
Improving Lives in Vanderburgh, Warrick and Spencer Counties

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United Way of Southwestern Indiana
Awards Impact Grant to
Two Non-profit Organizations

The United Way of Southwestern Indiana presented its 2018 Impact Grant for self-sufficiency to help two local non-profit organizations fund programs focused on helping individuals achieve self-sufficiency.

The Impact Grant was created in 2017 as a way for the United Way to broaden its reach in the community, by providing funding for new programs, in addition to the support and funding the United Way currently provides to 68 programs conducted by United Way and its partner agencies. Both United Way partner agencies and non-partner agencies were invited to apply for the 2018 Impact Grant.

Programs considered for United Way's 2018 Impact Grant for Self-Sufficiency were required to provide services to struggling, working families in Spencer, Warrick or Vanderburgh Counties, and include at least one of the following strategies:

- Job Training and/or Educational Assistance
- Financial Literacy and Counseling
- Sustainable and Affordable Housing
- Transportation for Education and/or Employment

Fourteen (14) nonprofit organizations submitted a Request for Proposal (RFP) and of those submitted, three (3) programs were selected to submit formal applications. United Way's Self-Sufficiency Committee, which is made up of community volunteers, reviewed both the RFPs and the applications, ultimately selecting two programs to receive 2018 Impact Grant funding worth a total of \$100,000:

New Hope Community Development Corporation – Bridge Builders Transportation Service

Bridge Builders Transportation program seeks to prevent the lack of transportation from being an obstacle for residents seeking full-time employment. Bridge Builders Transportation provides round-trip transportation to higher paying employer locations that are not accessible via METS. This service expands job seekers' options and increases job opportunities.

Catholic Charities – Handy Helpers Home Repair Training Program

Handy Helpers Home Repair is a job training business owned and operated by Catholic Charities Diocese of Evansville. Through revenue-generating work and a customized case management plan, at-risk employees will gain work and life skills to enable them to acquire and

maintain stable and self-sustaining employment. During six months of full-time paid employment, employees (technicians) will spend 32 hours each week in doing revenue-generating repair and maintenance services for home and small commercial property owners. They will dedicate 8 hours each week to implementing a customized personal development plan under the guidance of a caseworker, and meet with a trained volunteer mentor.

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About United Way of Southwestern Indiana

United Way fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every individual in our community. The 501(c) 3 organization serves at the center of a network of partner agencies and programs that address immediate issues facing thousands of local people in Vanderburgh, Warrick and Spencer Counties. To learn more about United Way's work in the community, please visit unitedwayswi.org.