

# Highlights & Happenings

ORRVILLE AREA UNITED WAY

## Changing Lives Together



### Impact

*United Way goes beyond temporary fixes to create lasting change by bringing people and organizations together around innovative solutions, to create permanent solutions to poverty.*

### 2-1-1

2-1-1 is a free, confidential service supported by our United Way that helps people find local resources they need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



### Education

Education is a cornerstone for success in school, work and life. It also benefits the whole community: high school graduates have higher earning potential, contribute more to their local economies, are more engaged in their communities, and are more likely to raise kids who also graduate on time.

One way that Orrville Area United Way focuses on Education is through the **Dolly Parton**



### Imagination Library.

This program provides a book per month from birth to age 5 for those in our

service area who register. Our service area includes Orrville, Dalton, Marshallville, Sterling, North Lawrence, Kidron, and Apple creek.

**Orrville Reads** is a program that matches adult volunteers with Orrville Elementary School students to provide reading support and encouragement.

There are many reasons why reading to and with young children is important. Chief among them is that children who start to develop strong reading skills when they are young are more likely to achieve success during their school years and throughout their adult life. Many young children do not have the opportunity to benefit from being able to read a book with a caring adult. By the end of 3rd grade, many of those children are still struggling to learn to read, when they should be reading to learn.

### Income

Orrville Area United Way's volunteer experts, working with partners from all sectors of society, connect people to the resources they need to get on more solid financial ground. From financial wellness classes in the workplace and in community centers to career training and job-search assistance, credit counseling and free tax preparation assistance, we're helping people to earn more and save more.



Thanks to dedicated volunteers and Orrville's own Tax expert, David Pickett, our VITA Site was able to provide 157 free tax preparations to our community this February.

### Health

United Way is building healthier, more resilient communities by promoting healthy eating and physical activity, expanding access to quality health care and integrating health into early childhood development.

Good health is both a community responsibility and a community benefit: It goes beyond personal diet, exercise and the many other individual choices we make. The foundation for a healthy life is in the neighborhoods we build and environments we inhabit. When people have access to parks, bike paths, safe playgrounds, healthy foods, and good medical care, they are more likely to succeed in school, work and life.

United Way is creating solutions that help everyone thrive, creating healthier communities that improve our collective quality of life. We're focused on expanding access to healthy foods, opportunities for physical activity and quality health care. To do this, we partner with local schools, governments, health agencies and other community-based nonprofits, as well as national partners like the County Health Rankings and Roadmaps program and NFL Play 60.

<http://www.orrvilleareaunderway.org/>



**Percy's Backpack Program** provides food for 42 Orrville Elementary and 15 Orrville Middle school students for the weekend for families are experiencing food insecurity.



Urgent need: Snacks  
Fruit snacks or granola bars  
(avoid nuts or peanut butter)

**Anti-Human Trafficking**

The United Way Center on Human Trafficking and Slavery was founded because we can be the



generation that ends modern slavery. There are more slaves today than at any other time in history. Let's take action - together.

Currently, there are more than 20 million victims of human

trafficking around the world. Human trafficking affects every corner of the earth, from rural to urban areas, regardless of a nation's wealth.

Programs that prevent and combat modern slavery are critical to creating healthy, safe and resilient communities. **The United Way Center on Human Trafficking and Slavery will drive collaboration, help build solutions at scale, and fuel public and political will to end human trafficking and slavery in our generation.** That is why we are joining

Generation Freedom because the United State has a critical role to play in ending human trafficking.

**GENERATION FREEDOM** is a nonpartisan campaign founded by the country's leading anti-trafficking experts to inspire historic American leadership to break the back of human trafficking and modern slavery.

We're calling on individuals to sign our petition urging the next president to fight human trafficking making it a global priority:

[www.generation-freedom.org](http://www.generation-freedom.org)

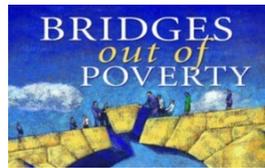
Our platform aims to:

- Use all the powers of the Presidency global priority.
- Urge the President to allocate \$3 billion (USD) in U.S. federal budget investments to fight

human trafficking.

- Ensure our tax dollars don't support modern slavery.
- Leverage access to US markets to free people.
- Support business incentives to hold supply chains accountable.
- Protection, inclusion, and support for all victims of human trafficking.
- Foster accountability and learning through measurement.

**Bridges of Wayne and Holmes**



Bridges Out of Poverty is a framework for understanding poverty. It is about appreciating economic diversity. If we can just shift our thinking about economics, then

we have the power to shape our reality. Having or not having doesn't change your thinking.

Our goal: To positively impact the education and lives of individuals in poverty.

The Bridges Model is not a program. People and organizations use Bridges to develop programs and strategies that:

- improve relationships at the individual level
- improve outcomes at the organizational level
- change systems at the community level

Join us for a community evening workshops. Dates & Times: TBD.

Private sessions at your organization are available upon request.

WHO WE ARE  
[Steering Committee](#)



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For more information, click [here](#).

Contact us to [schedule a facilitated session](#) for your organization.



OUR WORKSHOPS  
[Bridges@Community](#)  
[Bridges@Work](#)

**Our goal is to create long-lasting changes that prevent problems from happening in the first place.**

