



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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Minding the Gap in
Education, Health, and
Financial Stability
throughout the Big
Country.

MINDING the GAP Across Generations

2021

Dear Friends,

Today's United Way of Abilene is committed to leading the Big Country in the fight for financial security, access to quality healthcare, and educational opportunities for all. By removing barriers, minding the gaps, and increasing opportunities, we strive to help everyone lead their best life.

Next month will mark two full years of the pandemic. We have done A LOT in the past 24 months. We have learned a lot, lost a lot, and loved a lot. One thing that is certain about the Big Country—your generosity and love for others knows no bounds. Your passion shows in all that you do—in your service and in your selfless acts of kindness. For all that you have done, we are grateful. We are grateful for the times you have volunteered and for the times you have given us financial support. United Way is so much more than a fundraiser; we're hands-on providing direct support for the families of the Big Country now more than ever!

To the board members of United Way of Abilene and United Way Foundation of Abilene, thank you for your leadership and love for Abilene! We thank all of you—the members of United Way of Abilene—for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure, as we passionately serve others together.

Sincerely,



Cathy Ashby, EdD
President/CEO



Lon Biebighauser
Board Chair



CAMPAIGN CHAIRS

Our Campaign Chairs for 2022 included two generations of philanthropists and a third generation that is acquiring the virtue of giving. Longtime Abilenians, Dr. Gary and Jean Goodnight, are dedicated to making our part of West Texas a better place to live. Dr. Ashley and Jason Hall model philanthropy for their sons, Webb and Ellis, by taking on essential volunteer roles in Abilene.

Thank you to Gary and Jean Goodnight and Jason and Ashley Hall for serving as our Campaign Chairs for 2022! Thank you, Webb and Ellis, for making it a true family commitment and adventure!

Together, we are Minding the Gap Across Generations for our neighbors.



1 MILLION WAYS to MIND the GAP

On October 25, 2021, United Way announced that we surpassed a million dollars of direct relief on behalf of our neighbors. In total, we provided **\$1,127,555** in assistance for the February Winter Storm, COVID relief, and the 2019 tornado recovery. Disbursements were provided to landlords, mortgage lenders, and utility companies to keep people in their homes and utilities turned on.

During the most challenging times—two catastrophic events—the COVID-19 pandemic and the February Winter Storm, our city rallied and came to the aid of our neighbors. In 2021, United Way of Abilene made distributions of \$2,248 to complete repairs from the 2019 tornado.

WEATHERING THE STORM - \$191,147

In the midst of a pandemic, the winter storm that hit much of the south in February of 2021 brought our community to a virtual standstill. We lost six of our neighbors; we lost our power and water. Our plumbing froze and hundreds of homes experienced leaks when the water was restored and things began to thaw.



Thanks to Abilene's generosity, we were able to:

- Partner with City Light Ministries to give away \$20,000 in grocery store gift cards to help our neighbors replace staple items that were lost,
- Repair 62 households with plumbing damage with the help of Beltway Park Boots on the Ground ministry,
- Allocate \$40,000 in funds to City Light Ministries to help provide utility aid.

COVID RELIEF - \$934,160

In 2021, United Way of Abilene, in partnership with the City of Abilene, we made over 400 disbursements to landlords, mortgage lenders, and utility companies on behalf of local residents.

Additional allocations were made to Christian Service Center, City Light Ministries, and St. Vincent de Paul to be used for housing, food, and utility assistance.

Betty Hardwick Center, Serenity House, and Salvation Army all received funds to help with housing placement due to COVID-19 exposure.

#ABILENEUNITED HOUSING ASSISTANCE

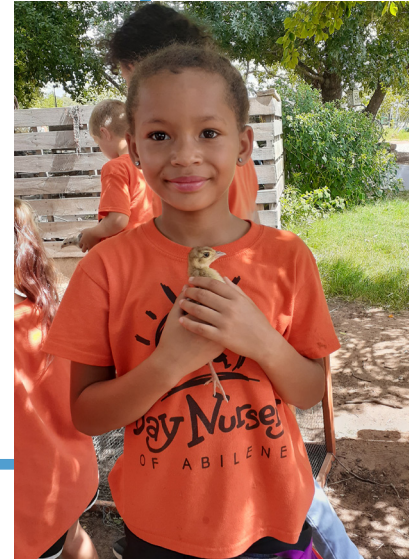


MINDING THE GAP IN HOUSING & UTILITIES

In Partnership with the City of Abilene

EDUCATION - \$561,891

After School Care (Alliance for Women & Children)
Mentoring (Big Brothers Big Sisters)
ScoutReach (Texas Trails Council - BSA)
After School Program & Teen Night (Boys & Girls Club)
Student Success Coaching (Communities in Schools)
Youth Programs (Dyess Youth Programs)
Girl Scout Leadership Experience (Girl Scouts)
Phoenix (YMCA of Abilene)



