# **Shockers and United Way**

Fighting for the Health, Education, Financial Stability and Basic Needs for everyone in South Central Kansas





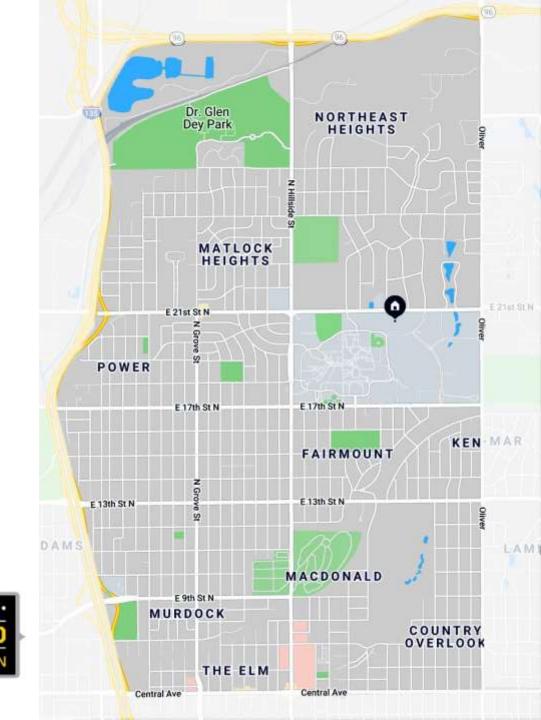
**United Way of the Plains** 

# YOUR INVESTMENT IN THE WORK OF UNITED WAY HELPED OUR NEIGHBORS THRIVE 611,643 TIMES LAST YEAR.



# Providing direct support to your Shocker Neighborhood

- Last year, United Way of the Plains supported individuals in the Shocker Neighborhood over 18,000 times.
- 211 alone assisted this neighborhood more than 8,000 times.
- The top service support categories were emergency social services and case management, food assistance, homeless prevention and developmental support for children.

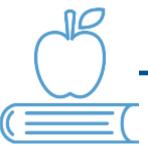


## **OUR FOCUS**



#### **HEALTH**

Providing access to quality services so all can get – and stay – healthy.



#### **EDUCATION**

Helping children enter school ready to learn, achieve at grade level and graduate on time.



#### **FINANCIAL STABILITY**

Empowering adults with the tools needed to ensure fiscal security.



#### **BASIC NEEDS**

Addressing a lack of resources and overcoming barriers to life-saving assistance. Helping those in need survive today, propels them to live their best lives possible tomorrow.

# \$1,309,508

invested last year in the community through United Way-funded programs to improve the health and well-being of our neighbors.

38,997

last year United Wayfunded programs helped people feel and live better.





# \$500,800

 was saved on prescription medications through SingleCare, a discount card program.



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# \$1,481,634

invested last year in the community through United Way-funded programs to help children thrive in their education.

30,988 TIMES

Partners helped children succeed in 2022





# Supporting Educational Outcomes in the Shocker Neighborhood

In partnership with WSU Men's Basketball, United Way of the Plains raised funds through Coaching for Literacy.



Students in grades K-3 at 14 schools in the Shocker neighborhood received new reading materials to take home and combat summer learning loss.

A total of 6,100 books were delivered, with 3,050 children receiving two books and resources for parents to assist students with improving their reading skills.



# \$622,106

invested last year in the community through United Way-funded programs to empower people on the road to financial stability

38,667 TIMES

Partners helped our neighbors gain Financial Stability in 2022





## FREE TAX PREP

\$8.4 million in tax refunds were returned last year to local households, which fed into the local economy.



volunteer income tax assistance (VITA) volunteers.



5,444

federal returns filed.



\$8.4 MILLION

tax refunds returned locally.



