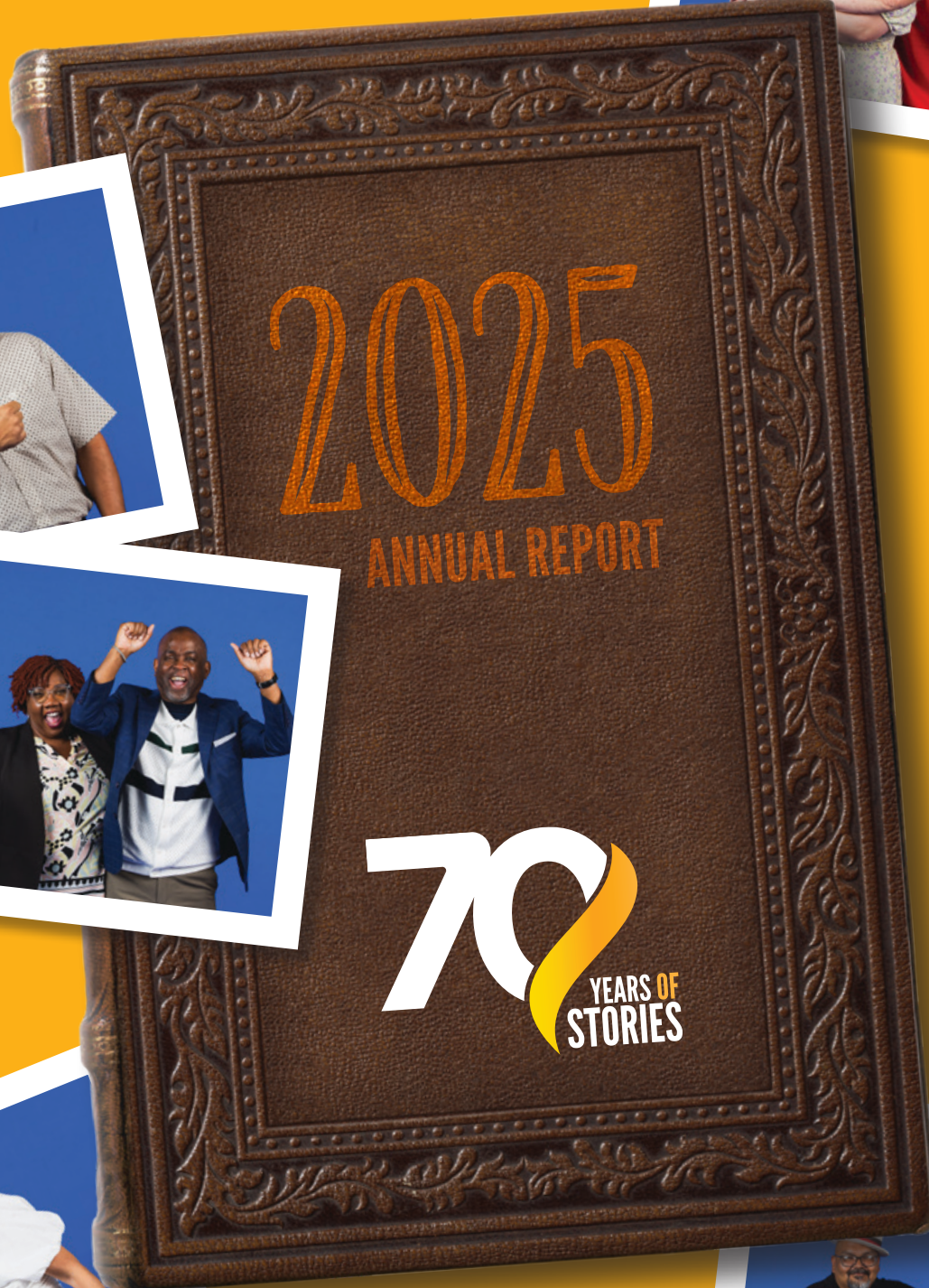




UNITED  
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70  
YEARS OF  
STORIES





## DEAR FRIENDS,

**T**his year marks an extraordinary milestone—**70 years of United Way serving Abilene and the surrounding communities.** It is a moment to celebrate our shared history and reflect on the legacy built by generations of neighbors helping neighbors. Seventy years ago, community leaders came together with a simple but powerful vision: to make Abilene a place where individuals and families could thrive financially, access healthcare with confidence, and pursue education with opportunity.

How we have grown since those early years! For seven decades, United Way has adapted to meet the ever-changing needs of our community while remaining rooted in the same spirit of service that inspired our founding. We are deeply grateful to the leadership, volunteers, donors, and partners who established and sustained a strong foundation for United Way's work.

Our name continues to capture the essence of who we are and what we hope to accomplish. **"United"** is the key to our longevity and our impact. We do not act alone. Our success in reaching those in need is made possible through the dedication of our **24 nonprofit community partners**, generous donors, and big-hearted volunteers who give their time and talents to strengthen our region. **"Way"** reflects our ongoing commitment to finding solutions to our community's toughest challenges and creating pathways to a brighter future.

This year, while continuing to support the missions of our nonprofit partners, we also collaborated with outside experts to provide for the growing need for childcare in our community. Recognizing the lasting importance of early education and literacy, we have continued the **Dolly Parton Imagination Library**, providing more than 130,000 books to children from birth to age five living in the Big Country. We continue to work in our community on the need for affordable housing and we see the spirit of volunteerism alive in our wonderful city.