HEALTH - \$563,313

Healthy Texas Women (Abilene - Taylor County Public Health)
Family Care Program (Alzheimer's Association)
Home Fire Campaign (American Red Cross)
Safety & Independence Project (APS Partners)
Adaptive Recreation (Betty Hardwick)
Cancer Patient Assistance (Cancer Services Network)
Intervention & Prevention (Noah Project)
Medical Program (Presbyterian Medical Care Mission)
Comprehensive Assistance and Victims & Violence Prevention (Regional Victim Crisis Center)



FINANCIAL STABILITY - \$595,164

Bridge2Home & Hope Housing Services (Abilene Hope Haven)
Court Appointed Special Advocates (Big Country CASA)
Standing in the Gap (Christian Service Center)
Child Care Assistance (Day Nursery of Abilene)
Job Skill Preparation (FaithWorks of Abilene)
Formerly Incarcerated Transitional Program (New Beginnings - Big Country)
Self-Sufficiency (Salvation Army)



EMERGENCY FOOD & SHELTER PROGRAM - \$43,288

The Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) was created to supplement and expand local non-profit agencies' work to help people with economic emergencies.

EFSP funds are used to supplement feeding, sheltering (including transitional sheltering), and rent/mortgage and non-disaster related utility assistance efforts only.

The local EFSP board comprises members from Abilene Hope Haven, the American Red Cross, 2-1-1 Texas A Call for Help, First Central Presbyterian church, local government officials, and the City of Abilene.



FIRST RESPONDER EMERGENCY & DISASTER ASSISTANCE - \$2,199

In collaboration with the Abilene Police and Fire Departments, United Way's First Responder Emergency and Disaster Assistance (FREDA) Program provides a comprehensive and efficient process to address financial needs when first responders encounter persons with emergency needs. This relief comes in the form of funds for food, gasoline, or lodging during hours that no community-based basic needs program is available or during the event of a fire or natural disaster.

In 2021, the FREDA program assisted 45 different individuals or families. Historically, FREDA sponsors have included Holy Family Catholic Church, Oldham Lane Church of Christ, and individual donors.



CATALYST FUNDING - \$50,000

Catalyst Funding is designed to give United Way of Abilene the ability to make responsive investments to strengthen systems and networks that support individuals in our area. These investments were possible through gifts made in honor of Mr. Mike Dunnahoo, 2021 Volunteer Service Award recipient.

Abilene Hope Haven - Diversion and Prevention Project

Adult Protective Services - Safety and Independence Project

Big Brothers Big Sisters & Big Country CASA - Male Volunteer Recruitment Campaign

Big Country CASA - Defenders Project

Boy Scouts - Texas Trails Council - ScoutReach

Christian Service Center - Your Financial Freedom Course

FaithWorks of Abilene - Basic Needs for Successful Internships

Interested Citizens of Abilene North (ICAN) - Curtis House

Noah Project - Legal Support Services

Regional Victims Crisis Center - Youth Trauma Counseling and Prevention

Salvation Army - Post COVID-19 Assistance



2021 WINTER LIGHTFEST

In its third year, Winter Lightfest has become a staple for family fun during the holidays.

Each year, Christmas Decor by Lone Star Electric transforms the park into a magical winter wonderland. Winter Lightfest continuously works to improve the guest experience year after year. 2021 saw the addition of permanent buildings for tickets, merchandise, and refreshments.

The park was open to the public for 17 nights, four corporate parties and the inaugural Fa La La La Fun Run with Wylie Education Foundation.

Winter Lightfest would not have been possible without the generous support of individuals and businesses in the community who sponsored the event.



57,000+ guests
from 39 States

19,000+ student tickets

2,846 S'mores
11,128 cups of Hot Cocoa

1,321 Photos with Santa

1,206 Volunteer Shifts
from 37 organizations

1,951 Candy Cane Swords

WINTER LIGHTFEST SPONSORS

Presenting

Dian Graves Owen Foundation

Winter Wonderland

First Baptist Church
H-E-B Supermarkets

Holly and Jolly

Arthur Family Foundation
Dean Hagler, Ltd.
Eagle Permian Partners
Excelsior Foundation
Nexstar | KTAB | KRBC | BCHP
Tejon Exploration Company
Tolar Systems, Inc.

