



# 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*



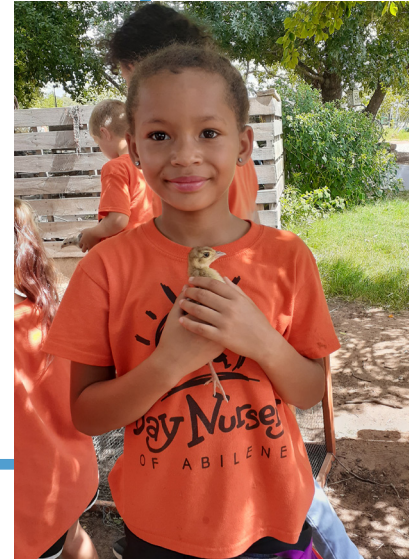
**MINDING THE GAP IN HOUSING & UTILITIES**

*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.



## 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

AISSD – The Lift, Zach Hageman  
AISSD – 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

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

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

### Twinkle

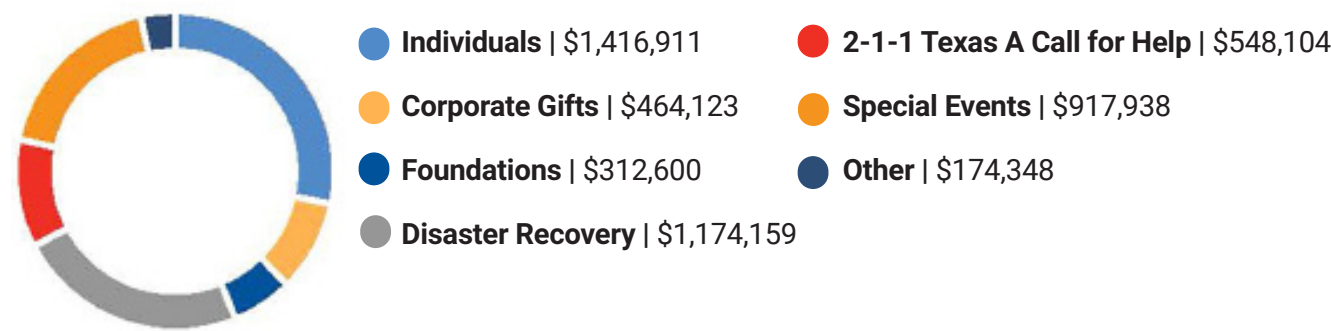
Big Country Title  
Browning Law Firm  
Budget Blinds  
Cisco College  
Dillard's  
Eide Bailly  
Extreme Media, LLC  
McMahon, Surovik, Suttle, P.C.  
Villecom, LLC  
Festival Friends  
Abilene Country Club  
Abilene Independent School District  
Accolade Rentals  
Atmos Energy  
Blanchard Thomas, LLP  
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.

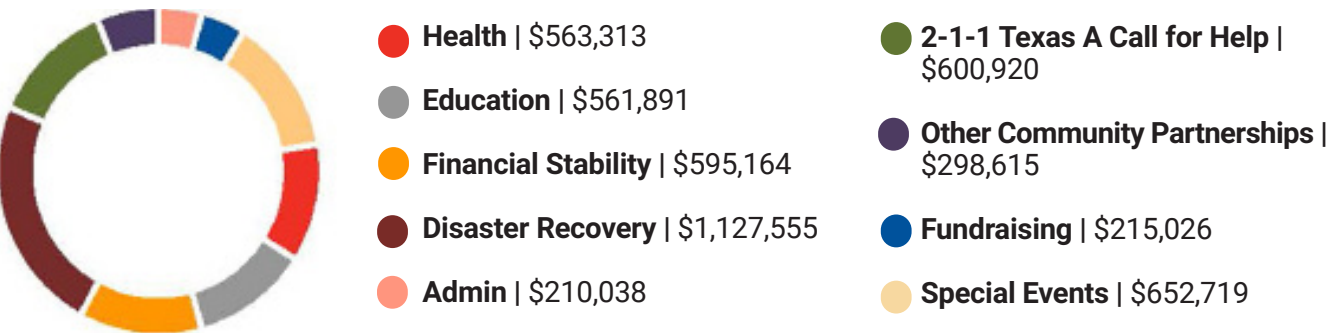
## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

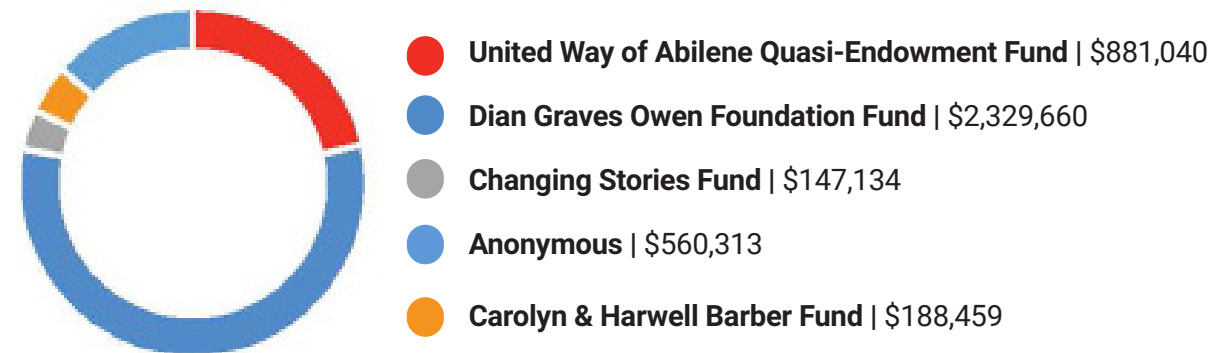


## INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

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

**Reed Stafford**  
Hendrick Health

### Stewardship Review

**Regi McCabe-Gossett**  
Development Corp of Abilene

### 2-1-1 Advisory Chair

**Jenny Goode**  
Betty Hardwick Center

### Megan Allred

First Abilene Federal Credit  
Union

### Brannon Barnes

Double B Group

### Staci Benavides

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

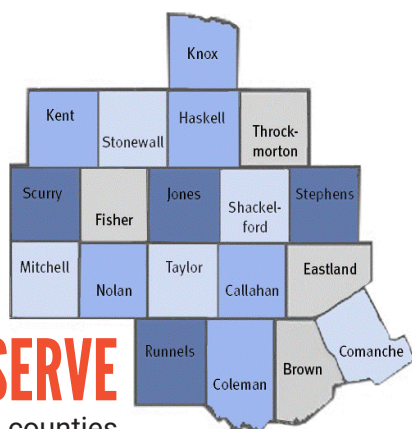


## 2-1-1 TEXAS A CALL FOR HELP STAFF

**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  
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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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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  
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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.

