

United Way invests \$274,000 in LaRue nonprofits

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United Way of Central Kentucky (UWCK) recently announced 2018 community investments of over \$937,000 that will provide opportunities for more people in Hardin, Breckinridge, Grayson, LaRue, and Meade Counties to move out of poverty. Nine agencies with ten programs serving LaRue County were awarded \$274,000 of these funds.



UWCK considered applications from the entire community and evaluated their alignment with United Way's impact strategies when allocating funds raised through the 2017 annual campaign. Grant awards continued to reflect a focusing of resources to accomplish United Way's goal of moving more families out of poverty through employment. The Community Investment process looks for quality programming and results, integration of services, collaboration with other organizations, and leverage of grants through matching funds or volunteer services. LaRue County was represented on this committee by local resident Teresa McMahan.

Last year, UWCK-funded programs provided over 60,000 services in the UWCK region of Hardin, Breckinridge, Grayson, LaRue, and Meade Counties.

Organizations serving LaRue County residents that were awarded funding for 2018-2019 include:

LaRue County Schools: \$6,000 to support career navigation services for adult learners pursuing their GEDs

Magnolia Cumberland Presbyterian Church's Shepherd's Pie Food Pantry: \$13,500 to provide fresh produce, meat, and other foods to families struggling with hunger

Feeding America: \$77,000 which includes funding for local students who rely on the Backpack program to keep them from going hungry over the weekend and delivery of produce from the Farms to Foodbanks program

Legal Aid: \$2,500 to provide legal services to help families prevent foreclosure and eviction, be protected from domestic violence, and put clients back on the path to financial stability through expungement

Central Kentucky Community Action: \$5,000 to help struggling families achieve financial stability through Community Collaboration for Children

Community Health Clinic: \$70,000 to provide healthcare for the working poor who fall through the cracks in the changing insurance system

Silverleaf Sexual Trauma Recovery: \$40,000 to provide counseling to children who have suffered sexual abuse to prevent future mental health and substance abuse which can stem from untreated trauma

SpringHaven Domestic Violence Program: \$60,000 to provide safety for survivors of domestic violence as well as the advocacy, education, and resources needed for them to regain their independence and self-sufficiency

2-1-1: continued contract with Metro United Way to operate the local 2-1-1 hotline, which provides information and referrals to community resources with 24/7 service for all residents in UWCK's region