As we reflect on the past 70 years and the progress we have made together, we are equally inspired by the future ahead. At our core, United Way is in the business of caring for people—ensuring our community remains a place where support, resources, and compassion empower individuals and families to overcome challenges and pursue their fullest potential.

Our confidence in the future is because of you. Thank you for the role you have played in helping make Abilene stronger for seventy years and for ensuring that, together, we continue building a community where we can proudly say with heartfelt appreciation, **"thank you for 70 years of stories."**

With gratitude,

**Dr. Cathy Ashby**  
President & CEO  
United Way Abilene

**Jenny Goode**  
Board Chair  
United Way Abilene



# ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY



The United Way Tocqueville Society was formed in 1984 to deepen individual understanding of, commitment to, and support for United Way's work in advancing the common good by creating opportunities for a better life for all. The Tocqueville Society recognizes local philanthropic leaders and volunteer champions in the United States, France, and Romania who have devoted time, talent, and funds to create long-lasting changes by tackling our communities' most serious issues.



The Alexis de Tocqueville Society was named for the French philosopher who recognized, applauded, and immortalized American voluntary action on behalf of the common good. The Society recognizes local philanthropic leaders who have devoted time, talent, and funds to create long-lasting changes by tackling community issues.



## LEGACY CIRCLE

- Cathy and Philip Ashby
- Justin and Bethany Ashlock
- Carolyn and Harwell Barber\*
- Mr. Grady Barr\*
- Ms. Dixie B. Bassett
- Bob and Peggy Beckham\*
- John and Carolyn Beckham
- Lon and Christy Biebighauser
- Bob L. Herd Foundation
- Drs. Brandecker and Kalafut
- Tucker and Gina Bridwell
- Ron and Lorilei Butler
- Joe Ed and Jo Canon
- Justin and Lindsey Crowe
- Mike and Julie Denny
- Dodge Jones Foundation
- Scott Dueser
- Murray and Kathi Edwards
- Corby and Diana Flanagan
- Ruth and Percy Jones Foundation
- Dian Graves Owen Foundation
- Drs. Robert W. Leedy and Nikki Green
- Lee and Callie Hampton
- Geoff and Angela Haney
- Robert and Brooke Hanna
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- The Karakin Foundation
- Legett Foundation
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- Robert Lundin\*
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- Hillary and Kimberly Moore
- Jack and Becky Rentz
- Shelton Family Foundation
- Reed and Lauren Stafford
- Mrs. Dian Stai
- The Doctors Trammell
- Kathryn Deal-Watts and Justin Watts
- Dr. Paul and Mrs. Susan Watts
- Greg and Elizabeth Wilson

*\*Deceased*



# 2026 CAMPAIGN CHAIRS

**The United Way of Abilene proudly celebrates its 70th anniversary, marking seven decades of service, compassion, and impact in the Big Country.**

This year's campaign is led by an extraordinary group of co-chairs whose dedication and years of service reflect a deep love for the Abilene community.

Pictured are this year's Campaign Chairs.

**Back Row** (left to right): Charlie Black, Dr. Phil Christopher, Jack Rentz, H.C. Zachry, Mike Waters, Joey Light, Norm Archibald, Scott Dueser, Dr. Royce Money, Jay Hardaway. **Front Row** (left to right): Marelyn Shedd, Susan Watts, Dr. Cathy Ashby (President & CEO, United Way of Abilene) and Megan Allred.

Their leadership honors the legacy of United Way's mission while inspiring the next chapter of community giving and collaboration.



As United Way of Abilene celebrates its 70th anniversary, we are honored to welcome back a distinguished group of former campaign chairs whose leadership and dedication have shaped the impact of our organization for decades. These individuals represent a legacy of service, each having stepped forward during critical moments in our history to lead community-wide fundraising efforts. Their collective experience and deep-rooted commitment to Abilene have helped drive countless initiatives, empowering local nonprofits and improving lives across the region.

Over the years, these campaign chairs have generously given their time, talent, and resources to ensure the success of United Way's mission. From spearheading campaigns during economic downturns to rallying support in times of growth and transformation, their steadfast leadership has been instrumental in raising millions of dollars for programs that support education, financial stability, and health.

Their continued involvement demonstrates the enduring power of community collaboration and the lasting bonds formed through shared purpose and service.

Bringing together this esteemed group for our 70th anniversary is not only a tribute to the history of United Way of Abilene but also a celebration of the spirit of leadership that defines our community. These former campaign chairs are more than past leaders—they are visionaries whose passion for Abilene continues to inspire future generations. Their return symbolizes a full-circle moment, honoring the legacy of those who have carried the torch and reaffirming our commitment to building a stronger, more united future for all.

