

Impact, Insight, & Inspiration

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Connection Creates Change

Strong Neighborhoods, Strong Families Continues to Grow

This year, United Way expanded the **Strong Neighborhoods, Strong Families** initiative through new partnerships at **Alliance Elementary, Youtz Elementary, and Summit Elementary**. Recent ribbon-cutting celebrations highlighted a simple but powerful idea: when families have access to trusted support and community resources, children are better positioned to learn, grow, and thrive.

Across seven participating schools, families have access to a trusted connection within the school community. These professionals help families identify needs, navigate available resources, and access support that can strengthen stability at home.

The challenges families face are rarely isolated. Housing concerns, food insecurity, transportation barriers, healthcare needs, and other unexpected obstacles can affect a child's success both inside and outside the classroom. Through Strong Neighborhoods, Strong Families, families are connected with resources designed to help remove barriers and create opportunities for long-term success.

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When Teams Come Together, Communities Benefit

Workplace campaigns are about more than fundraising. They're about people coming together to make a difference. Whether assembling meal kits, volunteering with local nonprofits, creating care packages, or supporting service projects, employees and students are helping address important community needs while strengthening connections within their own teams.

Every act of service helps create a stronger and more connected community.



Could Your Workplace Be Recognized This Year?

The 2026 United Way Campaign Awards recognize workplaces for outstanding employee engagement, leadership giving, and community impact. There is even an award that highlights the power of a single photo showcasing your workplace campaign story.

Think your workplace has what it takes? Ask your campaign coordinator for details.



One Small Choice. Big Community Impact

Just a \$5 gift can:

- Provide books that support early literacy.
- Help provide food support for local students.
- Support mentoring opportunities that change lives.

Scan to Give!

Gifts made through workplace campaigns combine with community partnerships to help ensure children and families have access to the support they need when challenges arise.