$120,000 was granted to eight area nonprofits during our annual Impact on the Plains event held Sept. 15. Pictured left to right: Pete Najera, President & CEO, United Way of the Plains; Shana Gatschet, Club Parkinson's; Ashley King, Sojourner's Coffee House; Bryce Graham, ICT Launchpad; Michael Harris, Ad Astra Debate League; Tiayla Maholmes, Destination Innovation; Kathleen Webb, Children First; John Oelze, Hope Ranch for Women; Kristy Jackson, Shower Up Wichita; Jodi Noah, VP, Textron Aviation and Board Chair for United Way of the Plains.

**In the News**
- United Way of the Plains recognized with D&I award from the Wichita Business Journal (pictured above)
- Board member Cecilia Thibault received D&I award from the Wichita Business Journal
- Team member Kindra Goertzen received an alumni medallion award from Tabor College
- Board member Cecilia Thibault recognized as a Pay It Forward recipient for her volunteer work with United Way

**Funding Announcement**
- Distributed a total of $120,000 to eight area nonprofits through Impact on the Plains

**Health**
- Announced continuation of Delta Dental of Kansas Community Benefit Plan for the uninsured

**Education**
- Recruited nearly 300 volunteers for Read to Succeed in Wichita Public Schools

**Basic Needs**
- Partnered on extension of Veterans Ride Free program for 2022-23
- Operated hydration stations for those experiencing homelessness during summer heat wave
- Announced Ride United Last Mile Delivery program to distribute meals to those with transportation barriers

**Financial Stability**
- Initiated Bank On ICT to help 24% of Wichita households that are unbanked or underbanked

**Community Engagement**
- Mario Cervantes of United Way led Kansas AFL-CIO Community Conference
- Four 2022 Campaign Ambassadors representing three area companies (INTRUST Bank, QuikTrip and Celebrity Cruises) are working to meet our fundraising campaign goals

Help strengthen our community and advance the common good. Make a gift today at unitedwayplains.org/donate.