# Instrumental Impact



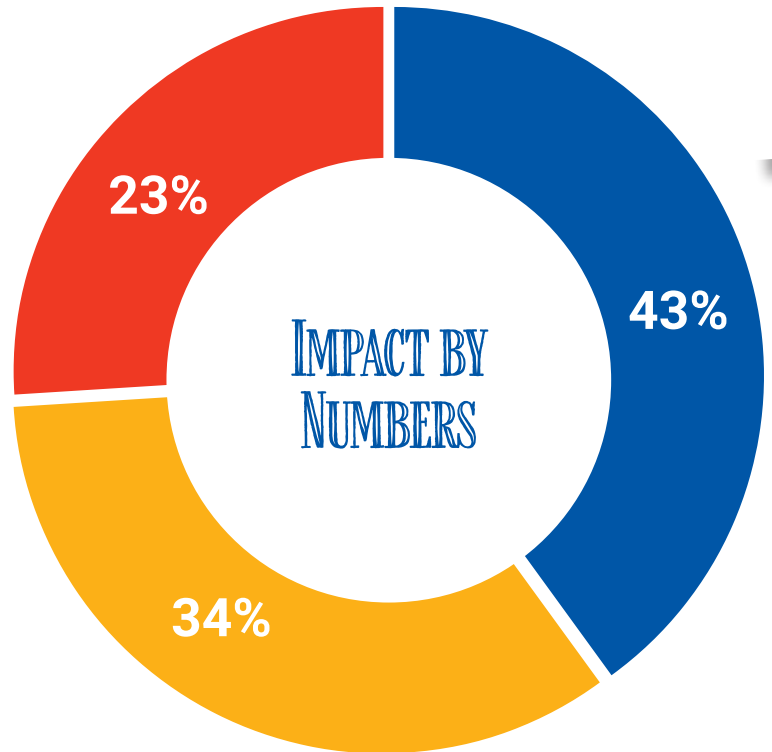
**HEALTH**  
**\$363,000**



**EDUCATION**  
**\$544,550**



**FINANCIAL STABILITY**  
**\$694,835**



## Health

### **Alzheimer's Association –**

#### **North Central Texas Chapter**

ALZ CARES (Community Alliances for Risk Reduction, Education and Support)

### **Betty Hardwick Center**

Adaptive Recreation

### **Cancer Services Network, Inc.**

Cancer Patient Assistance Program

### **Center for Contemporary Arts**

ArtHEALS

### **Christian Service Center**

Standing in the Gap - Dental Assistance Program

### **Presbyterian Medical Care Mission**

Medical Clinic

### **Regional Victim Crisis Center**

Comprehensive Crime Victim Counseling and Care

### **Regional Victim Crisis Center**

Violence Prevention Education and Outreach



## Education

**Alliance for Women and Children**  
A-Care

**Big Brothers Big Sisters**  
One-to-One Mentoring

**Big Country CASA**  
CASA Volunteer Training

**Boys & Girls Club of the Big Country**  
After School Program

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Teen Night Program

**Communities in Schools of the Big Country**  
Student Success Advocacy

**Dyess Youth Programs**  
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**Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains**  
Girl Scout Leadership Experience in Abilene

**ResourceCare**  
ASPIRE - After School Program Initiating Reinforcement in Education

**Texas Trails Council, Scouting America**  
Scout Reach

**Youth Voice**  
Stability and Stewardship

## Financial Stability

**2-1-1 Texas A Call for Help**  
Information and Referral

**Abilene Hope Haven**  
Bridge 2 Home

**American Red Cross serving TX Big Country**  
Disaster Cycle Services

**Betty Hardwick Center**  
HUD Housing Programs

**Christian Service Center of Abilene**  
Standing in the Gap—  
Your Financial Freedom Class

**Day Nursery of Abilene Inc.**  
Child Care Scholarship Assistance

**FaithWorks**  
Life Skills Education

**New Beginnings Big Country**  
Transitional Support

**Noah Project Inc.**  
Intervention & Prevention

**The Salvation Army**  
Emergency Shelter Programs and  
Congregate Feeding

# Beat the Heat

For more than a decade, United Way of Abilene has helped local families stay safe during the hottest months through its annual **Beat the Heat** fan distribution event. In partnership with TXU Energy, the organization provides thousands of box fans to community partners who serve vulnerable residents across the area. Each summer, nonprofits, senior service agencies, and other local groups gather to receive fans that are then distributed to individuals and families who may struggle to keep their homes cool during extreme temperatures.

At this year's Beat the Heat event, more than 2,000 fans were distributed, ensuring critical relief reaches people most at risk from the Texas heat, including seniors, individuals with medical conditions, and households without reliable air conditioning. By working closely with community partners, United Way of Abilene and TXU Energy help extend the impact far beyond the event itself, providing a simple but essential resource that improves comfort and safety throughout the summer. After more than 10 years, Beat the Heat continues to demonstrate the power of collaboration in meeting immediate community needs.



# Campaign Kick Off Breakfast

The 2026 campaign season for United Way of Abilene officially began with the annual Campaign Kickoff Breakfast held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Abilene Downtown Convention Center. Community leaders, volunteers, and local businesses gathered to celebrate the start of another year of giving and collaboration in support of programs that strengthen the Abilene area. During the event, First Financial Bank and First Financial Trust were recognized for the incredible generosity of their employees, whose workplace campaign raised more than \$230,000. Their commitment to giving back reflects the spirit of community that drives the annual campaign and helps ensure vital resources are available for local nonprofit partners serving those in need.



# Winter Lightfest

The 7th Annual Winter Lightfest sponsored by AEP brought holiday magic to the community while making a meaningful impact for local nonprofits. Hosted by United Way of Abilene, the festive experience with over 2 million lights welcomed more than 50,000 attendees throughout the season. Families and visitors enjoyed dazzling light displays, holiday music, and a cheerful atmosphere, all while supporting a cause that strengthens the Abilene community.

Thanks to the incredible turnout and community support, United Way of Abilene raised more than \$250,000 through the event to support the 2026 annual campaign, helping fund programs and services provided by local community partners. The celebration continues to grow each year, and plans are already underway for the 8th Annual Winter Lightfest, which is scheduled to open on November 28, 2026. The event remains a bright example of how the community comes together during the holiday season to create lasting impact.

