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## **United Way of Southwestern Indiana Announces \$634,000 in Grants**

Evansville, IN - United Way of Southwestern Indiana (UWSWI) announces an investment of \$634,000 into programs improving the social supports of low-income families. This funding opportunity is the first Social Stability & Growth Pathway Grant since UWSWI shifted its focus to address root causes of poverty.

According to research at the University of Southern Indiana and Indiana University, individuals who are connected to strong networks experience economic benefits such as greater job stability, income, and career advancement. This is in addition to social benefits such as feelings of stability, social support, and cohesion. A rigorous evaluation process was utilized to select nonprofit programs that will strengthen under-resourced families' social support circles, whether through established relationships or by connecting them to mentors or cohorts.

**Dream Center, in collaboration with Memorial CDC and Potter's Wheel**, is awarded \$334,000 to expand wrap-around case management services in their respective low-income neighborhoods. Case managers address family needs such as family functioning, employment, education, childcare, transportation, and social supports. These funds will be a complement to the services provided to students through the Evansville Promise Neighborhood grant.

**Evansville Christian Life Center** is awarded \$200,000 to expand its GAIN program, a nationally-recognized training program in which low-income individuals and families come together in cohorts to learn financial management, goal-setting, and other life skills essential to upward mobility.

**Parenting Time Center** is awarded \$100,000 to hire a wrap-around case manager to help parents address critical needs, such as housing or employment, that must be addressed before custody may be restored.

To learn more about the importance of social support, visit our blog at [unitedwayswi.org/blog](https://unitedwayswi.org/blog).

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