

2023

# ANNUAL REPORT



# A MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends,

In February, historian Jay Moore presented the history of the United Way of Abilene at the United Way's Alexis de Tocqueville Dinner. It served as a reminder of our amazing heritage – an organization founded sixty-eight years ago on the desire to make Abilene a place where individuals, as well as families, could thrive financially, access healthcare easily, and seek education opportunities effortlessly.

How we have grown since those early years! We are grateful to the leadership that established a strong foundation for United Way to continually address the ever-changing needs of our community. Our name captures the essence of who we are and what we hope to accomplish. “United” is key to our longevity and outreach. We do not act alone. We are successful in reaching those in need due to our 25 non-profit community partners, gracious donors and big-hearted volunteers. “Way” defines an ongoing effort to find solutions to our communities’ toughest problems.

This year while continuing to support the missions of our non-profit partners, we also collaborated with outside expertise to survey the growing need for childcare. And, knowing the importance of education and literacy, launched the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, providing a free book for children 0 to 5 years-old enrolled in the program living in Taylor, Haskell, Jones, Fisher, Shackelford, Callahan, Runnels, and Coleman County.

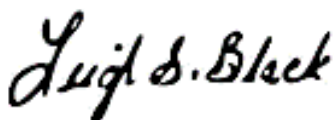
As we reflect on our past and present, it is indeed important to look to our future knowing that we are in the business of taking care of people. It is about maintaining an environment of support, resources, and most of all caring, which will allow all of us to face any challenges, barriers or hardships we might encounter.

This confidence in the future is because of you. Thank you for the role you have played in knowing we can say with heartfelt appreciation, “there is no place like home.”

Sincerely,



Cathy Ashby, EdD  
President/CEO



Leigh Black  
Board Chair







*Alexis de Tocqueville*  
**SOCIETY DINNER**  
JANUARY 18, 2024





"Finding a positive environment for our family to serve while modeling and creating a sense of generosity and otherness in our children made it an easy WHY for us to support the United Way of Abilene. Their goals of education, health and well-being really resonated with us, and we've been all in for 16 years! If the old adage is true about our strength being only as strong as our weakest link, why not ensure all in our community are provided an opportunity/resources to improve not only their future, but the next generation as well? By supporting an impactful organization like UWA - whose top priority is bridging the urgent gaps of our community needs - we all make Abilene and the Big Country

THE place people are proud to call home. We are always better together!"

**SUSAN WATTS, 2023 CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIR**



# 2024 CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIRS



## **Dr. Taylor Tidmore and Mrs. Heather Watts Tidmore, Mrs. Susan Watts and Dr. Paul Watts, Mrs. Holly Watts Grant and Mr. Ben Grant, JD**

The United Way of Abilene is extremely grateful for 2024 Co-Campaign Chairs: Dr. Taylor Tidmore and Mrs. Heather Watts Tidmore, Mrs. Susan Watts and Dr. Paul Watts, Mrs. Holly Watts Grant and Mr. Ben Grant, JD. This year's campaign brings a true triple threat of service, advocacy and philanthropy. "There's No Place Like Home" rings true through our 2024 Annual Campaign chairs - the Watts family - Heather, Paul, and Holly grew up in Abilene and attended Taylor, Franklin, and Abilene High School. Spouses Taylor, Susan, and Ben married into the Watts family and also chose to live and raise their families in Abilene. Between the three siblings, they have 10 children ranging from 9 - 23 years of age.

Our 2024 Campaign Co-Chairs are longtime community champions, philanthropists, and volunteers and we are so grateful for their willingness to serve our community in this way. We look forward to making our community better, together!

**Home. That's where our story begins.**



# INSTRUMENTAL IMPACT

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Funds raised through our annual campaign empower our incredible partner agencies to fulfill their unique missions. We believe everyone deserves a strong foundation for success – a quality education paving the way for a stable career, financial security to support a family, and access to quality healthcare. That's why United Way focuses on the cornerstones of a good life: education, financial stability, and health. Together with our partners, we tackle today's challenges and pave the way for a brighter, more equitable future for all in West Central Texas.

***“United Way envisions a world where every individual has an opportunity to succeed, and entire communities thrive as a result to flourish.”***

**DR. TAYLOR TIDMORE, CAMPAIGN CHAIR**







## EDUCATION

**\$686,129**

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)

Healthy Texas Women (Abilene - Taylor County Public Health)

Family Care Program (Alzheimer's Association)

Home Fire Campaign (American Red Cross)

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)

ArtHEALS (Center for Contemporary Arts)



## HEALTH

**\$636,399**



## FINANCIAL STABILITY

**\$657,325**

Bridge2Home (Abilene Hope Haven)

HUD Supportive and Rapid Housing (Betty Hardwick Center)

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)

Self-Sufficiency (Salvation Army)

Formerly Incarcerated Transitional Program (New Beginnings - Big Country)



# IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Only 67% of Taylor County's 3rd graders read proficiently. Early exposure to books helps to ensure their future success.

