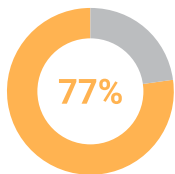




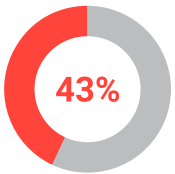
IMPACT UPDATE

United Way of Racine County strives to enhance the health, education and financial stability of every Racine County resident. Our main objective is to improve livelihoods and foster a more resilient community, recognizing that achieving this relies on both our own initiatives and the programs provided by our impact partners.

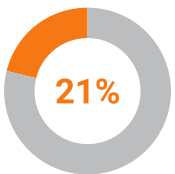
Demographics



51,891 of the 67,319 individuals served by United Way partners this quarter are at or below the Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) level.



43% of individuals served are under 18 years old.



21% of individuals identify as Hispanic or Latino.

Outcomes



137 individuals enrolled in United Way-supported programs led by Housing Resources Inc. are receiving support to reduce debt and increase their credit scores, preparing them for home ownership.



96% of participants in the Racine Vocational Ministry Jobs Program are receiving one-on-one case management to create short- and long-term goals to increase their soft skills, employability and household income.



676 individuals achieved high school credentials and more are set to graduate in May. Nearly 80% of them have gone on to achieve post-high school credentialing.

Fresh Air Science Fair



The Fresh Air Science Fair at Julian Thomas Community School was a collaborative effort between Modine, the Milwaukee Bucks, Racine Unified School District and United Way of Racine County. Over the course of nearly two months, fifth graders dedicated their time to projects centered around clean air and pollution. With every fifth grader participating, they formed 15 teams to tackle this important issue. Judges from the school, United Way, Modine and the Bucks carefully evaluated each project, considering factors like presentation creativity and research quality. Prizes, including Bucks game tickets, transportation, concessions and merchandise, were awarded to the winners. The announcement ceremony, featuring Bango and the Rim Rockers, added an extra element of excitement to the event.

Racine Vocational Ministry – RVM Jobs Program

Alex experienced homelessness for more than two years. During this time, he felt hopeless. He was unable to move his life forward. During one of his early case management sessions, he stated that he'd gotten very comfortable being homeless and without a job. He then began participating in a self-motivation group offered by RVM. Little by little, he began to be inspired by the stories he heard from others in the group. He realized that he was gaining strength and courage to tackle the difficulties in his life. In the last few months, Alex has made substantial progress. He is now in his own apartment, which was furnished by Feather-A-Nest and has found a job that he loves – employed by Aramark cooking for Racine Unified School District. RVM also helped him acquire a refrigerator and a microwave. He recently opened a bank account and is starting a savings plan. At every visit, Alex shares how grateful he is for the service and support he has received through RVM.



We are proud to support programming that has helped individuals like Alex get back on their feet, including our support of Equity Innovation Fund grantee, Safe Haven. Their project, Feather-a-Nest, assists those transitioning from homelessness to permanent, stable housing by providing essential items. When people move from shelters, they often have few personal possessions, so the need extends beyond just having a roof over their heads. The project ensures that items are delivered, set up, and arranged before move-in day. Feather-a-Nest involves participants in every step of the process, helping to restore the dignity that may have been lost through homelessness.

Staff Corner

In March, some of our staff attended United Way of Wisconsin's Great Rivers Conference in Milwaukee, where they reconnected with United Way colleagues from across the network, gained new insights and enjoyed engaging workshops. Keynote speakers included United Way Worldwide President and CEO Angela Williams, former Milwaukee judge Derek Mosley and leadership speaker Drew Dudley. Congratulations to our six team members who led their own workshops. Our team has already started implementing the strategies they learned into their work.



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Sources: community investment demographic data, 7/1/2023 to 3/31/2024; community investment financial stability data, 7/1/2023 to 3/31/2024; financial stability sector success story, 7/1/2023 to 3/31/2024