Sounds of Christmas

Abilene Convention & Visitors Bureau
B&R Asphalt
Batjer and Associates
Leigh and Charlie Black
C4 Fuels
CanDoo Budget Rentals
Chick-Fil-A South
Contractor Services, Ltd.
County Waste Service
Nation Wide Products
Samsung Electronics America
Shelton Family Foundation
Sign-Tex
Wagstaff Law Firm

Jingle Bells

Abilene Teachers FCU
AEP Texas
BHG | Senter Realtors
CBS Insurance
Chris Moore Construction
First Abilene FCU
First National Bank Albany
Perkins Insurance
TXU Energy

Scenes of Wonder

Abilene Beauty Bus
Barber Foundation
Beltway Park Church
Billye Proctor Shaw
Black Plumbing
Bontke Brothers Construction
Chris Moore Construction
Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc.
ENT Specialists of Abilene
Hendrick Health System
Holland Hearing Center
Jack and Becky Rentz
Jacob | Martin
JAR | The Local | Oddly Natural
Jumps & Tents Entertainment
KTXS-TV
Lawrence Hall Chevrolet
Loan Oak Outdoor Living
6|27 Creative

Neurosurgery Associates of
West Texas

Star Dodge Chrysler Jeep
Sylvan Learning Center
West-T-Go Fuels, Inc.
Williams Group Auto

Santa's Workshop

AISD – The Lift, Zach Hageman
AISD – The Lift, welding class
Boots on the Ground Ministries
Sage Diller, UWA Board
Hall and Associates
J.H. Strain & Sons, Inc.
Kyle Paul Construction
Lone Star Electric
Raydon, Inc.
Rentech Boiler Systems, Inc.
Strong Concrete
The Paint Center
The Wolfe Family

Santa's Little Helpers

Bill Reed Distributing
Chicken Express – Clyde
Chris Moore Construction
First Bank Texas
First Financial Bank
Albert Gutierrez
Dr. Ashley and Jason Hall
Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hardaway
Kristen Kyker – Coldwell Banker
Lee Orthodontics

Pioneer Drive Baptist Church
Security State Bank – Winters
Sharon Thompson Cochran
Texans for Stan
Texas Midwest Surgery Center

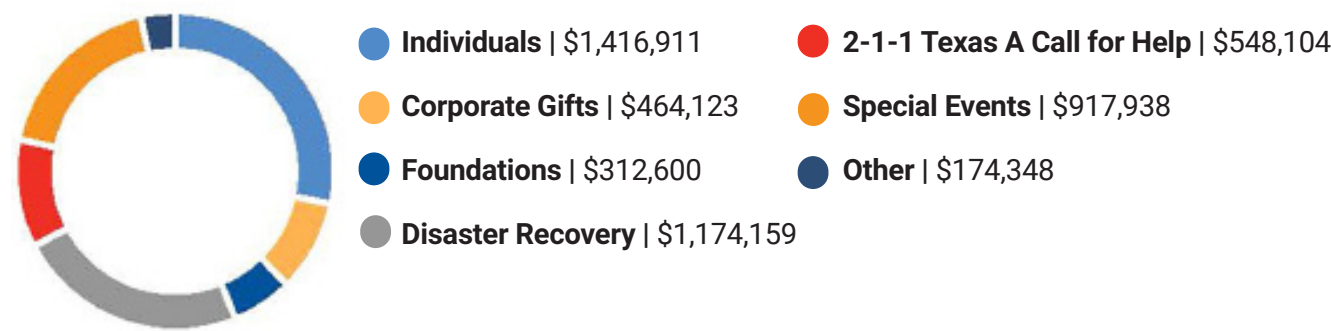
Twinkle

Big Country Title
Browning Law Firm
Budget Blinds
Cisco College
Dillard's
Eide Bailly
Extreme Media, LLC
McMahon, Surovik, Suttle, P.C.
Villecom, LLC
Festival Friends
Abilene Country Club
Abilene Independent School District
Accolade Rentals
Atmos Energy
Blanchard Thomas, LLP
KYOX-FM
Hendrick Urgent Care
Joe's Movers
Lyndale Senior Living
Mosquito Joe
Rise Broadband
Security Title

United Way of Abilene would not be successful without the trust and confidence of our donors and volunteers. We operate under a comprehensive set of accountability guidelines reviewed regularly by the Finance Committee and Board of Directors.

