montessori
- Columbia Housing Authority
- For His Glory, Inc.
- Harrisburg Early Learning Center
- Mary Lee Johnston Community Learning Center
- Nora Stewart Early Learning Center
- United Community Builders
- University YMCA

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#### TARGETS: **INCOME**

- Increase the number of households who utilize:
  - Community resources aimed at increasing both soft and hard employment skills
  - Educational programs on how to save and spend money wisely
  - Resources or services aimed at finding and maintaining affordable housing
  - Affordable transportation and childcare to enable employment, healthcare, social services, and daily living activities

**Fund ed Agency Partners**
- JobPoint
- Love, INC.
- Services for Independent Living
- Unlimited Opportunities, Inc. - Cooper County
- Youth Empowerment Zone

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#### TARGETS: **HEALTH**

- Increase the number of residents who:
  - Eat well and are physically active
  - Avoid teen pregnancy, substance abuse, and smoking
  - Access physical, mental and dental healthcare

**Fund ed Agency Partners**
- Boys & Girls Club of Columbia
- Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture
- Family Counseling Center of Missouri, Inc.
- Family Health Center
- Great Circle
- Lutheran Family & Children's Services
- Phoenix Health Programs, Inc

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#### TARGETS: **SAFETY NET**

- Support crisis and intervention services, providing:
  - Basic needs
  - Coordinated information and referral services
  - Personal safety services for individuals/families who face threats to their immediate well-being including, but not limited to, domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual assault

**Fund ed Agency Partners**
- Harvest House, Inc. - Cooper County
- Heart of Missouri CASA
- Love, INC.
- Mid-Missouri Legal Services Corporation
- Rainbow House
- Services for Independent Living
- Sustainable Farms & Communities
- The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri
- The Salvation Army
- True North
- Voluntary Action Center

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#### KEY RESULTS:

**EDUCATION**
- 43,196 hours of out of school tutoring. 13,384 hours of intensive mentorship, and scholarships to low-income families needing quality early childhood education and care were provided to at-risk students
- 94%-100% of low-income students served exhibited positive social behaviors with teachers and peers
- 100% of children served went into kindergarten with early literacy skills at or above developmental target ranges
- 100% of low-income students who attended early childhood education on funded scholarships performed better than or equal to their peers on kindergarten readiness assessments
- An average of 69% of tutored students increased or maintained proficiency in language arts, 76% did so in math, and 84% did so in science
- 51% of mentored middle school youth showed academic gains 6 months into their match

**INCOME**
- Over 200 youth were served in skills training programs that support economic stability and self-sufficiency
- 95% of youth with disabilities increased knowledge of soft skills and hard skills to be workplace ready
- After completion of the financial literacy training program, 64% of participants had increased knowledge of personal or household budgets and 100% learned how to track their expenses
- 166 adults and 140 children served maintained continuous housing and avoided homelessness
- Among 1,590 employment service recipients, 100% reported being effectively assisted in finding and maintaining employment

**HEALTH**
- 317 youth participated in sports and fitness activities after school or more times per week
- 75% of low-income residents with opportunity gardens at home reported they regularly eat food from their gardens
- 64% of youth substance abuse program participants reduced illegal drug use and 72% reduced alcohol use
- 100% of pregnant teens served increased healthy lifestyle choices, 85% increased healthy behaviors, and 100% graduated from high school
- 5,803 students received dental exam and care
- At least 70% of youth and adult mental health service participants increased daily functioning and improved quality of life

**SAFETY NET**
- 25,687 individuals and families were provided with basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, safety services, and referrals to wrap around services that lead to stability
- An average of 36.76 pounds of food were distributed per person per month to those living in poverty (including 23,339 households with children)
- 100% of parents and children felt safe, increased food security, and improved hygiene while in emergency shelter
- 86% of low-income clients who were provided financial assistance experienced improved life condition
- 990 adult domestic violence and sexual assault victims received 2,874 hours of case management, counseling, and/or groups services; 78% reduced severity and frequency of PTSD symptoms and 89.66% had a formal safety plan in place upon exiting shelter

*Results shown were reported by individual agency partners or reflect combined totals across two or more agencies*