



INVESTING IN OUR LOCAL CHARITABLE ECOSYSTEM TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS AND LIFT OUR COMMUNITY

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United Way of the Plains

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Opportunity on the Plains is the largest, annual investment program from United Way of the Plains and works in conjunction with Promise on the Plains and Impact on the Plains to help meet the most pressing needs in our community. It provides grants to health and human service programs in our focus areas of **health**, **education**, **financial stability** and **basic needs**. Thanks to the caring power of our community, this program is investing a total of **\$4.5 million** in 63 area programs from July 2024 to June 2025 that will connect people to possibility and create pathways to opportunity for all.

HEALTH \$877,500 invested in 17 programs

Access to Health Care & Mental Health Services

Cana Counseling (Catholic Charities)	\$30,000
Clinic Services and Community Programming (Great Plains Diabetes Research)	\$77,000
Dental Outreach Program (GraceMed Health Clinic)	\$55,000
Early Childhood Mental Health (Rainbows United)	\$80,000
Mental Health Services for Sexual Assault Victims (Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center)	\$30,000
Outpatient Mental Health (Kansas Children's Service League)	\$70,000
Project Access (Central Plains Health Care Partnership)	\$125,000
RSVP Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas)	\$10,500
Vision for the Underserved (Guadalupe Clinic)	\$40,000
SUBTOTAL	\$517,500

Healthy Lifestyle

Exercise and Wellness (Club Parkinsons)	\$25,000
Giving Hygiene, Health and Hope to Wichita and Surrounding Area Students (Simply Hygiene)	\$45,000
Wheelchair Clinic & Assistive Technology (Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation of Kansas)	\$110,000
SUBTOTAL	\$180,000

Addressing Health Disparities

Exercise & Wellness Therapy for People with Disabilities (Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation of Kansas)	\$16,527
Garden to Kitchen (Children First CEO Kansas)	\$80,733
Strengthening Girls from Start to Finish (Girls on the Run Heart of Kansas)	\$41,477
Kids Fore A Better Future (First Tee – Greater Wichita)	\$16,263
Kitchen Restore (K-State Research and Extension – Sedgwick County)	\$25,000
SUBTOTAL	\$180,000

EDUCATION

\$939,641 invested in 13 programs

Kindergarten Readiness	
Early Childhood Connections (Child Start)	\$129,641
SUBTOTAL	\$129,641

On-Grade Achievement	
Boys 2 Men Program (Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas)	\$12,000
Community-Based Mentoring (Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters Serving Sedgwick County)	\$95,355
Elevate (Youth Horizons)	\$35,000
One-to-One Mentoring (Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters Serving Cowley County)	\$8,044
Out of School Programs (Boys & Girls Clubs of South Central Kansas)	\$128,969
PandoKids (The Pando Initiative)	\$169,000
Partnership Assuring Learning Success - PALS (Prime Fit Youth Foundation)	\$46,632
SUBTOTAL	\$495,000

College & Career Readiness	
Brotherhood and Sisterhood Programs (Rise Up For Youth)	\$161,900
Full-Time Regional Career Specialist Substitute (Jobs for America's Graduates – Kansas)	\$58,700
Juniper Music (Juniper Arts Academy)	\$5,900
Root The Power (Destination Innovation)	\$43,000
Youth Employment Project - YEP (Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas)	\$45,500
SUBTOTAL	\$315,000

FINANCIAL STABILITY

\$405,000 invested in 13 programs

Financially Prepared	
Camp Destination Innovation (Destination Innovation)	\$34,500
Financial Wellness (Elevate Cowley County)	\$10,000
LegacyWorks Youth Development Program (Legacy Ministries)	\$50,000
SUBTOTAL	\$94,500

Household Stability & Asset Building	
Bridges Out of Poverty Wichita Initiative (Children First CEO Kansas)	\$48,000
Guided Independent Living Assessment (Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation of Kansas)	\$7,500
Home Repair Capacity Building (Wichita Habitat for Humanity)	\$48,000
Credit Counseling and Debt Management (Consumer Credit Counseling Service)	\$5,500
Outreach Center (Angels in the Attic)	\$7,500
Stabilization Services (Family Promise of Greater Wichita)	\$50,000
SUBTOTAL	\$166,500

Workforce Development	
Career Enrichment and Sustainability Program (Shepherd's Way)	\$22,000
Hand Up to Work - Phase II (Goodwill Industries of Kansas)	\$92,000
Seeds for Success Program (Catholic Charities)	\$15,000
Social Enterprise Program (Raise My Head Foundation)	\$15,000
SUBTOTAL	\$144,000

BASIC NEEDS

\$1,867,500 invested in 20 programs

Homeless Services	
Homeless Resource Center (United Methodist Open Door)	\$177,037
The Inn (HumanKind Ministries)	\$160,401
St. Anthony Family Shelter (Catholic Charities)	\$125,000
Youth Anti-Homeless Program (Wichita Children's Home)	\$32,562
SUBTOTAL	\$495,000

Food Insecurity	
Community Food Ministry (United Methodist Open Door)	\$100,000
Community Food Pantry (Dear Neighbor Ministries)	\$20,000
Meals on Wheels (Senior Services of Wichita)	\$135,000
Our Daily Bread (Catholic Charities)	\$15,000
SUBTOTAL	\$270,000

Rent / Utility Assistance	
Homeless Prevention (Center of Hope)	\$388,000
Providing Emergency Rent & Utility Assistance to Families in Poverty (Dear Neighbor Ministries)	\$85,000
Emergency Services (Family Promise of Greater Wichita)	\$175,000
SUBTOTAL	\$648,000

Protection from Abuse	
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA of Sedgwick County)	\$24,000
Crisis Victim Assistance (Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County)	\$8,000
Harbor House (Catholic Charities)	\$50,000
Human Trafficking Prevention and Advocacy Services (ICT SOS)	\$52,521
Protection for Abused and Neglected Children in Butler County (Tri-County CASA)	\$12,500
Residential Emergency Shelter (Wichita Children's Home)	\$59,102
Residential Programs (Youth Horizons)	\$70,750
Support Services for Victims of Domestic Violence (Step Stone)	\$92,000
Supportive Services for Sexual Assault Survivors (Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center)	\$85,627
SUBTOTAL	\$454,500

TOTAL OPPORTUNITY ON THE PLAINS AWARDS	\$4,089,641
ADDITIONAL DESIGNATIONS	\$457,041
TOTAL	\$4,546,682