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LIVE UNITED

# BASIC

# \$2,380,258

invested last year in the community through United Way-funded programs that are helping our neighbors access food, shelter, safety, and utilities

# 53,383 TIMES

Partners helped our neighbors cover their basic needs in 2022



#### **Poverty Rates by Kansas County (2019)**

in United Way of the Plains Service Area

#### **Sedgwick County**

**69,506** People in Poverty (13.7%)

#### **Reno County**

**7,701** People in Poverty (12.9%)

#### **Butler County**

**6,025** People in Poverty (9.5%)

#### **Cowley County**

**4,675** People in Poverty (14.1%)

#### **Pratt County**

**1,047** People In Poverty (11.7%)

#### **Barber County**

**746** People in Poverty (16.4%)

#### **Harvey County**

**3,172** People in Poverty (9.6%)

#### **Sumner County**

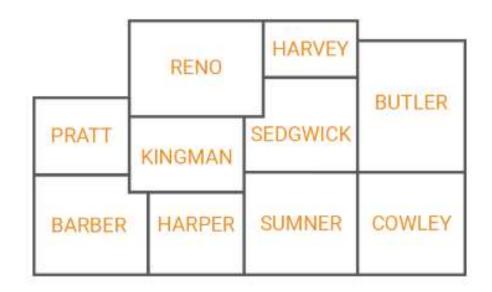
**2,667** People in Poverty (11.8%)

#### **Harper County**

**874** People in Poverty (16.1%)

#### **Kingman County**

**549** People in Poverty (7.6%)



Source: PovertyUSA.org

96,962 People living in poverty (Family 4 making \$26,500)

#### Those living in poverty are more likely to have....

- Limited education
- Limited employment options
- Limited empowerment
- Limited income
- Limited residential options
- Limited access to care and services

- Limited access to health insurance
- Adverse social factors
- Adverse environmental factors
- Higher health risks



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#### Persons Living Below Poverty Line By Sedgwick County Zip Code

67214 <b>- 32.9</b> %	67210 – 19.9%
67211 – 31.3%	67203 – 18.7%
67213 <b>– 28.6%</b>	67220 <b>–</b> 18.3%
67202 <b>– 27.1%</b>	67217 – 18.3%
67219 <b>– 23.4</b> %	<mark>67208 – 17.4%</mark>
67216 <b>– 21.1%</b>	67207 - 14.3%
67218 <b>– 20.5</b> %	Kansas – 11.4%

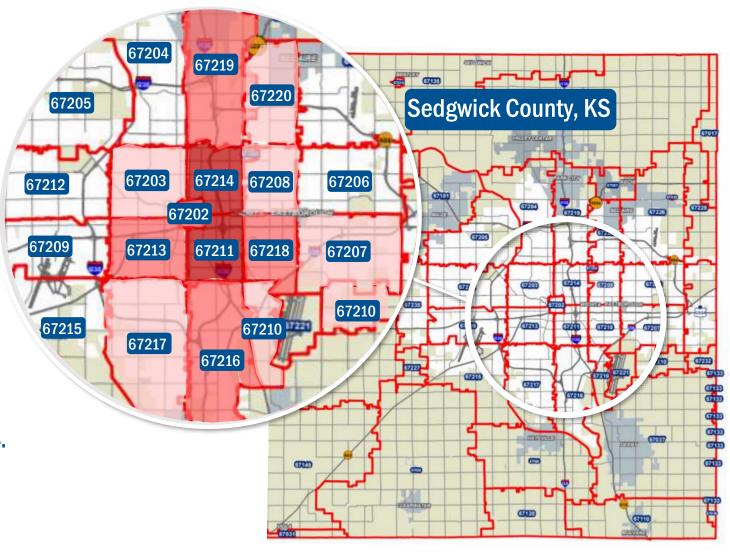
#### Shocker Neighborhood zip codes

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2019).

American Community Survey 5-year estimates.

Of the 700 zip codes in Kansas, Wichita is the home to the poorest zip code in the state - 67214.

In fact, 3 of our zip codes are in the top 10.









Kansans in crisis get connected to resources and services to meet their needs

154,812

times through United Way 211 Information & Referral.