United Way of Abilene is proud to partner with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to bring free books to children from birth to age 5 in Taylor, Callahan, Runnels, Coleman, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, and Haskell counties. Currently, 31,169

books have been disseminated to children in the program. Enrolled children receive a high-quality, age-appropriate book every month, sparking a love of reading and fostering brain development.

Reading with your child opens a world of possibilities, ignites a passion for learning, and sets them on the path to success. **Together, let's build a brighter future, one book at a time.**



## THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS IMAGINATION LIBRARY PARTNERS

### VISIONARY

Julie and Gary Wilson, Dian Graves Owen Foundation, Prentice Farrar Brown and Alline Ford Brown Foundation

### CATALYST

Hendrick Health

### TRAILBLAZER

Casey Hatcher

### ADVOCATE

John and Carolyn Beckham, Clayton, Madison Tarpley, and Jane Beard

### INFLUENCERS

First Watch Federal Credit Union, United Supermarkets, Sylvan Learning Center, and Mary Jo Loyd







***“Reading to your children accomplishes two amazing things. It forms a special bond between parent and child, long before the little one even understands the words. And it instills a love of reading, a love of learning, that gives kids a head start in school — and lasts a lifetime.”***  
**JULIE WILSON, IMAGINATION LIBRARY DONOR**







## THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS WINTER LIGHTFEST PARTNERS

### Winter Wonderland

H-E-B | Legett Foundation

### Holly Jolly

Clearfork | Dean Hagler | Excelsior Foundation | First Baptist Church | Great Lakes Cheese  
Steve Arthur Family Foundation | Tejon Exploration

### Merry & Bright

Black Plumbing | B&R Asphalt | Contractor Services, Ltd. | Great Lakes Cheese

### Sounds of Christmas

Chris Moore Construction | Black Plumbing Heating & Air | Chick-Fil-A | Leigh and Charlie Black  
My Emergency Room 24/7 and My Urgent Care | Nation Wide Products | Shelton Family Foundation  
Star Auto Group/Lawrence Hall Chevy | Wagstaff Law Firm

### Jingle Bells

Abilene Teachers Federal Credit Union | Barber Foundation | Beltway Park Church | Budget Blinds  
CBS (A Gallagher Company) | The Flipping Egg | TruClear Water Solutions | TXU - Vistra Corp

### Scenes of Wonder

Abilene Pediatric Dental Association | Action Professional Outsourcing | AEP Texas  
Beauty Bus | Cisco College | Dr. Ashley and Jason Hall | Enprotec Hibbs and Todd  
Extreme Clean Team, LLC | First Bank Texas | First Watch Federal Credit Union | Jacob and Martin  
Jeff Luther Construction Co. | Menke Carpet | Sylvan Learning Center | Wes-T-Go

### Santa's Little Helpers

County Waste Service | First Financial Bank | Hardaway Family | Holland Hearing Center  
Three Eight Management/Chicken Express

### Twinkle Sponsors

BHG Senter | Browning Law Firm | Drybar Abilene | Eide Bailly

### Festival Friends

Parkhill, Smith & Cooper | Taylor Telcom | Teinert Construction

### Santa's Elves

Rocking 4K, LLC | Bontke Brothers | Bruce Reed | Tolar IT Services | C4 Fuels Sitzes Self Storage | Perry  
Hunter Hall | Joe's Movers | six27 Creative Co. | SignTex | Hendrick | Contractor Services | Abilene  
Country Club | Charlie Wolfe | Gene Lantrip





# JOYFUL OPPORTUNITIES

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The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Lightfest was a dazzling success. Christmas Decor by Lone Star Electric once again transformed the park into a magical winter wonderland. Winter Lightfest continuously works to improve our guest experience year after year. Once again we hosted “Bark in the Park” where guests could bring their precious pups for a night to remember! In addition, we continued Sunday evening “Holly Jolly” parties with extra incentive and special curated moments to capture. Our Winter Lightfest team and our incredible volunteers and partners were able to pivot beautifully, extending open park days after Christmas to ensure as many people had access to enjoy the park as possible.





"Our Annual Campaign kicks off the giving season with a bang! Events like strEATs not only raise crucial funds, but also spread awareness about our mission and the impact we have on our neighbors."

