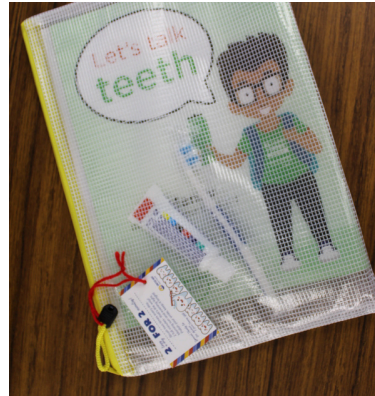


# Impact, Insight & Inspiration



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**Volunteers assembled dental kits for local students, helping ease a real barrier many families face when access to care isn't guaranteed.**



Volunteers recently gathered at the United Way office for Packing for Impact, assembling dental kits for children in local schools. For families facing poverty, access to consistent care, including dental care, can be limited, affecting a child's health, school experience, and long-term success.

While United Way doesn't provide direct oral health services, we focus on reducing the impact of poverty by connecting families to essential resources and supporting whole-child development. This kit build is one small, hands-on way our community helps remove barriers so families can thrive.

## **Community + Workplace Highlight: Dine to Donate event at Michael D's for Summer Bridge**

**A fun night out with purpose! Special guests, Brent & Stefanie Fatzinger, Tommy Karcher and our own Juanita Gray helped raise support for kindergarten students heading into the summer months.**



Community members, partners, and volunteers showed up in a big way to support a recent fundraiser with Michael D's restaurant. Their generosity is helping purchase Summer Bridge Workbooks for kindergarten students at our Strong Neighborhoods, Strong Families partner schools.

Summer learning matters—students can lose meaningful ground when school is out, and these workbooks help kids stay engaged so they can start 1st grade more prepared. Thanks to everyone who made the evening such a success!

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## A Day on the Farm: Sabastian's Dream of Becoming a Farmer

Sabastian is a second grader with a big dream. He wants to become a farmer. Through United Way's **Strong Neighborhoods, Strong Families** initiative, he spent a day at Conny Grain & Cattle. He climbed into a tractor, met the animals, and learned what it takes to keep a farm running.



That is the heart of **When I Grow Up Starts Today**. We help lessen the burdens poverty places on families so children can focus on being kids, learning, exploring, and imagining what they can become. By bringing resources and real-world experiences into schools, we open doors to possibility and build stronger starts for children across Stark County. Thanks to partners like Conny Grain & Cattle **and to you**, more kids get moments like this. They get time to dream big and support to keep dreaming tomorrow.



“Because for Sabastian, and for every child, when they grow up starts today.”



**Watch online:** You can watch the full video on YouTube: United Way of Greater Stark County (@uwstark). Search the title “A Day on the Farm | Sabastian's Dream of Becoming a Farmer.”

**Learn more:** Visit [uwstark.org](http://uwstark.org) to learn how When I Grow Up Starts Today is helping children dream beyond the burdens of poverty.

**Save the date: Coordinator Toolkit Event - July 23 (more details coming soon).**