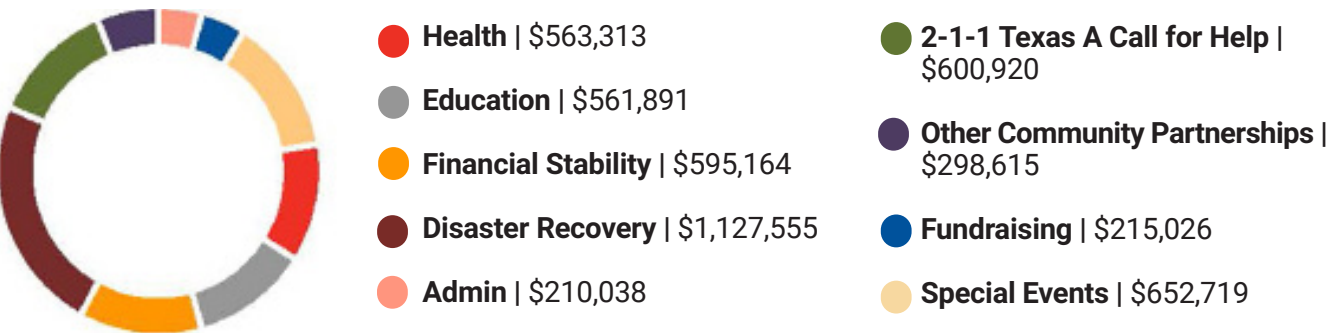
COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Fundraising Revenue: United Way of Abilene raises funds through workplace and individual giving, corporate and foundation giving, and through local, state, and federal grants.

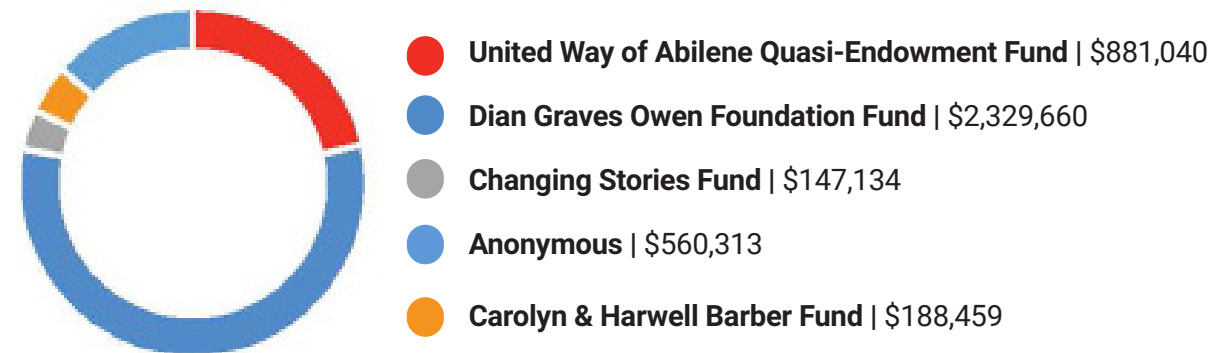


INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Distribution of Funds: Annually, United Way of Abilene invests in programs and services that are producing lasting, measurable results in the areas of Health, Education, and Financial Stability.



FOUNDATION FINANCIAL DATA | ENDOWMENT FUNDS UNDER MANAGEMENT



Note: The unaudited financial information summarized above is from financial data prepared by the management of United Way Foundation of Abilene. The public accounting firm of Eide Bailly, LLP will audit United Way Foundation of Abilene's consolidated financial statements. Their audit report will be available at the United Way of Abilene office and on the United Way of Abilene website upon completion of their audit.



United Way of Abilene is proud to hold the Gold Star designation with GuideStar and the highest 4-star level with Charity Navigator for the **eighth consecutive year**. These rankings demonstrate United Way of Abilene's **accountability, efficiency, and transparency**.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our organization and community benefits from the leadership and oversight of the Board Members listed below. We are thankful for their year-round dedication to guiding and supporting United Way of Abilene.

Chair

Lon Biebighauser
First Financial Trust &
Asset Management

Chair Elect

Leigh Black
Community Volunteer

Past Chair

Justin Crowe
Hendrick Health

Secretary

Corby Flanagan
Condley & Company

Treasurer

Sage Diller
Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc.

Community Investment

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Hendrick Health

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Development Corp of Abilene

2-1-1 Advisory Chair

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Megan Allred

First Abilene Federal Credit
Union

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LoneStar HR, LLC

John Bittrick

Dillard's Abilene

Dayton Borger

First Financial Bank

Katie Browning

Community Volunteer

Kirk Canada

Hendrick Health

Dillon Cobb

First Financial Trust &
Asset Management

Will Duncan

Jacob | Martin

Alex Eagle

Clearfork, Inc.

Christal Faries

United Supermarkets

Sam Ferguson

McMurry University

Albert Gutierrez

KTAB/KRBC-TV/Telemundo

Terry Hagler

Wylie ISD

Juliann Kelley

First Financial Bank

Elyse Lewis

Hendrick Health

Shannon Nix

H-E-B #070

Inger Nordby

The Toro Company

Trent Poindexter

Wes-T-Go Convenience

Che Samples

Star Dodge

Ethan Shepherd

Hendrick Health

Jennifer Snodgrass

Keller Williams Realty

Matthew Sullivan

Sylvan Learning

Dr. Joe Waldron

Abilene ISD

Todd Wilson

First Baptist Church Abilene

Dr. David Young

Abilene ISD

FOUNDATION DIRECTORS

Established in 2014, the United Way Foundation of Abilene seeks to build a permanent, sustainable avenue of support for the future of Abilene and West Central Texas. Our generous Foundation donors have invested to help us continue to solve our community's toughest issues well into the future. **Every gift - large or small - will positively impact the future of our community.**

Chair | Scott Dueser

First Financial Bank

Vice-Chair | Geoff Haney

Cape & Son

President | Dr. Cathy Ashby

United Way of Abilene

Treasurer | Hillary Moore

Mansefeldt Investment Corporation

Secretary | Carolyn Beckham

Community Volunteer

Leroy Bolt

Condley & Company

Dr. Phil Christopher

Community Volunteer

Lee Hampton

Community Volunteer

Dr. Sara Trammell

Abilene Beauty Bus

UNITED WAY STAFF

Dr. Cathy Ashby
President/CEO
Greg Wilson
Vice-President/CFO

Lori Beale
Donor Relations
Emily Daye
Office Administrator
Katie Deal
Director of Development
Sheena Moreno
Accountant
Gaile Thompson
Donor Relations
Jenn Waldmann
Director of Community
Impact & Marketing

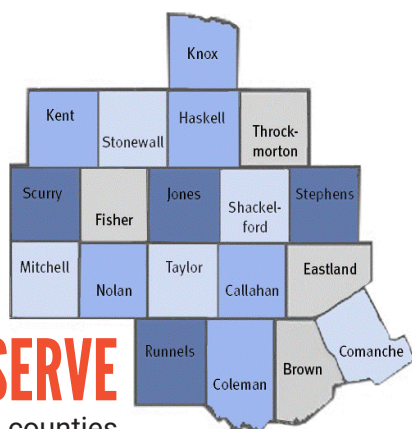


2-1-1 TEXAS A CALL FOR HELP STAFF

Mary Cooksey
2-1-1 Director
Marcus Wiley
2-1-1 Assistant Director

Alma Archuleta
Resource Team Manager
Rebecca Aldape
Community Outreach Coordinator

Lynn Jackson
Call Center Manager
Ashley Cline
Information & Referral Specialist
Nancy Espinoza
Information & Referral Specialist
Erica Parker
Information & Referral Specialist
Casey Wester
Information & Referral Specialist



COUNTIES WE SERVE

We serve communities in 19 counties
throughout West Central Texas.



Photos: United Way staff, 2-1-1 Texas was recognized with the Sterling Award by Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas, United Way & the United Way Foundation Board members at The Lift - A.I.S.D., United Way Foundation Board

COMMITTEES

United Way of Abilene is fortunate to have thoughtful and devoted volunteers supporting our mission in the community. We thank each person below, as well as those who shared their time and talents to help with our campaign, agency reviews, and special committees.

Campaign Cabinet

Chair: Dr. Gary Goodnight
Chair: Mrs. Jean Goodnight
Chair: Dr. Ashley Hall
Chair: Mr. Jason Hall
Jared Armstrong
Samantha Baker
John Bittrick
Dillon Cobb
Shaun Martin
Casjen Rico
Pamela Williams

Loaned Executives

Kent Akers
Andra Cobb
Slade Cupps
Dani Goss
Collin Heidenheimer
Josh Henry
Kimberly Hudson
Megan Madewell
PJ Martinez
Jon Miller
Molly Moser
Jackie Powell
Mychellya Shadle
Katie Smith
Brandon Scott Thomas
Dr. Jordan Ziemer

Community Impact Review Teams

Chair: Staci Benavides
Chair: Reed Stafford
Lon Biebighauser
Dayton Borger
Kirk Canada
Paula Clowdus
Cheryl Cunningham
Christal Faries
Gail Gregg
Joan Gregg
Britni McBride
Anna Melendez
Dixie Morris
Cameron Rinard
Ethan Sheperd
Erica Smith
Kristi Terbush
Jim Trietsch
Lana Trietsch
Dr. Joe Waldron

Stewardship Review

Chair: Regi McCabe-Gossett
Rebecca Armstrong
Leigh Black
Clint Buck
Sharmon Daley
Kyle Felan
Annabel House
Patrick Lewis
Katy O'Shields
Katie Parnell
Chris Riley
Tina Schueller

Finance Committee

Chair: Sage Diller
Brannon Barnes
Lon Biebighauser
Leigh Black
Corby Flanagan
Regi McCabe-Gossett
Trent Poindexter

2-1-1 Advisory Council

Chair: Jenny Goode
Jake Allred
Megan Allred
Becky Almanza
Christopher Bankhead
Craig Bessent
Alesha Burks
Kirk Canada
Vincent Cantu
Tammy Davis
Johnnie Dorris
Greg Goettsch
Lauren Hassell
Scotty Henderson
Leah Hymel
Ronnie Kidd
Nate Lester
Kristy McDonough
Scott McLean
Mike Mitchell
Michelle Parrish
Angel Poorman
Mary Ross
Sandi Saringer
Julie Shields
Jeff Smith
Brandie Walsh

Emergency Food & Shelter

Katherine Bisson
Downing Bolls
Mary Cooksey
Robyn Flores
Bettye Gindratt
Cliff Stewart
Pamela Williams



United Way board members and staff celebrated the Department of Defense medical team supporting Hendrick Health with dinner at Cypress Street Station.