## 2025 Winter Lightfest Sponsors

### Presenting Sponsor

AEP – Texas

### Santa Claus

Bontke Brothers  
Construction Company  
Crusoe  
J.H Strain & Sons Inc.  
Lancium  
Matthews Family

### Merry & Bright

Black Plumbing  
CWS  
HEB  
Jacob | Martin

### Holly & Jolly

Dean Hagler Ltd  
Eagle Permian Partners, LLC –  
Clear Fork Inc.  
Excelsior Foundation  
Jack & Becky Rentz Donor  
Advised Fund  
Steve Arthur Family Foundation  
Tolar  
Wagstaff, LLP Attorneys and  
Counselors / Charlie & Leigh Black

### Jingle Bells

Action Professional Outsourcing  
Abilene Teachers Federal  
Credit Union  
Abilene Wrecker Service  
B&R Asphalt  
Barber Foundation  
Beltway Park Church  
C4 Fuels  
Extreme Clean Team, LLC  
The Flipping Egg  
Hendrick Health  
Jeff Luther Construction Co.  
Mission Cabinetry by Jason Boone  
and Chris Moore  
TXU – Vistra Corp

### Sounds of Christmas

Chick-Fil-A  
First Baptist Church Abilene  
Lawrence Hall Chevrolet  
Mike Dunnahoo's Star Dodge-Hyundai  
Reed Distributors  
Shelton Family Foundation  
Taylor Engineering

### Twinkle

Prosperity Bank

### Scenes of Wonder

Abilene Energy  
Abilene Chamber of Commerce  
Batjer & Associates  
Budget Blinds of Abilene  
Cisco College  
Clark's Mercantile  
Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc.  
First Bank Texas  
Holland Hearing Center  
Joe's Movers  
Parkhill  
Rentech Boiler Systems, Inc.  
Sylvan Learning &  
Technology Center  
Tommy Morris Agency  
Wiley Property Management

### Santa's Little Helpers

Browning Law Firm, PLLC  
First Financial Bank  
Home Instead  
Jay & Lindsay Hardaway

### Holiday Helper

Atmos Energy  
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West Texas Asphalt

— UNITED WAY —  
**WINTER  
LIGHTFEST**



# Abilene StrEATs

The 8th Annual strEATs brought the community together for an evening of food, music, and philanthropy in the heart of downtown Abilene. Sponsored by the Dian Graves Owen Foundation, this year's event embraced the theme **"Two Step on Down,"** creating a lively Texas atmosphere in front of the historic Taylor County Courthouse. Guests enjoyed a variety of Texas-inspired cuisine from local favorites including Potosi Live, The Shed Market, and Taylor County Taphouse, along with handcrafted cocktails from KAO Lounge. The event showcased the vibrant local food scene while bringing neighbors together to support the work of United Way of Abilene and its mission to strengthen the community.

## 2025 StrEATs Menu:

**Potosi Live**—Grilled and Raw Oyster Bar

**Taylor County Taphouse**—Texas Green Salad with field greens, candied pecans, Veldhuizen Bosque Bleu Cheese, pickled prickly pear, heirloom tomatoes, red onion, and a mesquite smoked vinaigrette.

**The Shed Market**—Akuashi skirt steak with chimichurri sauce over a bed of seasoned potato puree.

**Taylor County Beer Garden**—Deconstructed peach cobbler a la mode featuring a Fredericksburg peach chutney and Mexican vanilla bean ice cream.





# 70 YEARS OF STORIES

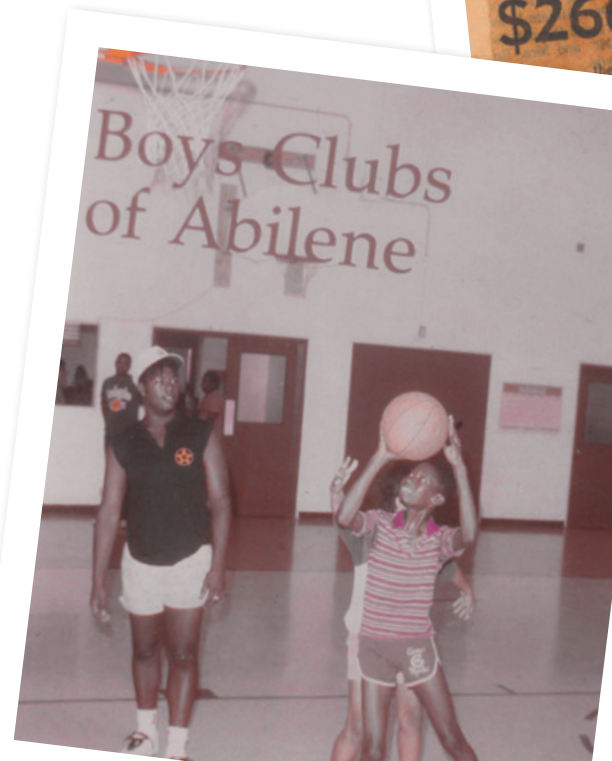
Over the past 50 years of being a consistent contributor and volunteer of the United Way of Abilene, I have witnessed firsthand the enduring impact this organization has on our community. The relationships built and the collaborative spirit among volunteers and staff have truly inspired me to remain involved year after year.