**KATIE DEAL, CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**



# DELICIOUS DEVELOPMENT

Abilene StrEATS is our signature annual community event held on the 200 block of Cypress Street that works to bring awareness to United Way of Abilene. Proceeds from the event went toward the 2023 Annual Campaign to support United Way of Abilene's vital programs that positively impact the education, financial stability, health, and basic needs in our community,

"A Night in Nola" transformed downtown Abilene into a delight of New Orleans inspired cuisine and decor. The 2023 StrEATS VII featured with fare from Chef Josh Robinson of Taylor County Taphouse, Byron Stephenson from The Shed, Chef Joel Trueblood, Chef Matt Clark of Urban Street Food and cocktails from Colby Marcee at KAO Lounge.



## A NIGHT IN NOLA





# FOUNDATION BOARD



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Community Volunteer

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Community Volunteer

**Dr. Sara Trammell**  
Abilene Beauty Bus

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. Through gifts, bequests, and planned giving, the Foundation provides a safety net to meet the basic needs of our citizens both now and for future generations and to be prepared and provide support in the event of a catastrophe or unforeseen emergency in our community.











# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our organization and community benefit from the leadership of our board members. We are thankful for their year-round dedication to guiding and supporting United Way of Abilene.

## CHAIR

**Leigh Black**  
Community Volunteer

## CHAIR ELECT

**Jenny Goode**  
Betty Hardwick Center

## PAST CHAIR

**Lon Biebighauser**  
First Financial Trust

## SECRETARY

**Susan Watts**  
Community Volunteer

## TREASURER

**Sage Diller**  
Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc.

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Hendrick Health

## STEWARDSHIP REVIEW

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Condley & Company, L.L.P.

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Hendrick Health System

## Megan Allred

First Watch Federal Credit Union

## Holly Ardoin

Abilene Pediatric Dental

## Brannon Barnes

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## Chelsea Beckham

Community Volunteer

## John Bittrick

Community Volunteer

## Dayton Borger

First Financial Bank

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Volunteer

**Dillon Cobb**Simply Human  
Advisors

**Marcus Dudley**Government  
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District

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## Regi McCabe-Gossett

Development Corporation of Abilene

## Anna Melendez

Hendrick Urgent Care - Abilene/  
Brownwood

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West-T-Go Fuels

## Hailey Rotenberry

Abilene Christian University

## Che Samples

Mike Dunnahoo's Star Dodge-Hyundai

## Ethan Shepherd

Hendrick Health System

## Rachel Sullivan

Community Volunteer

## Joe Waldron

Abilene Independent School District

## Todd Wilson

First Baptist Church

"Together, we can create lasting change. Volunteering our time and talents is powerful, and leading by example through giving inspires others. We are the spark that ignites positive action in our community."

**LEIGH BLACK, BOARD CHAIR**



# INVALUABLE COMMITTEES

At United Way of Abilene, we're incredibly grateful for the passionate volunteers who fuel our mission. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone listed below, and to all those who dedicated their time and talents to our campaign, agency reviews, and special committees. Your contributions are invaluable!

## CAMPAIGN CABINET

Dr. Taylor Tidmore and Mrs. Heather Watts Tidmore, Chair  
Mrs. Susan Watts and Dr. Paul Watts, Chair  
Mrs. Holly Watts Grant and Mr. Ben Grant, JD, Chair  
Jared Armstrong  
John Bittrick  
Pamela Williams  
Kim Hudson  
PJ Martinez

## STEWARDSHIP REVIEW

Corby Flanagan, Chair  
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Patrick Lewis  
Chase Sims  
Sharmon Daley  
Julie Grohman  
Tina Schueller  
Larry Folwell  
Clint Buck  
Matt Higgins  
Brooks Hutchinson  
Nathan George  
Katy Hendrix  
Russell Harred  
Denise Decker

## 2-1-1 ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Ashley Larry  
Becky Almanza  
Betty Brown  
Christal Martin  
Craig Bessent  
Gordon Gloria  
Greg Goettsch  
Inger Nordby  
Alesha Burks  
Ludi Garcia  
Megan Allred  
Michelle Parrish  
Ravi Savari  
Starla Cason  
Summer Menchaca  
Taryn Stafford

## ALLOCATIONS REVIEW

Reed Stafford, Chair  
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Dillon Cobb  
Marcus Dudley  
Kyle Felan  
Terry Hagler  
Juliann Kelley  
Anna Melendez  
John Bittrick  
Lynn Jackson  
Whitney Hill  
Beth Woodcock  
Andre Gwinn Sr.  
Erika Parker  
Cameron Wiley

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sage Diller, Chair  
Lon Biebighauser  
Dayton Borger  
Dillon Cobb  
Kyle Felan  
Corby Flanagan  
Trent Poindexter  
Joe Waldron

## LOANED EXECUTIVES

Deannah Hemenway  
John Long  
Adela Rubalcado  
Angie Imbornone  
Chris Dillard  
Caleb Robinson  
Shelby Villarreal  
Garrett Betts  
Jarrett Owens  
Dr. Jordan Ziemer  
Kent Akers  
Bert Seabourn  
Cameron Wiley  
Andy Penny

