Thanks to generous donations, Heart of Missouri United Way invested in 33 local partner agencies and 45 programs that are addressing pressing community needs in the areas of basic needs, health, education, and financial stability.

When children are reading proficiently in third grade, it means they can read to learn. While a child’s inability to read proficiently by third grade is not the final predictor of their future success, it is an early warning sign. These students quickly fall behind and face a multitude of barriers in becoming successful adults. This is even more profound with kids living in poverty.

United Way Community Impact investments in collaborative programs targeting education, health, financial stability and basic needs support our children most at-risk of falling behind in school and work to move families out of poverty. When we make these investments, we see results. For example, our investments in these community programs, has decreased the number of students not reading proficiently in third grade from 59 to 40 percent. Together we can continue to make improvements in these areas.

United Way does more than identify community needs; we actively engage community stakeholders to create change.

Join the fight to improve lives in our community.
MORE THAN 40% OF OUR THIRD GRADERS DID NOT READ PROFICIENTLY.