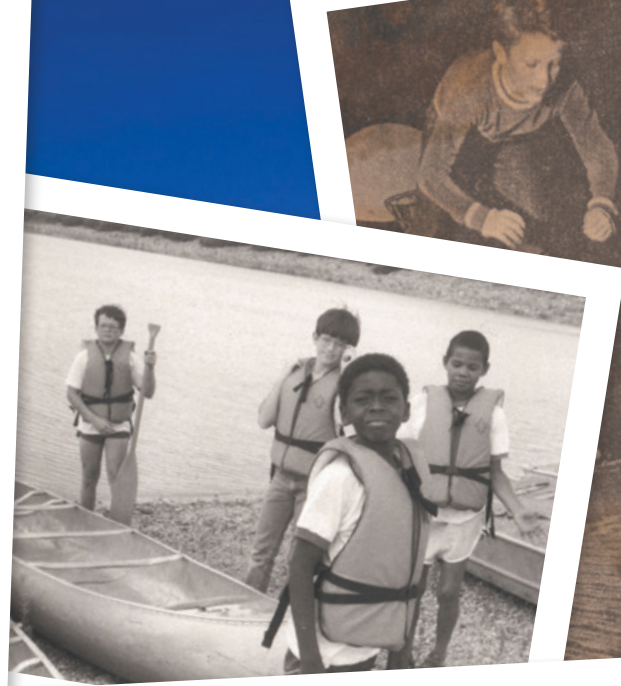
I've held almost every volunteer position that United Way has, from Loaned Executive to Chairman of the Campaign, Chairman of the Board, and Chairman of the Board of the United Way Foundation. Throughout that time, I've always found United Way to be a well-run organization in management and financial responsibility, and a true focus on the agencies that they support. I've found that giving to the United Way is not just a contribution, but it is an investment to continue to raise the quality of life in our wonderful West Texas community.

Congratulations on your 70th anniversary.



Scott Dueser





**UF leaders**

Mrs. Elmo Cure, right, chairman of Women's Division of Abilene United Fund, and Mrs. Wallace Gullahorn will supervise distribution of workers' kits at a coffee at 9:30 a.m. at the YWCA, 1350 N. 10th, when Women's Division sign kicks off its drive. (Staff Photo)



Four members of Boy Scout Troop 206 performed a flag ceremony for the opening of the annual United Way meeting luncheon on Feb. 11. From left: Michael Woodard, Jon Woodard, Kathy Ashby, Colin Kappel and Christian Kappel.





# UF Climbs Over Goal

The 1970-71 United Fund is over chairman Sam Hill reported Thursday. Although the \$405,098 goal has been said there are still a number of agencies to be completed and that an exact figure is not yet available. He added a figure known shortly.

The UF drive was to have ended until Thursday to reach the UF agencies.

ABILENE REPORTER-NEWS  
Texas, Thursday Morning, July 16, 1970

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### United Way has served the area for 60 years

Anniversaries celebrate milestones in the life of everything from couples to companies to historic landmarks. The same can be said for organizations.

United Way of Abilene was founded on June 13, 1956. For 60 years, our mission has centered on improving lives by mobilizing the caring power of the West Central Texas people.



In 2015, United Way's board of directors, donors, staff members, volunteers and partners came together with the skill, hard work, determination and passion to lead the organization to an impressive year. With Mayor Norm Archibald leading the way as campaign chair, we exceeded our largest campaign to date. The generous support of Abilene and the Big Bend area has donated more than \$1 million in funds that will be used in investments for our citizens.

In addition, spearheaded by Jim Barr, another campaign was raised and distributed to our partner agencies. The proceeds from the annual Key City Blues Festival, sponsored by the United Way and its partners, will be used with program funds to support our mission.

As we prepare for the future, the United Way of Abilene will continue to explore and form partnerships with agencies locally that show leadership and stewardship of our community. We are proud of the record of our area, United Way, and the progress we have made in the past 60 years. We are proud of the ownership and support of our community.

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# United Way of Abilene Team



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Chief Development  
Officer



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# Invaluable Committees

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Advisory

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**Kaye Price-Hawkins**

**Hailey Rotenberry**

**Susan Stafford**

**Rachel Sullivan**

**Madison Tarpley**

**Julie Wilson**

# Financials

The United Way Foundation of Abilene was established in April 2014 to build 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, 2024.