## BIG COUNTRY VOAD

Cameron Wiley, Chair  
Mike Murphy  
Rebecca Aldape  
Greg Wilson  
Michelle Parrish  
Lauren Ramelot  
Meagan Harris  
Jake Mills  
Vincent Cantu  
Taryn Stafford

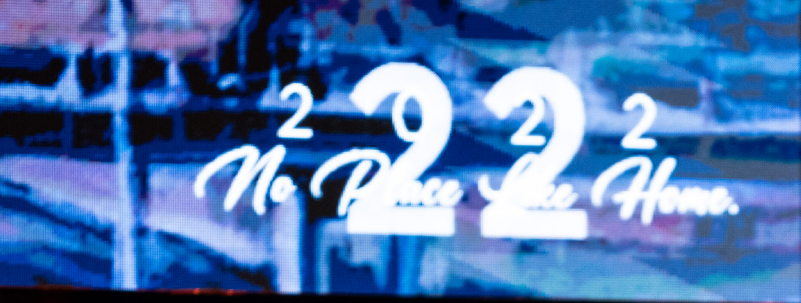
## EMERGENCY FOOD & SHELTER

Courtney Horton  
Cliff Stewart  
Mary Gill  
Alma Archuleta  
Pamela Williams  
Judge Phil Crowley  
Kristy McDonough  
Joshua McKain

## IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Megan Allred, Chair  
Anna Melendez  
Chelsea Beckham  
Hailey Rotenberry  
Rachel Sullivan  
Nancy Kucinski  
Kirk Canada  
Laci Canada  
Christal Faries  
Hannah Hinshaw  
Dr. Holly Ardoin  
Julee Hammer  
Jane Beard  
Julie Wilson  
Kathy Balch  
Kaye Price-Hawkins  
Lauren Anderson  
Madison Tarpley  
Paula Clowdus  
Regi McCabe-Gossett  
Susan Stafford





Fueled by passion, United Way's committee members make an invaluable contribution. Their fervent dedication and incredible service is key to achieving the organization's mission and improving our community.

**KELLY KINARD, PAST CAMPAIGN CHAIR**



# UNITED WAY OF ABILENE TEAM

For over 65 years, United Way of Abilene has been the heart of our community, bringing people together to make a real difference. We partner with 25 local organizations to tackle pressing issues and build a brighter future for all. In West Central Texas, we're all connected, and by working together, we can create lasting change that benefits generations to come.