2022 Loaned Executives attend a 3-day training to help them prepare for the campaign.



CIRT committee members tour Salvation Army during the 2022 allocation process.

Every gift to United Way of Abilene matters. We salute the hundreds of employees whose gifts make an impact in our community every day.

TOP 25

Listed in Investment Order

First Financial Bank
Beltway Park Church
Hendrick Health
Abilene Independent School District
United Supermarket Family
City of Abilene
Rentech Boiler Systems, Inc.
Wylie Independent School District
United Way of Abilene
Atmos Energy
Batjer & Associates, Inc.
J.H. Strain & Sons, Inc.
Abilene Christian University
Condley & Company, L.L.P.
QuikTrip
AEP - Texas
Day Nursery of Abilene
United Parcel Service
ResourceCare
Hardin-Simmons University
Dillard's Department Stores
Abilene Aero
Betty Hardwick Center
Wolfe & Company
Eide Bailly, LLP

WORKPLACE GIVING AWARDS

Employee Giving Award

United Supermarkets #548

Rising Star Campaign

QuikTrip

Small Employer Campaign of the Year

ENT Associates of Abilene

Mid-Size Employer Campaign of the Year

Abilene High School - Abilene ISD

Large Employer Campaign of the Year

First Financial Bank

School Campaign of the Year

Wylie Early Childhood - Wylie ISD

Community Partner Campaign of the Year

ResourceCare

Loaned Executive of the Year

Kimberly Hudson, Hendrick Health

Employee Campaign Coordinator of the Year

Molly Moser, City of Abilene



Kim Hudson with Dr. Cathy Ashby and Kirk Canada at the Hendrick Health (south) kick-off

2022 PACESETTERS

Completed campaign by Aug. 31, 2021.

Abilene Independent School
District

Alliance for Women & Children

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Boys and Girls Club of Abilene

Cancer Services Network

City of Abilene

Christian Service Center

Communities in Schools

Condley & Company, L.L.P.

Day Nursery of Abilene

Eide Bailly, LLP

First Abilene Federal Credit
Union

First Financial Bank

Noah Project

Presbyterian Medical Care
Mission

Rentech Boiler Systems, Inc.

United Supermarket Family

United Way of Abilene

Wylie Independent School
District

YMCA of Abilene

MOST GENEROUS WORKPLACES

IN GOOD COMPANY

The employees of small businesses, corporations, academic institutions, and non-profits invest annually in United Way of Abilene's community campaign. Money raised during the campaign is invested in programs and services at United Way's Community Partner agencies.

Over \$200,000

Beltway Park Church
First Financial Bank

\$150,000 - \$199,999

Hendrick Health System
Abilene ISD
Abilene High School
Adult Learning - Alta Vista
Alcorta Elementary
ATEMS
Austin Elementary
Bassetti Elementary
Bonham Elementary
Bowie Elementary
Clack Middle School
Cooper High School
Craig Middle School
Crockett Early Head Start
Dyess Elementary
Holland Medical High School
Jefferson Center
Long Early Learning Center
Madison Middle School Maintenance
Mann Middle School
Martinez Elementary
One AISD Administration
Ortiz Elementary
Planetarium
Purcell Elementary
Purchasing/Warehouse
Stafford Elementary
Taylor Elementary
Technology
The Lift
Thomas Elementary
Transportation
Ward Elementary
Woodson Center for Excellence

\$50,000 - \$99,999

City of Abilene
Rentech Boiler Systems Inc.
The United Family
Market Street #679
United Supermarkets #545
United Supermarkets #547
United Supermarkets #548
United Supermarkets #574
United Supermarkets #578
Wylie ISD
Administration
Early Childhood
East Elementary
High School
Intermediate School
Junior High
Middle School
West Elementary

\$25,000 - \$49,999

Atmos Energy
Batjer & Associates
J.H. Strain & Sons, Inc.
United Way of Abilene

\$15,000 - \$24,999

Abilene Christian University
AEP Texas
Condley & Company, LLP
Day Nursery of Abilene
QuikTrip
ResourceCare
United Parcel Service

