

# 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.

**766**

Children received before and after school, or summer enrichment through partner programs in 2022.

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.

**632**

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

**\$99,000**  
invested in partner programs in 2023.

**167**  
Teens participated in the 2023 Teen Job Fair to engage with over 20 employers.

**\$5,500**  
Was invested by Women United in 7 literacy programs at local elementary schools in 2022

**654**  
High school students participated in a survey to improve access to quality youth volunteer opportunities in 2023.

**150+**  
volunteers made an impact through Great Book Giveaway, Stuff the Bus, reading mentorships, and the Youth Success Coalition in 2022.