**KATIE DEAL**  
*Chief Development Officer*

**DR. CATHY ASHBY**  
*President/CEO*

**GAILE THOMPSON**  
*Donor Relations*

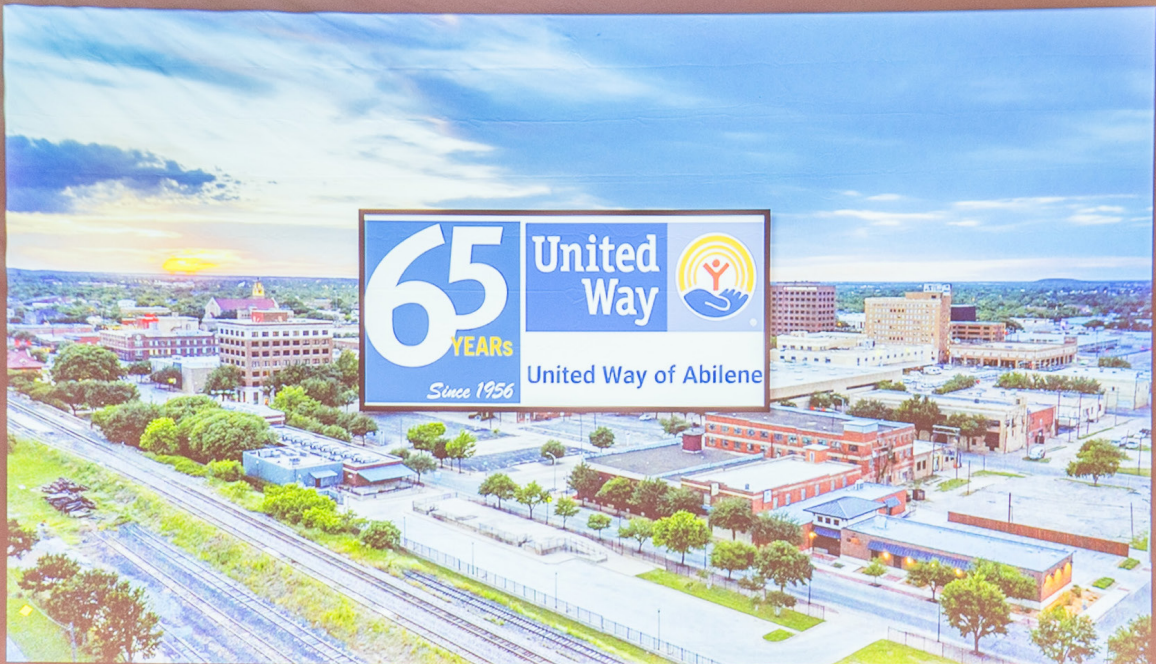
**GREG WILSON**  
*Vice-President/CFO*

**MARCUS WILEY**  
*Community Impact Director*

**SHAWNA PARMELLY**  
*Community Liason*  
*(not pictured)*

**CHELSEA SMURPHAT**  
*Office Manager*  
*(not pictured)*







# 2-1-1 TEXAS TEAM

United Way of Abilene is committed to building a stronger, more equitable West Central Texas for all. That's why we're proud to partner with 2-1-1, a one-stop resource for local services. The 2-1-1 Texas A Call for Help team brings over 50 years of experience to assisting our region. And here in Abilene, our local team just received their sixth re-accreditation from the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS). This means they're held to the highest standards in connecting community members in need with the right resources in a timely manner.



**Lynn Jackson**  
*2-1-1 Director/Call  
Center Manager*

**Rebecca Aldape**  
*Community Outreach  
Coordinator*

**Alma Archuleta**  
*Resource Team  
Manager*

**Nancy Espinoza**  
*Information  
& Referral  
Specialist*

**Casey Rankin**  
*Information  
& Referral  
Specialist*





## NUMBER OF CALLS RECEIVED IN 2023

39,243

## TOP NEEDS FOR WEST CENTRAL TEXAS

Housing & Shelter	4,018	24.72%
Food	1,765	10.86%
Utilities	5,375	33.07%
Healthcare & COVID-19	1,428	8.79%
Mental Health & Addictions	570	3.51%
Employment & Income	350	2.15%
Clothing & Household	378	2.33%
Child Care & Parenting	177	1.09%
Government & Legal	697	4.29%
Transportation Assistance	618	3.80%
Education	31	0.19%
Disaster	95	0.58%
Other	752	4.63%

## TOP 5 REQUESTS FOR 211 WEST CENTRAL TEXAS

Utilities	5,375
Housing & Shelter	4,018
Food	1,765
Healthcare & COVID	1,428
Other	752



# FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

At United Way of Abilene, your trust and the dedication of our volunteers are the cornerstones of our success. We hold ourselves accountable through strict financial guidelines, overseen by our Finance Committee and Board of Directors.