**Dian Graves Owen Foundation Endowment Fund**  
\$2,993,005 / 34%

**Anonymous Endowment Funds**  
\$1,935,725 / 22%

**Kenneth T. Murphy Endowment Fund**  
\$1,003,050 / 11%

**United Way of Abilene Quasi-Endowment Fund**  
\$947,911 / 11%

**Grady Barr Endowment Fund**  
\$558,490 / 6%

**Hillary and Kimberly Moore Endowment Fund**  
\$296,529 / 3%

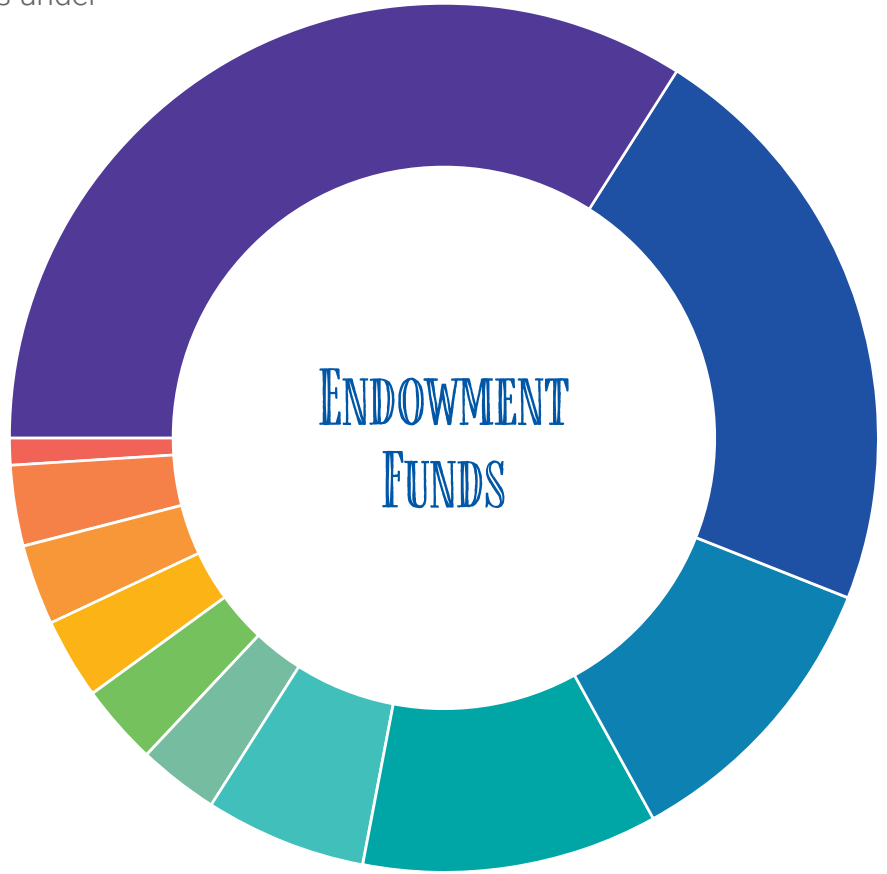
**Carolyn and Harwell Barber Endowment Fund**  
\$256,361 / 3%

**Beckham Family Endowment for Disaster and Emergency Relief**  
\$243,596 / 3%

**Changing Stories Fund**  
\$229,579 / 3%

**Callie and Lee Hampton Endowment Fund**  
\$224,796 / 3%

**Geoff and Angela Haney Endowment Fund**  
\$111,698 / 1%



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.

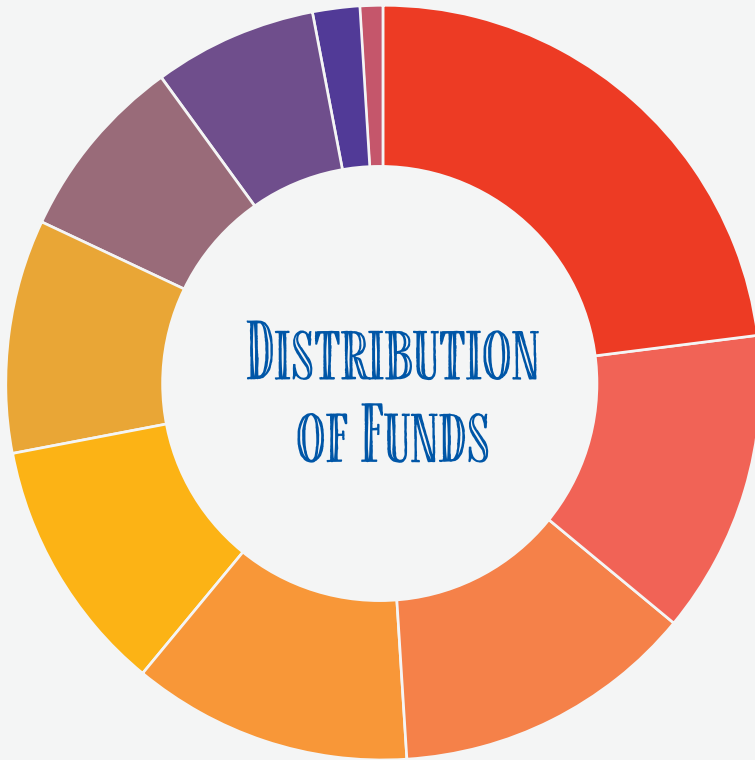
United Way of Abilene has earned the highest marks for trustworthiness and efficiency. For nine years straight, we have maintained a Platinum Guidestar designation and a perfect 4-star rating from Charity Navigator. These top ratings show our commitment to using your donations wisely and making a real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



*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, L.L.P. will audit United Way 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. \*Expenses exclude fixed asset depreciation*

# Community Investment

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.