\$10,000 - \$14,999

Abilene Aero
Betty Hardwick Center
Eide Bailly, LLP
Dillard's Department Stores
Hardin-Simmons University
Wolfe & Company, P.C.
Yellowhouse Machinery

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Abilene Chamber of Commerce
Abilene Glass & Mirror
Abilene Hope Haven
Blue Cross/Blue Shield
Coleman County State Bank - Abilene Banking Center
Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc.
ENT Specialists of Abilene
First Abilene Federal Credit Union
First Bank Texas
H-E-B Food Store #070
Nation Wide Products
Prosperity Bank
Target
The Toro Company NSN

\$2,500 - \$4,999

Baird
Bandag | Bridgestone
Big Country CASA
Central Appraisal District of Taylor County
Enterprise Rent-A-Car
First Baptist Church Abilene
Noah Project
Region 14 Education Service Center
Taylor County
Team Health/Hendrick Health
YMCA of Abilene
Zachry Associates

\$1,000 - \$2,499

Abilene Teachers Federal Credit Union
Batts Communication LP
Benchmark Business Solutions
Bruckner's Truck Sales
Boys & Girls Club of Abilene
Communities in Schools
FedEx
First Bank and Trust
Kellogg Company

KTAB-TV | KRBC-TV | Nexstar
Lawrence Hall Dealerships
McMurry University
Neurosurgery Associates of West Texas
Sivley & Toogood, D.D.S.
Teinert Construction
True Value
Perry Hunter Hall Insurance
USAA
West Texas Rehabilitation Center
Workforce Solutions of West Texas
Zachry Publications

\$250 - \$999

Alliance for Women & Children
Alzheimer's Association
AT&T
BBVA Compass
Better Business Bureau
Big Brothers Big Sisters Abilene
Border States Electric
Cancer Services Network
Cargill Animal Nutrition
Copper Point Mutual Insurance
CSL Plasma
Eli Lilly & Company
Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital
Petsmart
Illinois Tool Works
Presbyterian Medical Care Mission
R.E. Janes Gravel Co.
Regional Victim Crisis Center
SWBC Mortgage
Texas Trails Council - BSA
Wagstaff LLP
Wal-Mart
West Texas Council of Government
Wolfepak Software



SCHOOL LUNCHES - \$19,244

United Way of Abilene paid off \$19,244 in student lunch debt for the 2020-21 school year for students at Abilene ISD, Baird ISD, Jim Ned ISD, Merkel ISD, Trent ISD, and Wylie ISD. In total, 942 families were able to use these funds to meet other needs.

LEADERSHIP GIVING

Leadership Giving Society members are leaders in philanthropy who generously meet the needs of our community and are the foundation of United Way's annual campaign. We thank our Leadership Giving Society members for helping shape the future of our community.

Alexis de Tocqueville Society | \$10,000+

Individuals

Anonymous
Mr. Philip and Dr. Cathy Ashby
Ms. Dixie Bassett
Bob and Peggy Beckham Donor
Advised Fund
Mr. and Mrs. John L. Beckham
Drs. Edward and Roberta
Kalafut Brandecker
Tucker and Gina Bridwell
Ron and Lorilei Butler
Joe Ed and Jo Canon
Jay and Nancy Capra
The Crawford Family
Bud and Lynn Darby
Ms. Katie Deal
Mike and Julie Denny
Rudith Drennan
Scott Dueser
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eagle
Murray and Kathi Edwards
James and Joy Gordon
Geoff and Angela Haney
Hillary and Kimberly Moore
Lee and Callie Hampton
Dr. Robert Leedy and Dr. Nikki
Green
Lynn Beckham Marderosian
Mr. Kelly McCarty
Mr. Kenneth Murphy
Lori Owens
Jack and Becky Rentz
The Doctors Trammell
Dr. and Mrs. Paul Watts

Foundations

Alexander Families Giving Fund
Bob L. Herd Foundation
Denny Family Foundation
Dian Graves Owen Foundation
Legett Foundation
J.M. Parker Foundation
Shelton Family Foundation
Whitener Family Foundation

Wooten | \$7,500 - \$9,999

Anonymous
Mr. Paige Parker

Swenson | \$5,000 - \$7,499

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Churchill
Dave and Laura Copeland
Donor Advised Fund
Mr. and Mrs. Sage Diller

Charles and Kate Ferguson
Mrs. Mary Jo Loyd
Dee Moore
Dr. James and Mrs. Jeanenne
Nichols
Mike and Cindy Sullivan
Gary and Julie Wilson

Paramount | \$3,500 - \$4,999

Joe E. Davis Foundation
Mr. Corby and Dr. Diana Flanagan
Gee Family Donor Advised Fund
Gary and Kristie Gragg
Dennis and Janet O'Dell
Mr. Randy Roewe
Glen and Marelyn Shedd
Bobbie and Bernice Wolfe
Dr. and Mrs. David Young