Platinum  
Transparency  
2023

**Candid.**

Charity  
Navigator

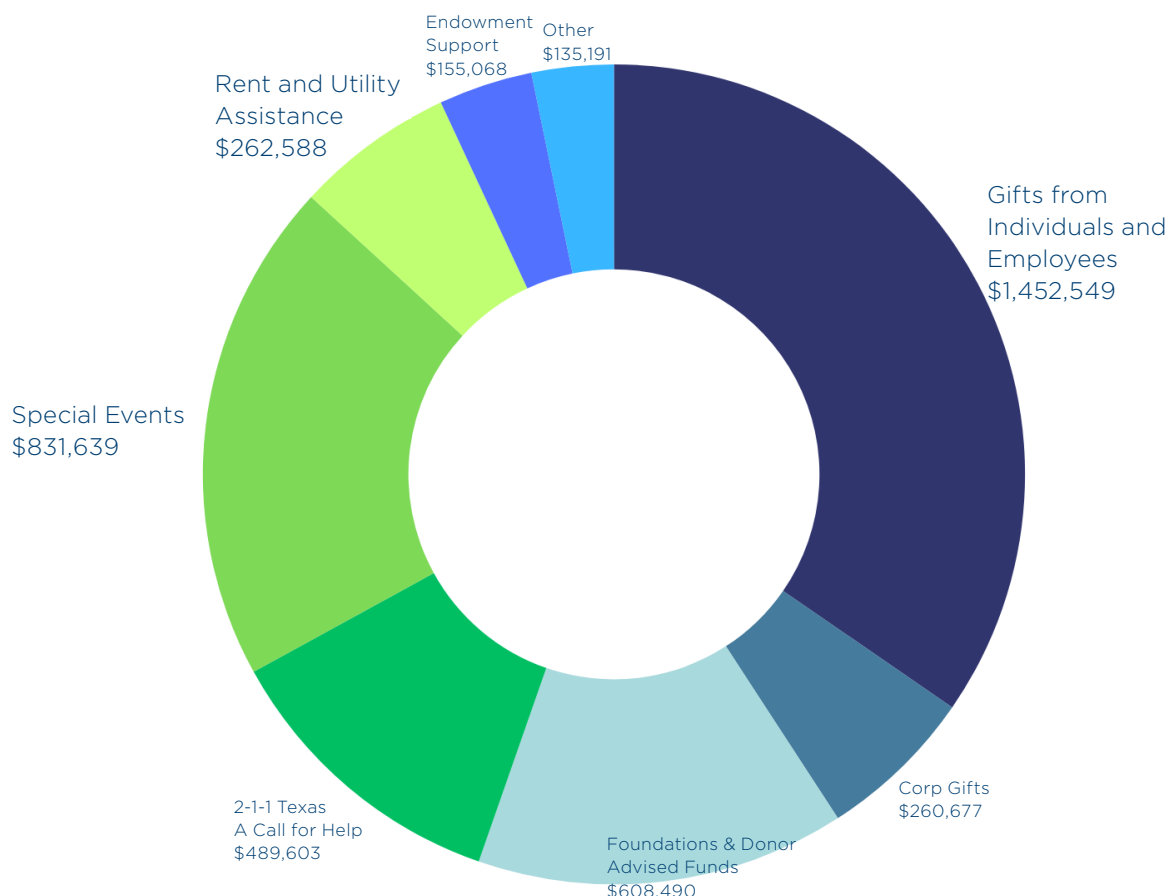


★ FOUR-STAR ★

United Way of Abilene has earned the highest marks for trustworthiness and efficiency. For nine years straight, we've maintained a Platinum GuideStar designation and a perfect 4-star rating from Charity Navigator. These top ratings show our commitment to using your donations wisely and making a real difference in our community.

## COMMUNITY **SUPPORT**

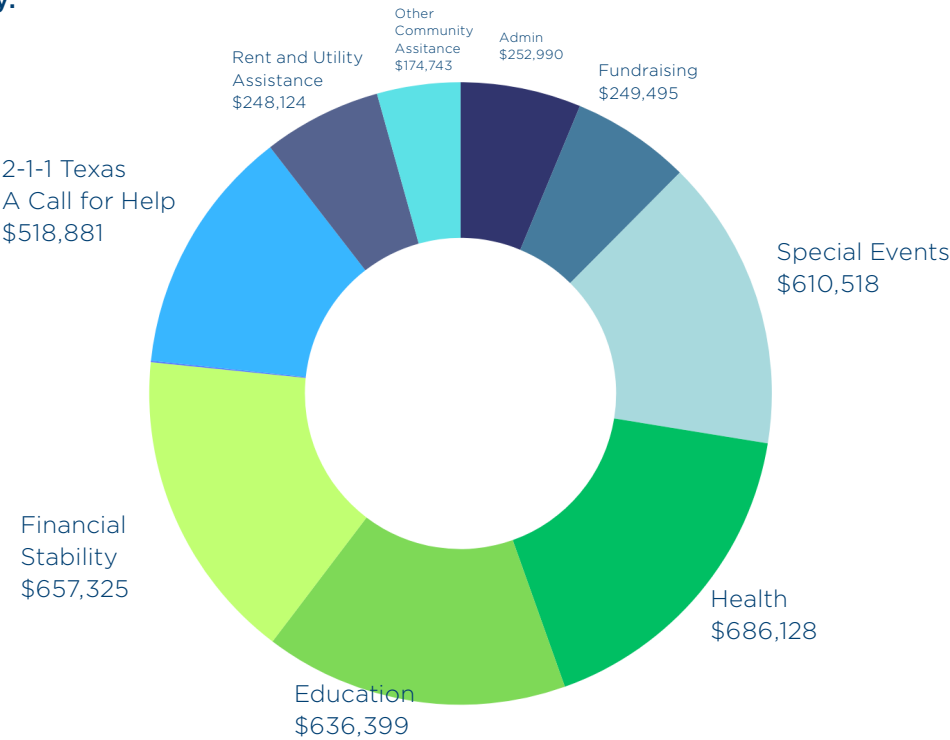
**Fundraising Revenue:** United Way of Abilene raises funds through workplace and individual giving, corporate and foundation giving, and through local, state, and federal grants.





