

EDUCATION

Youth Success



United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties

GOAL: YOUTH HAVE ACCESS TO MENTORS, ROLE MODELS AND ENRICHMENTS OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL DAY IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT WHICH ENHANCES PERSONAL GROWTH, CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT, & ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.

40% of Wood County and 43% of Adams County households are struggling financially, despite earning income above the Federal Poverty Level. Living paycheck-to-paycheck, yet unable to afford all essentials or save for emergencies, we term these households **ALICE: Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed.**



For many ALICE families, low wages and non-traditional work schedules mean before and after school care is necessary, yet unaffordable.

United Way's investment in partner programs helps ALICE families bridge the gap – meaning families with financial need can access safe, trustworthy wrap around care.

815

Children received before and after school, or summer enrichment through partner programs in 2023.

ALICE families don't have the means to enroll in many youth programs, leaving children behind their peers and without valuable life skills.

United Way's investment in partner programs provides sponsorships to ALICE families – meaning youth have access to mentorships and skill-building programs.

962

Youth benefited from programs teaching leadership, life-skills, and healthy social development in 2023.

\$100,000

invested in partner programs in 2024.

167

Teens participated in the 2023 Teen Job Fair to engage with over 20 employers.

\$5,700

Was invested by Women United in 7 literacy programs at local elementary schools in 2023

150+

volunteers made an impact through Great Book Giveaway, Stuff the Bus, reading mentorships, and the Youth Success Coalition in 2023.