**Special Events**  
\$972,401 / 23%

**Financial Stability**  
\$574,835 / 13%

**Education**  
\$567,300 / 13%

**Administration**  
\$504,283 / 12%

**Health**  
\$463,000 / 11%

**2-1-1 Texas A Call for Help**  
\$434,783 / 10%

**Other Community Partnerships**  
\$339,569 / 8%

**Fundraising**  
\$279,210 / 7%

**Rent and Utility Assistance**  
\$95,372 / 2%

**Disaster Relief**  
\$2,174 / 1%

# Community Support

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

**Gifts from Individuals and Employees**  
\$1,144,832 / 28%

**Special Events**  
\$979,868 / 24%

**Foundations & Donor Advised Funds**  
\$595,011 / 14%

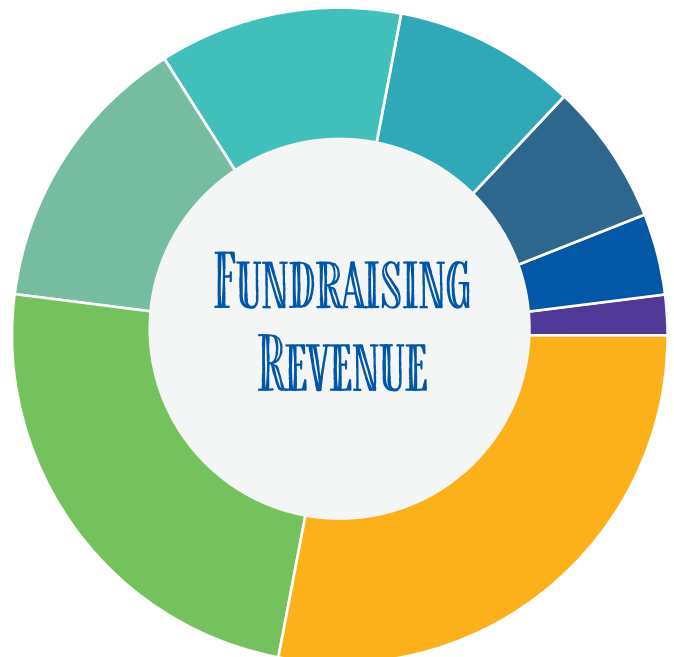
**2-1-1 Texas A Call for Help**  
\$504,771 / 12%

**Other**  
\$396,287 / 9%

**Endowment Support**  
\$287,833 / 7%

**Corporate Gifts**  
\$166,357 / 4%

**Rent and Utility Assistance**  
\$80,713 / 2%



# Generous Workplaces

## Top 25 Workplaces

First Financial Bank & First Financial Trust

Hendrick Health

Rentech Boiler Systems, Inc.

City of Abilene

Abilene I.S.D.

United Supermarkets Corporate / Admin /  
Albertson's Foundation

Star Auto Group

Batjer & Associates Inc.

United Way of Abilene

Atmos Energy

United Supermarket #548 (South 14th)

Coleman County State Bank  
(Abilene Banking Center)

Abilene Christian University

Betty Hardwick Center

United Supermarket Market Street #679

Hardin-Simmons University

QuikTrip

Toro Company NSN

Prosperity Bank

Eide Bailly LLP

Wylie I.S.D. High School

Wylie I.S.D. Admin

ResourceCare

Wylie I.S.D. West Elementary

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## 2026 Pacesetters

**Abilene Independent School District** *All Campuses and Worksites*

**Abilene Glass and Mirror**

**Big Country CASA**

**Communities in Schools**

**City of Abilene**  
*including Fire and Police*

**Day Nursery of Abilene**

**Eide Bailly, L.L.P.**

**First Bank & Trust**

**First Financial Bank and  
First Financial Trust**

**Prosperity Bank**

**Rentech Boiler Services, Inc.**

**United Way of Abilene**

**Wylie Independent School District** *All Campuses and Worksites*

**Over \$200,000**

First Financial Bank

**Over \$100,000**

Hendrick Health

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

Abilene ISD

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

City of Abilene

Rentech Boiler Systems, Inc.

Wylie ISD

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

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

United Supermarkets Corporate/  
 Admin / Albertson's Foundation

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

Abilene Christian University  
 AEP – Texas  
 Atmos Energy  
 Batjer & Associates, Inc.  
 Condley & Company, L.L.P.  
 Day Nursery of Abilene  
 Hardin-Simmons University  
 Mike Dunnahoo's Star Dodge-Hyundai  
 United Way of Abilene

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

Betty Hardwick Center  
 Coleman County State Bank  
 Enprotec/ Hibbs & Todd, Inc.  
 First Watch Federal Credit Union  
 H-E-B  
 QuikTrip  
 Team Health/ Hendrick  
 Toro Company NSN  
 United Supermarket #548  
 Wolfe and Company, P.C.

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

Abilene Chamber of Commerce  
 Abilene Glass & Mirror  
 Eide Bailly LLP  
 Enterprise Rent-A-Car  
 Prosperity Bank  
 ResourceCare  
 United Supermarket Market  
 Street #679  
 Yellowhouse Machinery Co.

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

Big Country CASA  
 Blue Cross / Blue Shield Processing  
 First Bank & Trust  
 McMurry University  
 Noah Project, Inc.  
 Region 14 Education Service Center  
 United Supermarket #545  
 United Supermarket #574  
 Zachry Associates

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

Abilene Country Club  
 Baird Foundation  
 Barr Roofing Co.  
 Boys and Girls Club of Abilene  
 Browning Law Firm, PLLC  
 Budget Blinds  
 C & W Leasing Corp  
 Cancer Services Network  
 Communities in Schools

First Baptist Church Abilene  
 Holt Cat – National  
 Key Appraisal Group  
 KTAB-TV / KRBC-TV Nexstar  
 Parkhill  
 United Supermarket #547  
 United Supermarket #578  
 USAA  
 Zachry Publications

**\$250 - \$999**

4 Musketeers  
 Alliance for Women and Children  
 AT&T  
 Cargill Animal Nutrition Div.  
 Copper Point Mutual Insurance  
 Company  
 Dillard Department Stores, Inc.  
 Illinois Tool Works  
 McElroy Metal  
 Perry Hunter Hall Insurance  
 Presbyterian Medical Care Mission  
 SWBC Mortgage  
 Target – GCL Company  
 Taylor County  
 Texas Trails Council – Scouting  
 America  
 Wagstaff LLP Attorneys  
 and Counselors  
 West Central Texas Council of Govts.  
 Workforce Solutions of West Texas

**Less than \$250**

AbiMar Foods Inc.  
 Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star  
 Blue Cross / Blue Shield of North  
 Dakota  
 Borden Duffel, P.C.  
 CNG – United Way Worldwide  
 Cross Plains ISD  
 David Waldrop Interior, Inc.  
 EFH Site – Morgan Creek  
 Eli Lilly & Company  
 Encompass Health Rehabilitation  
 Hospital  
 JC Penney  
 Magellan Midstream Holdings  
 ONEOK, Inc.  
 PayPal Giving Fund  
 PetSmart  
 Pioneer Drive Baptist Church  
 Texas Star Trading Co.  
 Zachry Industrial, Inc.