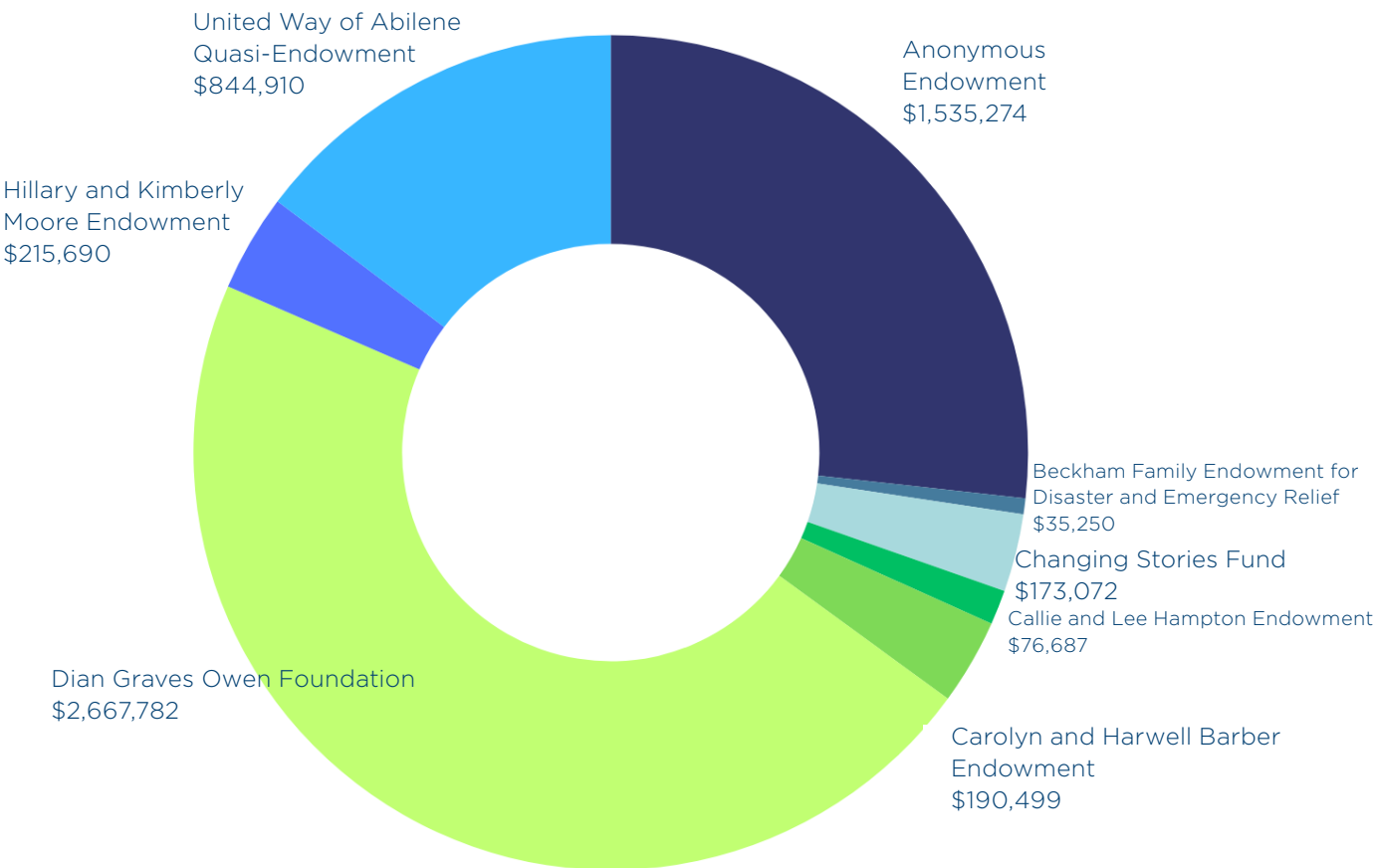
# INVESTING IN OUR **COMMUNITY**

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.



## ENDOWMENT **FUNDS**

The United Way Foundation of Abilene was established in April 2014 to build a permanent, sustainable avenue of support for the future of Abilene and the Big Country. Below is a snapshot of endowment funds under management at December 31, 2023.



Note: The unaudited financial information summarized above is from financial data prepared by the management of United Way 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.



# GENEROUS WORKPLACES

## WORKPLACE GIVING **AWARDS**

### SCHOOL DISTRICT CAMPAIGN OF THE YEAR

Wylie West Elementary, WISD

### SMALL CAMPAIGN OF THE YEAR

Development Corporation of Abilene

### COMMUNITY PARTNER CAMPAIGN OF THE YEAR

Regional Victim Crisis Center

### MID-SIZED EMPLOYER CAMPAIGN OF THE YEAR

Batjer and Associates

### LOANED EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

Chris Dillard – Betty Hardwick Center

### LARGE EMPLOYER CAMPAIGN OF THE YEAR

First Financial Bank

### CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR

Adela Rublacco and Deannah Hemenway  
with the City of Abilene

### EMPLOYEE GIVING AWARD

Rentech Boiler Systems

### RISING STAR CAMPAIGN

Alcorta Elementary School, AISD

## TOP 25 **WORKPLACES**

First Financial Bank | Abilene Independent School District | Hendrick Health System  
Rentech Boiler Systems, Inc. | City of Abilene | Wylie Independent School District  
United Supermarkets/Marketsreet | Batjer & Associates Inc. | Condley & Company, L.L.P.  
Mike Dunnahoo's Star Dodge-Hyundai | J.H. Strain & Sons, Inc. | Atmos Energy  
Day Nursery of Abilene | United Way of Abilene | Betty Hardwick Center  
Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc. | Abilene Christian University | AEP - Texas  
Hardin-Simmons University | ResourceCare | Toro Company NSN | Eide Bailly LLP  
Abilene Aero, Inc. | First Watch Federal Credit Union | Barr Roofing Co.