Grace | \$2,500 - \$3,499

Mr. David Bailey
Dr. Matt Cope
David and Sindy Durham
Dr. Brad and Mrs. Jennifer Crisp
Mr. and Mrs. Allan Frizzell
Gerald and Christie Galbraith
David and Anita Green
Dr. Ashley Hall and Mr. Jason Hall
Kaye Price-Hawkins and Joe
Hawkins
Ms. Judy A. Jaramillo
Luke and Sharra Longhofer
Jodie and Tamara McGaughey
Sid and Evelyn Niblo Donor
Advised Fund
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ramsay
Harry and Charlotte Reaugh
Kent and Merri Rideout
Ms. Patricia Schulz
Jon and Alison Sims
Richard and Tracy Wolfe
Michael and Cheryl Wolverton

Elks | \$2,000 - \$2,499

Jake and Megan Allred
Dr. Seth and Mrs. Johanna
Ardoin
Ms. Mary Lee Brooks
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Honoring individuals who have made lifetime commitments to United Way of Abilene of \$100,000 or more. Legacy Circle members have made gifts through United Way Life, bequests, and the annual campaign.

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Kickapoo Springs Foundation
Leggett Foundation
Shelton Family Foundation

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Gifts were made in 2021 to the United Way Foundation of Abilene and United Way of Abilene in memory or honor of the following individuals:

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In 2021, we saw the continuation of a global pandemic, a winter storm that crippled the state, and the extreme graciousness of this community. We are thankful for the time, talents, and resources our community partners, local businesses, and their employees dedicate to helping Mind the Gap for our neighbors in the Big Country. We're proud to live and work in a community that cares!



Ribbon cutting at Adaptive Recreation, a program now run by the Betty Hardwick Center.



Loaned Executives toured many of our partner agencies during training.



United Way staff and our partner agencies attended an emergency preparedness class through United Rescue Alliance.



Executive Directors from some of our partner agencies encouraged incoming freshman at HSU to get involved.



Drs. Trammell partnered with United Way and University Church of Christ to administer vaccines at the Back-to-School Bash.



First Financial Bank and First Financial Trust & Asset Management became the first company to exceed \$200,000 in its annual campaign.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

In 1989, the United Way of Abilene Board approved the establishment of a Volunteer Service Award. The purpose of the award is to honor one outstanding volunteer for “a lifetime of community service.” Criteria for the award are: a commitment of service to others, determination and persistence in fulfilling volunteer obligations, loyalty, integrity, active involvement in community activities in addition to United Way, and dedication to helping people in Abilene.

Past Recipients:

1990 - Ray Howe
1991 - Bob Tiffany
1992 - Harold Crawford
1993 - Dale Ackers
1994 - Walter F. Johnson
1995 - A.B. “Stormy” Shelton
1996 - Mozelle Scarborough
1997 - Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher
1998 - Harwell Barber
1999 - Fred Lee Hughes
2000 - Scott Dueser
2001 - Dr. Royce Money
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2003 - Dr. Gary D. McCaleb
2005 - Dian Stai

2007 - Bill Waddill
2008 - H.C. Zachry
2009 - Mike Schweikhard
2010 - Paul Cannon
2011 - Dale Cartee
2012 - John Beckham
2013 - Dr. Bob Hunter
2014 - Dr. Phil Christopher
2015 - Joe Crawford
2016 - Leroy Bolt
2017 - Dixie B. Bassett
2018 - Dodge Jones Foundation
2019 - Doctors Talmadge & Sara Trammell
2020 - Jack Rentz
2021 - Mike Dunnahoo



2021 Volunteer Service Award recipient, Mike Dunnahoo.

Abilene StrEATS IV

October 2, 2021, saw the return of Abilene StrEATS, a fine dining experience in downtown Abilene. Proceeds from the event went toward the 2022 campaign. The theme was Beef & Bourbon, and guests enjoyed libations and courses from KAO Lounge, The Local, Cypress Street Station, Cakes by Birdie, Hashi Teppan Grill, and Sugar Happy Bakes. **StrEATS V is June 4, 2022.**



Photos: Campaign Chairs Dr. Ashley & Jason Hall, the Drs. Trammell and Dr. Jaxon and Hayden Jordan pose under the festive umbrellas, UT Dragon Lion Dance Team performs for guests, KAO Lounge provided complimentary drinks for each course, guests enjoy StrEATS.

ABILENE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU RECOGNITION

United Way was presented with the Community Awareness Award by the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau for our work in increasing tourism to Abilene during Winter Lightfest. Over the past three years, Winter Lightfest has brought over 146,000 visitors to the park.

