

# WESTERN RACINE COUNTY IMPACT SPOTLIGHT

United Way of Racine County is building a thriving community by developing and investing in impactful programs that support more than 88,000 individuals across the county.



15,511 individuals living in western Racine County were served by United Way of Racine County-funded programs in 2024-25.

## United Way-Funded Partners Delivering Services in Western Racine County

#### **BeLEAF Survivors**

- Sexual Assault Services
- Stop Child Abuse & Neglect (SCAN)
   Burlington Senior Activity Center
- · Connect and Thrive
- Supper Club

Children's Wisconsin - Children's Service Society of Wisconsin

- Child and Family Counseling Health Care Network Housing Resources, Inc.
- Homebuyer Education & Counseling
   NAMI Racine County

#### **Racine County**

- Hello Baby Racine County
   Racine County Food Bank
   Racine Literacy Council
- Family Literacy

Transitional Living Center The Arc of Racine County

- Building Skills toward Independence
- **UW-Madison Extension Racine County**
- Early Learning and School Readiness Project

  UW-Madison Extension Racine County and Family

  Preservation West
- · Western Racine County Networking Breakfast

#### **Your Donation in Action**



pair of work shoes or an outfit for a woman entering the workforce at Transitional Living Center for \$1 weekly (\$52 annually)



families assisted by a professionally trained advocate to help address concerns at an IEP team meeting at The Arc of Racine County for \$5 weekly (\$260 annually)



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outpatient therapy or group sessions at Children's Wisconsin for \$10 weekly (\$520 annually)

### **United Way Initiatives in Western Racine County**

Since 2009, Imagination Library has provided registered Western Racine County children under age five with one free book in the mail each month at no cost to the household. From July 2024-July 2025, 1,881 children west of I-94 were enrolled, which accounted for 26% of our total enrollment.



This impactful program is made possible thanks to generous donors, philanthropic groups like Women United, and corporate sponsors SC Johnson and Lavelle Industries.

In fall 2024, Lavelle Industries made a generous \$75,000 donation to support Imagination Library and United Way-funded programs that help build a thriving community in western Racine County. Lavelle Industries, a local manufacturing company with a long-standing presence in the area, understands the importance of supporting initiatives that improve the lives of local residents.

"At Lavelle Industries, we believe in giving back to the communities where our employees and their families live and work," said Rhonda Sullivan, CEO of Lavelle Industries. "We are proud to support Imagination Library, ensuring children have access to books that inspire learning and creativity, and to support the United Way-funded programs that strengthen the well-being of families in western Racine County."



Tax season can be stressful, but United Way of Racine County's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is here to help. In 2024, we launched a new partnership with the Burlington Public Library to offer free state and federal tax preparation and e-filing.

Thanks to VITA, 35 individuals received over \$56,500 in refunds and saved \$7,000 in preparation fees.

Tricia Cox, Assistant Library Director at the Burlington Public Library, shared the impact of the program:

"The presence of the VITA staff at the library provided a significant and measurable benefit to our community. By offering weekly in-person support, they helped bridge a critical service gap for low- to moderate-income families and non-native English speakers who may not have had the means, confidence, or knowledge to file their taxes on their own. Their regular presence built trust and created a welcoming environment that encouraged more patrons to seek help. The impact went beyond tax season by empowering participants with greater financial literacy and confidence for the future."



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