# Memorial Gifts & Honoraria

Nancy Anderson  
Helen F. Andrews  
Suzie Baker  
Charlotte 'Nonnie' Barker  
Ruthie Barker  
James 'Jim' Barr  
George Blankenship  
Robert Bradford  
L.O. 'Buzz' Brightbill  
R. A. Brown  
J. Bruce Bugg, Jr.  
JoLynn Bullock  
Msgr. Robert N. Bush  
Lancium Abilene Clean Campus  
David Canon  
Ann Chandler-Bland  
Carla Clark  
Kay Cockerell  
Ronnie Craig  
George Credicott  
Jean Davis  
Ruby Jo Day  
Randy Dewbre  
Laurence Duggan  
Danna Dunigan  
William Michael Dunnahoo  
Walter R. Dupuy  
Colonel (Ret.) William James (Bill) Ehrie  
John L. Estes  
James Howard Evatt  
Pat Yonge Fooshee  
Holly Frizzell  
Mike Fuller  
Mary Rivet Furlow  
Paul Ray (Joe) Galloway  
Erika Garner  
Roger Kenneth Glover  
Margie Graves  
Norma Jean Gutierrez  
Ben Hall  
Jay and Lindsay Hardaway  
David Harper

Delight Harris  
Mary Lou Harvick  
Ella Haynes  
Molyan Haynes  
Cora Sue (Lambert) Henry  
Pat Hickman  
Charlotte Higginbotham  
Becky Hill  
David Hirschfield, Sr.  
Nancy Hobbs  
Marilyn Hopper  
Gopichand Kapu  
Eldon King  
Charlie Kirk  
Robert J. Kocot, Sr.  
Dwayne Kuntz  
Delois Sue Lambert  
Kevin Letz  
Patsy Lilly  
Rosa Escobedo Lopez  
Randy Lutz  
Robert Wayne 'Duke' Marshall  
J. V. Martin  
Wiley, Mila, and Baby Martinez  
Donald McDonald  
Dene Strawn McLeod  
Dorothy 'Dot' McNeil  
Sherri Merket  
Allen Miller  
Cynthia Ann Moore  
Charlie Moore  
Martha Morris  
Bennie Mouser  
Antonio Mungaray  
Francis Evelyn Niblo  
Clark Nickles, Sr.  
Robert O'Dell  
Steve Owen  
Donnie and Lisa Packard  
Joyce Patterson  
Aubrey Chloe Pearson  
Patsy Gail Phifer

James 'Dub' Pierce  
Trent Poindexter  
Dorothy 'Dot' Pope  
Weldon Marion Reed  
Will Rigby  
Hailey Rotenberry  
Liz Rotenberry  
Autumn Sansom  
Donald Saverance  
Trena Brown Schjetnan  
Amy Elizabeth Cox Schmid  
Bill Senter  
C. Lee Smith  
Jerry Smith  
Lila Snell  
Donald Gene Steinbach  
Christina Steward  
Suzanne McCarty Stowe  
Glenn Tallant  
Patricia Taylor  
Bernard 'Bernie' William Taylor  
Jimmy Tittle  
Mary Travis  
Aiden M. Turner  
Barbara Vickery  
Vivian Kay Vinson  
John Weisinger  
Patricia Jung Williams  
Roger Williams  
Nettie Wilson  
Stella Rose Wilson  
William 'Clyde' Woodard  
Beverly Wright

# Leadership Giving Society

## Alexis De Tocqueville Society \$10,000+

Alexander Generation 3 Giving Fund  
Mr. Philip and Dr. Cathy Ashby  
Mr. David and Mrs. Ashley Bailey  
Ms. Dixie B. Bassett  
Mrs. Lynn Beckham Marderosian  
Mr. and Mrs. John L. Beckham  
Mr. Tucker and Mrs. Gina Bridwell  
Mr. and Mrs. Ron Butler  
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Mr. Scott Dueser  
Mr. Murray and Mrs. Kathi Edwards  
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Shelton Family Foundation  
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## Swenson \$5,000-\$7,500

Mr. Cade and Mrs. Katie Browning  
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Mr. Glen and Mrs. Marelyn Shedd  
Mr. Mike and Mrs. Cindy Sullivan  
Mr. Eric and Mrs. Elise Bruntmyer

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

Ms. Christina Anderson  
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Mrs. Jean Goodnight  
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Mrs. David and Mrs. Anita Green  
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## Grace \$2,500 - \$3,499

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## Texas and Pacific \$1,200-\$1,499

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Mr. Bill Wright

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**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

**2002** Billye Proctor-Shaw  
**2003** Dr. Gary D. McCaleb  
**2005** Dian Stai  
**2007** Bill Waddil  
**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 and  
Sara Trammell  
**2020** Jack Rentz  
**2021** Mike Dunnahoo  
**2022** Carolyn Beckham  
**2023** Leigh and Charlie Black  
**2024** Geoff Haney  
**2025** Lee Hampton



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