

## ADVANCING THE COMMON GOOD

United Way of Wapello County advances the common good. Our focus is on education, income and health — the building blocks for a good quality of life. United Way of Wapello County recruits people and organizations who bring the passion, expertise and resources needed to get things done. We invite you to be part of the change. You can give. You can advocate. You can volunteer.

### GIVE

Making an individual gift or giving through the workplace campaign is the easiest and most powerful way to improve lives in our community. Make your tax deductible donation today and join the thousands of other people committed to making our community better for all of us. When we LIVE UNITED, we can change what we see in our world.

### ADVOCATE

Lend your voice to champion the cause. United Way of Wapello County needs people who are passionate about education, income and health to make some noise. Sign up for United Way Action Alerts so you can stay updated on advocacy opportunities right here in Wapello County.

### VOLUNTEER

United Way of Wapello County's Volunteer Center works with volunteers and local nonprofits to develop the best opportunities for youth, adults and seniors. Visit [Wapellocouw.org/volunteer](http://Wapellocouw.org/volunteer) for a list of local volunteer opportunities.



## CHANGE WON'T HAPPEN WITHOUT YOU

### *Unique Resources Creating Impact*

#### UNITED WAY VOLUNTEER CENTER

United Way's Volunteer Center is a powerful service that provides a valuable community resource - connecting nonprofit organizations and volunteers to much needed projects that make a big difference.

**The Volunteer Center connects nearly 500 people to nonprofits each year.**

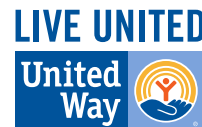
Making those connections and providing life changing experiences significantly impact communities like Wapello County. An engaged community helps to ensure economic vibrancy for all.

**Join with volunteers in your community, and show the power of living united. Go to [Wapellocouw.org/volunteer](http://Wapellocouw.org/volunteer) to learn more.**

#### UNITED WAY 2-1-1

United Way's 2-1-1 Call Center utilizes highly trained information and referral specialists who assist the public and provide answers regarding community services in times of need and disaster 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Dial 211 or go to the 2-1-1 website at [FirstCallForHelpIowa.org](http://FirstCallForHelpIowa.org)

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# ADVANCING THE COMMON GOOD BY FOCUSING ON THE BUILDING BLOCKS FOR A GOOD LIFE

## EDUCATION

United Way of Wapello County is working at critical points along the school spectrum to help children achieve their potential through education. We're engaging the community to support youth by volunteering, mobilizing resources to improving access to quality affordable child care and early learning opportunities, partnering with local schools and parents to improve graduation rates, and providing after-school and mentoring programs for at-risk youth.

## INCOME

We're helping families become stable and financially independent by supporting basic needs while increasing financial education, helping hardworking people obtain job training and family sustaining wages, and increasing affordable housing for seniors and families.

### The Situation

It is a challenge to be financially stable in Wapello County. For many, Wapello County is a great place to live, work and raise a family. However, Census Bureau statistics show that over 6200 people in our community live in poverty making life a daily struggle (US Census Bureau, 2013).

## HEALTH

We're helping people in our community improve their health. We're working to increase access to critical healthcare services; reduce substance abuse, child abuse and domestic violence; and increasing health education and preventive care.

We know that people in crisis must be stabilized before they are able to become financially stable. The inability of families and individuals to meet basic needs leads to reduced health, a decreased likelihood of self-sufficiency, and decreased overall health of our community.



### EDUCATION

Why? Entering school ready to learn & finishing high school prepares children to succeed in college, work and life.

Objective: To be successful as adults, every child in our county needs the tools & support to succeed in education & graduate prepared for post secondary success.



### INCOME

Why? Enough income provides financial stability for families & individuals, allowing them to thrive.

Objective: To achieve economic security, all families need opportunities to maintain and manage income and plan for the future.



### HEALTH

Why? When every person has his or her basic needs met, we all create a healthier, more stable community.

Objective: Every individual has his or her basic needs of survival & safety net.

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FOR A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL.

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