

United Way of Abilene brings together agencies, donors, businesses, volunteers, and government to leverage resources in our community as the best means to make positive, measurable, and lasting change in our area. We focus on three areas that are critical for the success of every person: education, financial stability, and health. Over the years, we have tailored our strategies to ensure our work consistently reflects the evolving needs of our community. By making strategic, volunteer-reviewed investments in programs and collaborations that address long-term solutions, United Way helps people thrive.

UNITED WAY OF ABILENE'S FOCUS AREAS

EDUCATION

Education is key to helping more individuals in our community become self-sufficient.

- Children are safe and secure and have responsible caring adults in their lives.
- Students succeed in school.
- Students graduate and are ready for higher education or work.
- Children and youth have the tools they need to make good decisions and effectively deal with social challenges.

HEALTH

When families are healthy, they maintain a positive lifestyle in the community.

- Families have access to adequate dental and medical services.
- Families have access to nutritious meals or food supplies.
- Families develop positive habits and have resources to help them cope with challenges.

FINANCIAL STABILITY

We believe that families need to achieve economic stability to meet their basic needs.

- Families have access to affordable childcare that presents opportunities for growth and development and prepares children for school.
- Families learn to budget and save money for housing, utilities, transportation, and other expenses.
- Families have access to information, services, and support that allow them to overcome challenges to be more self-sufficient.
- Community members, including the elderly, feel secure in their home and maintain quality of life.



UNITED WAY OF ABILENE FUNDED PARTNERS

The programs and partnerships listed below received investment in 2018 - 2019. Your gifts are strategically invested in programs and collaboratives throughout our area to achieve the greatest impact. Community volunteers review every investment we make to ensure your gifts are used efficiently and effectively.

EDUCATION

Alliance for Women & Children
After School Care

Ben Richey Boys Ranch
Boys Residential Care

Big Brothers Big Sisters
Mentoring

Big Country CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates

Boy Scouts Texas Trails Council
ScoutReach

Boys & Girls Club of Abilene
After School Program
Teen Night

Center for Contemporary Arts
ArtReach

Communities in Schools
Student Success Coaching

Dyess Youth Programs
Youth Programs

Girl Scouts Texas Oklahoma Plains
Girl Scout Leadership Experience

Regional Victim Crisis Center
Violence Prevention

ResourceCare
ASPIRE
Summer Day Camp

YMCA of Abilene
Phoenix

FINANCIAL STABILITY

Abilene Hope Haven
Bridge2Home
Hope Housing Services

Adult Protective Services Partners
Safety & Independence Project

Day Nursery of Abilene
Child Care Assistance

FaithWorks of Abilene
FaithWorks

Noah Project
Intervention

YMCA of Abilene
Youth Development

HEALTH

Adaptive Recreation Services
Nutrition

Alzheimer's Association
Family Care Program

Cancer Services Network
Cancer Patient Assistance

MERCY Health Care Center
Healthy Texas Women

Presbyterian Medical Care Mission
Medical

Regional Victim Crisis Center
Comprehensive Assistance

Southwestern Diabetic Foundation
Camp Sweeney

CATALYST PARTNERS & SPECIAL GRANTS

Abilene Police Foundation

Abilene-Taylor Public Health
Dental

Big Country CASA
Capacity Building & Impact Growth

Christian Service Center
Rent Assistance & Your Financial Freedom

FaithWorks of Abilene
Basic Needs for Successful Internships

New Beginnings Big Country
Prison to Paycheck Project

REACH for a Difference
Support Services for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder