

# ALICE FAMILIES - Working Hard But Struggling to Survive

Over 44% of the households in our community struggle with financial hardships or are in poverty. The stories below are a snapshot of the thousands of people we want to work with to create pathways to prosperity, but we need your help.



**JENNIFER:** Pregnant at 19 she put herself through college. But upon graduation she made too much for help with daycare, and was unable to pay all the bills. With no one there to tell her how to fix it, she worked multiple jobs just to juggle expenses. Today Jennifer and her now teenage son are both working to manage it all.



**HEATHER:** She saves lives, but still lives paycheck to paycheck. On paper, she and her boyfriend look well off, but once you add in all their expenses they just can't get ahead. Because of that, it takes her neighbors and family pitching in to make sure her children are taken care of.

See their full stories at [uwwv.org/WeAreALICE](http://uwwv.org/WeAreALICE)

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44%

of the households in our community are ALICE and/or in poverty

**ALICE household survival budget for a family of 4: \$52,584**

Survival budget covers housing, child care, food, health care, and transportation, but does not include any savings and leaves a family vulnerable to unexpected expenses.

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**ALICE is our neighbor, friend, and family member. ALICE makes our coffee, takes care of our loved ones, and prepares meals.**

**87%** ALICE and/or poverty among single-parent, female headed households

**85%** ALICE and/or poverty among households headed by people under 25

ALICE lives paycheck to paycheck, unable to save, and is one unexpected financial need away from poverty.

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WHY ARE FAMILIES STRUGGLING?

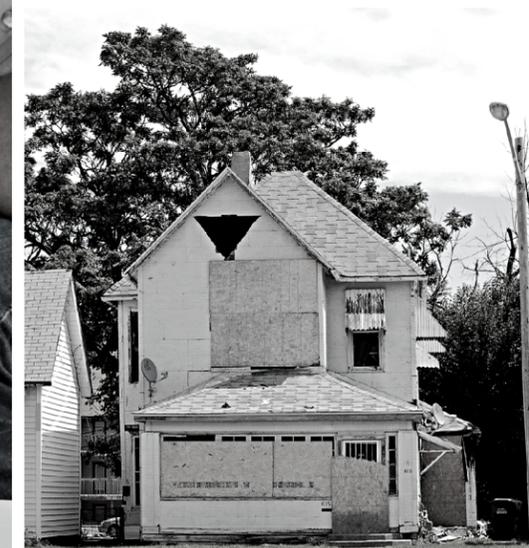
<p><b>FIX THE CAR?</b></p> <p>Unable to make repairs on already unreliable transportation</p>	<p><b>DOCTOR VISIT?</b></p> <p>Struggles to afford regular, preventative health care</p>
<p><b>DINNER?</b></p> <p>Worries about putting food on the table</p>	<p><b>CHILD CARE?</b></p> <p>Lack of access to quality, affordable child care</p>

Read more about the ALICE Project at: <https://www.unitedforallice.org/indiana>

## UNITED WE FIGHT POVERTY



Moving 10,000 families out of financial struggles and into **STABILITY!**



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# WE LEAD THE FIGHT



## Focus Areas

## Impact Councils To Help ALICE

## Why It Matters

## How You Can Help

### Education



**Success By 6:** Promoting healthy early childhood development to ensure children enter school ready to succeed.



**Youth Success:** Helping children in school through graduation with support and programs.

- "Kindergarten Readiness" from high-quality childcare leads to success in school and life; building a better community in the future.
- Providing help for kids to stay in school and graduate grows opportunities for our workforce and economy for years to come.

### Health



**Substance Use Disorder:** Well-rounded approaches to supporting prevention, treatment, and recovery solutions.



**Community Health:** Promoting healthy lifestyles, improving access to preventative and behavioral health services.

- High levels of addiction shows lasting impacts on parents and children, negatively affecting our community for generations.
- Negative health statistics in the Wabash Valley prevent our community from thriving.

### Financial Stability



**Job Skills:** Identifying and promoting continued education and skill development.



**Financial Management:** Promoting financial coaching and income management.

- By building increased job skills we can attract more business and create more quality job opportunities in the Wabash Valley.
- Providing people with the knowledge and skills to manage money effectively allows every income level to build prosperity.

### Community Building



**Strong Neighborhoods:** Reducing crime and drugs, while addressing blight and improving community pride.



**Volunteer:** Improving civic engagement with community volunteerism.

- Strong neighborhoods create pathways out of poverty and build economically diverse communities for the future.
- A stronger community and pride can be created by giving back through volunteerism.

### Safety Net



**Safety Net:** Providing immediate and emergency assistance of vital needs such as food, shelter, and clothing.

- Life can create an immediate need for assistance to a large section of our community.
- Basic supports are still necessary while we search for and create long-term, root-cause solutions to our toughest challenges.



How do we move 10,000 households out of financial struggles and into stability?

We do it by....

*Partnering* with local businesses and the community

*Convening* local experts

*Creating* community solutions with our partners

*Measuring* and *Reporting* the impact we make together

The strength of our community and our United Way depends on YOU.  
Help us LIVE UNITED!

Every person in our community can join the fight.

We all want a better future, but each of us are driven by different passions and ideas on how to get there.

Join us on an adventure where you can...

## Choose Your Impact!

Scan this code and let your passion lead the way.

Learn more about our focus areas, initiatives, and ways you can donate to create change in our community.



[uwww.org/choose](http://uwww.org/choose)

## Change Through Collaboration

### UNITE

Bring together donors, volunteers, businesses, nonprofits, government, and those in need.

### STRATEGIZE

Gather the most relevant data and best ideas to identify solutions for our community.

### TACKLE

Invest in programs, lead initiatives, and inspire others to join our efforts.

### EVALUATE

Measure and report results to ensure that we make progress toward our Bold Goal.