## 2023 **PACESETTERS**

Abilene Independent School District | Alliance for Women and Children | Boys and Girls Club of  
Abilene | Cancer Services Network | City of Abilene | Communities in Schools  
Development Corporation of Abilene | Eide Bailly, LLP | First Financial Bank and First Financial  
Trust | Noah Project | Presbyterian Medical Care Mission | Regional Victim Crisis Center |  
Rentech Boiler Systems, Inc. | United Supermarkets #545 | United Supermarkets #547 | United  
Supermarkets #548 | United Supermarket Market Street #679 | Wylie Independent School



Every year, our community joins forces for the United Way of Abilene campaign. Generous employees from businesses big and small, universities, and non-profits invest in a brighter future for West Central Texas. These contributions directly support programs and services offered by our valued Community Partner agencies.

### OVER \$200,000

First Financial Bank

### \$150,000 - \$199,999

Abilene ISD

Abilene High School  
Adult Learning Center  
Alta Vista  
Alcorta Elementary  
ATEMS HS/The Lift  
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  
Long Early Learning Center  
Madison Middle School  
Maintenance  
Mann Middle School  
Martinez Elementary  
One AISD  
Ortiz Elementary  
Planetarium  
Purcell Elementary  
Purchasing/Warehouse  
Stafford Elementary  
Student Nutrition  
Taylor Elementary  
Technology  
Thomas Elementary  
Transportation  
Ward Elementary  
Woodson Center for Excellence

Hendrick Health

### \$50,000 - \$99,999

City of Abilene

Rentech Boiler Systems, Inc.

Wylie ISD

Administration  
Early Childhood  
East Elementary  
East Intermediate School  
East Junior High  
High School  
West Intermediate School  
West Elementary  
West Junior High

### \$25,000 - \$49,999

The United Family of

Supermarkets

Market Street #545

United Supermarkets #547

United Supermarkets #548

United Supermarkets #574

United Supermarkets #578

United Supermarket Market  
Street #679

Batjer & Associates, Inc.

Condley & Company, L.L.P.

J.H. Strain & Sons, Inc.

Mike Dunnahoo's Star

Dodge-Hyundai

### \$15,000 - \$24,999

Abilene Christian University

AEP - Texas

Atmos Energy

Betty Hardwick Center

Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc.

Hardin-Simmons University

United Way of Abilene

### \$10,000 - \$14,999

Abilene Aero, Inc.

Barr Roofing Co.

Coleman County State Bank

Eide Bailly LLP

First Watch Federal Credit Union

ResourceCare

Team Health

Toro Company NSN

Yellowhouse Machinery Co.

### \$5,000 - \$9,999

Abilene Chamber of Commerce

Abilene Glass & Mirror

Big Country CASA

Enterprise Rent-A-Car

Parkhill

Prosperity Bank

QuikTrip

Wolfe and Company, P.C.

Zachry Associates

### \$2,500 - \$4,999

Baird

Blue Cross/Blue Shield

Bridgestone-Bandag | American  
Tire

Christian Service Center

### \$2,500 - \$4,999 cont.

Development Corporation of  
Abilene

McMurry University

Noah Project, Inc.

Region 14 Education

Service Center

Regional Victim Crisis Center

Target

Zachry Publications

### \$1,000 - \$2,499

4 Muskateers Family Fund

Abilene Country Club

AT&T

Batts Communication LP

BHGRE Senter, Realtors

Borden Duffel, P.C.

Boys and Girls Club of Abilene

Browning Law Firm, PLLC

Cancer Services Network

Communities in Schools

Dillard's Department Stores, Inc.

FedEx

First Baptist Church Abilene

Holt Cat

Key Appraisal Group

KTAB-TV/KRBC-TV Nexstar

McElroy Metal

Perry Hunter Hall Insurance

United Parcel Service

USAA

### \$250 - \$999

Alliance for Women and Children

Baird Foundation

Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star

Big Country Title

Cargill Animal Nutrition Div.

Caterpillar Foundation

CNG - United Way Worldwide

Encompass Health Rehabilitation

Hospital

Illinois Tool Works

ITG Brands

Nelnet

O'Reilly Auto Parts

Presbyterian Medical Care Mission

SWBC Mortgage

Taylor County

Wagstaff LLP Attorneys and

Counselors

West Central Texas

Council of Govts.

Workforce Solutions of

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