

When I Grow Up Starts Today



With your support, United Way of Greater Stark County invests in young children and families to reduce the burdens of poverty - so every child has a strong start and a future full of potential.

Building Essential Skills

When children have opportunities to build skills like focus, problem-solving, and flexibility, they're better prepared to succeed in school, work, and life. These early building blocks set them on a path toward independence and resilience.



Strengthening Relationships

When children have safe, supportive relationships with caring adults, they build trust, confidence, and a sense of belonging. With your support, these early connections help shape who they become and create a strong foundation for lifelong wellbeing.



Providing Immediate Economic Supports

The early years matter more than anything. When children grow up with consistent routines, a safe place to live, and access to basic needs like food, care, and support, they're more likely to feel secure and ready to learn. That kind of stability doesn't just help them today; it strengthens the future of our entire community.



From Crisis to Stability

A single mom of two was struggling to keep up with unpredictable work hours, unreliable transportation, and a utility shut-off notice. Her children were missing school, food was tight on weekends, and the constant stress made it hard to see a way forward. Things began to change when she connected with a United Way-funded Community Health Worker from her own neighborhood. With support to keep the lights on, get her children to school, and access food resources, her family found stability.

Relationships at home grew stronger and she gained the confidence and skills to plan ahead and pursue better job opportunities. Today, her children are attending school consistently, the household is stable, and the family is moving forward with hope.

When families have what they need, children are free to grow, learn, and dream.



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Early Childhood Education Alliance Early Childhood Resource Center Family Empowerment Ministries Future Promise Leila Green Alliance of Black School Educators	Pathway Caring for Children The Legacy Project United Boxing Club, Inc.	Canton for All People Carroll County General Health District Carrollton Exempted Village Schools Catholic Charities Services Portage & Stark Co. CommQuest Services, Inc. Community Legal Aid Services, Inc. Feed Kids First Homeless Continuum of Care - Stark Housing Network Margaret B. Shipley Child Health Clinic Salvation Army - Alliance Salvation Army - Canton Salvation Army - Massillon Stark County Diaper Bank dba Heart of Ohio Diaper Bank Stark County Hunger Task Force
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Your Support Powers a Network of Possibility

Your generosity provides programs that build skills, strengthen relationships, and create stability, giving children a strong start.



With only \$2/Pay, you can create real impact and provide any of these:

Books for 2 preschool classrooms to help children build early literacy skills.

8 hours of mentoring for 1 student to support guidance and encouragement.

1 month of food support for 3 students, keeping kids nourished and ready to learn.

*Based on 26-week pay period

