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United Way of the Wabash Valley to Highlight Community Impact and Future Investments at Annual Meeting

Terre Haute, Ind. - United Way of the Wabash Valley will host its annual meeting, presented by First Financial Bank, on Thursday, February 12, at 8:30 a.m. at the Terre Haute Convention Center. In 2025, United Way of the Wabash Valley (UWWV) invested more than \$3.4 MILLION across six counties, partnering with nearly 130 organizations and mobilizing 1,350 volunteers to expand youth opportunity, boost financial security, and build healthy communities.

These investments translated into measurable progress for local families and workers, including:

Youth Opportunity

- 1 in 3 children in the Wabash Valley benefited from UWWV programs and investments.
- More than 4,200 children strengthened early reading skills through the Real Men Read and Reading Neighbors literacy programs.
- 11,000 books were distributed in 116 kindergarten classrooms throughout the Wabash Valley.
- 2,921 children enrolled in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Vigo and Clay counties.

Financial Security

- More than 490 high-quality childcare spots improved workforce reliability due to consistent childcare access.
- Twenty-five families achieved homeownership through the Home Down Payment Assistance Program.
- More than 2,500 students gained financial literacy skills through Junior Achievement's Finance Park and BizTown.

Healthy Communities

- Expanded access helped more people gain treatment and recovery services for substance use disorders.
- Over 250 small home repairs were completed in Vigo County and Brazil through Wabash Valley Neighbors Helping Neighbors, improving the safety and quality of life for local residents



At the annual meeting, United Way will also award \$140,000 in new behavioral health impact grants, supporting four local organizations working to expand access to mental health and substance use services. This initiative reflects United Way's focus on addressing critical gaps in behavioral health care through collaborative, community-based solutions.

During the annual meeting, United Way will present four community leadership awards recognizing individuals and organizations that demonstrated exceptional commitment, innovation, fundraising, and collaboration in advancing community well-being in 2025.

In addition to recognizing 2025 impact, the annual meeting will outline UWWV's priorities for 2026, including continued investments in high-quality childcare, homeownership, and healthy communities.

Tickets remain available at uwww.org/annual. The public is welcome to attend.

To get involved in United Way's work or donate to support its mission, visit www.uwww.org or call (812) 235-6287.

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United Way of the Wabash Valley mobilizes communities to action so all can thrive. For more than 70 years, United Way of the Wabash Valley has been there for our local community. We bring a comprehensive approach to every challenge, actively listening and responding to local needs. From advancing healthy communities, youth opportunity, and financial security, we're working towards a future where every person in our community can reach their full potential. For more information, please visit, www.uwww.org.