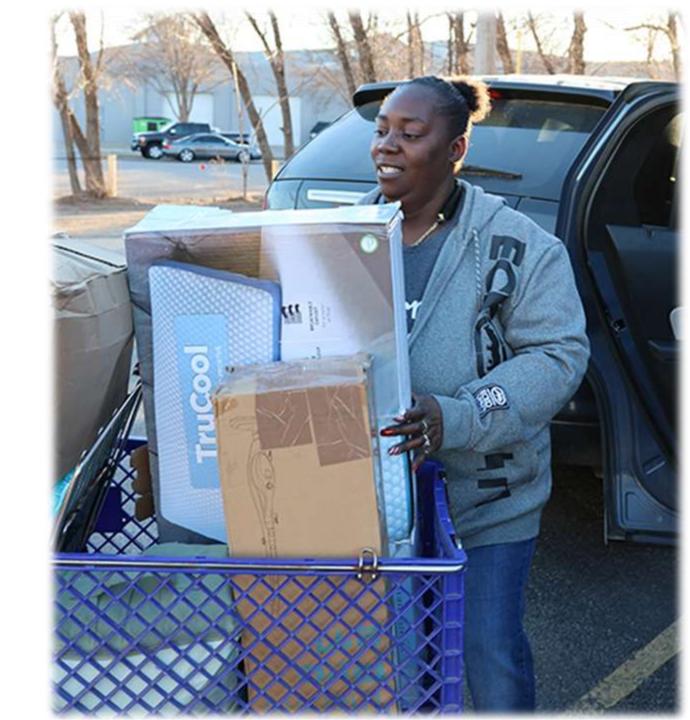




232 nonprofits access a **RECORD BREAKING** 

\$2.6 MILLION

worth of donated products through our Give Items of Value Warehouse.



# **Shockers in the Community**



WSU and United Way partnering to connect staff, students, and faculty with more than **300 volunteer opportunities** with different local agencies.

Volunteer ICT provides around **7,300 hours of service per year** with more than **2,000** individuals annually.

# Wu's Big Event

On Feb 11th **148 volunteers** gave **444 hours** of service to the nonprofit community. Servicing **12 local** agencies. On Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> **252 volunteers** gave 621 hours of service to the nonprofit community. Servicing **11 local** agencies.

# GIVE ITEMS OF VALUE

21 volunteers have contributed around 44 hours to UWP's GIV Warehouse since January 2023



# IMPACT THAT ADDS UP...

- + 592 second and third grade students strengthened their reading skills through Read to Succeed
- + 337 at-risk children received support services through the Early Childhood Block Grant, managed locally by United Way, to ensure they would enter school ready to learn and reduce the need for future specialized education.
- + 118,815 books were distributed to school age children to ignite their love of reading and learning
- + 5,287 individuals used SingleCare, a prescription discount card offered by United Way
- + 159 working families accessed affordable dental care with the help of the Delta Dental Community Benefit Plan, administered by United Way
- + 632 individuals were referred to safe, affordable banking services to avoid predatory lending services through Bank On ICT
- + 49,633 free rides were given to Veterans on Wichita City buses through the Vets Ride Free program
- + 14 homeless pet owners were able to board their furry friend for free while they found stable housing
- + 287 free grocery deliveries were made to households in food deserts through Ride United ICT
- + 107,100 times individuals experiencing homelessness were served by an Impact ICT coalition partner
- + **162,053** times people in south central Kansas were helped by United Way funded programs.
- + And more...





### \$1 DONATION

NONPROFIT PROGRAMS

**INVESTED IN** 

DIRECT SERVICES
THAT ADD VALUE



Last year, United Way invested in **77 programs at 66**nonprofit throm h Opportunity on the Plains, Promise d Impact on the Plains.

United Way
MORE THAN
MORE THAN
DOUBLES
the impact of
every dollar
donated.



Grants



**Volunteer Center** 



Free Tax Prep



**Prescription Savings** 



**Distributed Goods** 

\$2.51 WORTH OF IMPACT

# Thank you, WSU, for considering a gift to support United Way and your Shocker Neighborhood!



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