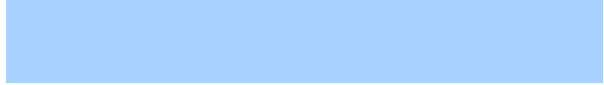


2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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United Way of Adams County, Inc.
87th Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2025

I. Call to Order

- Board President Ben Van Ness called the 2025 Annual Meeting of United Way of Adams County to order at 6:35 PM.

II. 2024 Minutes

- The minutes of the 2024 Annual Business Meeting were put forth for approval.
 - Motion: Brian Durante
 - Second: Kyle Awerkamp
 - **Motion Approved.**

III. Recognition of Board Members

- Recognition of current board members
- Recognition of Executive Committee: Ben Van Ness, Josh Welker, Kristen Patton, Luke Bealor, Ryan Whicker
- Recognition of retiring board members: Luke Bealor, Courtney Saxton, Ryan Whicker

IV. Announcement of 2025 Officers

- President – Josh Welker
- President-Elect – Natalie Oswald
- Treasurer – Kristen Patton
- Secretary – Billie Grawe

V. Election of New Board Members

- The Governance Committee has placed the following individuals in nomination for the Board of Directors: Stephen Gramke, Ryan Niekamp, Erica Maynard, and Chelsea Reed. The current Board of Directors has approved this slate.
- Motion: Put forth by the Governance Committee now only needs a second
 - Second: Kyle Awerkamp
 - **Motion Approved.** Congratulations to our new board members.

VI. Current Board Members electing for second three year term

- Drew Erwin, Billie Grawe, Dr. Richard Noble, Laura Oakman, Natalie Oswald, Kim Shinn, and Josh Welker
- Motion: Put forth by the Governance Committee now only needs a second
 - Second: Kyle Awerkamp
 - **Motion Approved.** Thank you for your continued dedication.

VII. Adjournment

- Having no other action to come before the membership of the United Way of Adams County, the Business Meeting has concluded. I will entertain a motion for adjournment.
 - Motion: Brian Durante
 - Second: Kyle Awerkamp
 - **Motion Approved.**

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Lee Bentley
Administrative Coordinator and Data Specialist



JOSH WELKER
Board President

A Letter From Our **BOARD PRESIDENT**

Since 1937, United Way of Adams County has had the privilege of working alongside dedicated volunteers, local businesses, and partner agencies who care deeply about our community. These partnerships allow us to put donor dollars to work where they are needed most and help ensure that everyone in Adams County has the opportunity to reach their full potential. Nearly a century later, our mission remains clear and our commitment to our neighbors remains strong.

2025 has been a year of growth and meaningful progress. Under the leadership of Executive Director Jenna Hull, now in her second year, and with the support of a talented team including Amanda Goings, Anna Lee Bentley, Makayla Buckley, Maddie Weed, and Natalie Cornwell, United Way of Adams County has placed an increased focus on ALICE households, those who are asset limited, income constrained, and employed. This focus has helped raise important awareness while reaffirming the core purpose of our work. We also continue to support long-standing programs that make a real difference in our community, including Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Good News of Christmas, and the many partner agencies we work with each day.

This year also brought an exciting milestone for our annual campaign with the addition of our first corporate campaign sponsor, Hansen-Spear Funeral Home. The Hansen-Spear team has been a strong advocate for United Way of Adams County and has shown outstanding leadership, generosity, and commitment throughout the 2025 campaign. We are truly grateful for their continued support and belief in our mission.

Our impact would not be possible without the dedication of our staff, board members, donors, volunteers, partner agencies, and the broader community. Each of you represents what it means to Live United, and it is an honor to serve alongside you. Thank you for your continued support of United Way of Adams County and the work we do together.

Josh Welker

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Welker". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Board President

A Letter From Our EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In a community like ours, United Way is more than an organization, it's a promise we make to one another.

It's the promise that when a neighbor is struggling, they won't face it alone. That when a family needs support, help is close to home. And that together, we can make our community stronger, healthier, and more hopeful for everyone who lives here.

This past year reminded us just how powerful that promise is. Because of your generosity, United Way was able to invest in local programs and partnerships that meet real needs, right here where we live, work, and raise our families. Every dollar stayed local. Every gift made a difference.

To our donors: thank you for believing in this community and for trusting United Way to carry out this important work. Your support is the foundation that makes everything we do possible.

To our Board of Directors: thank you for your leadership, guidance, and commitment. Your time, insight, and steady stewardship ensure that United Way continues to serve with integrity and impact.

To our staff and volunteers: thank you for your dedication and heart. Your work often happens behind the scenes, but its impact is felt every day by the people we serve.

United Way's strength has always come from people, people who care deeply about this community and who choose to show up for one another. I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished together, and I am excited for what we will continue to achieve in the year ahead.

Thank you for being part of this work, and for being part of United Way.

Jenna Hull



Executive Director



JENNA HULL

Executive Director

UNITED WAY OF ADAMS COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Josh Welker - President
Natalie Oswald - President Elect
Kristen Patton - Treasurer
Billie Grawe - Secretary
Ben Van Ness - Immediate Past President
Kyle Awerkamp
Dr. Mary Frances Barthel
Chris Brennemann
Samantha Mummey
Benjamin Drebes
Brian Durante

Monica Epping
Drew Erwin
Stephen Gramke
Stacey Juilfs
Erica Maynard
Ryan Niekamp
Dr. Richard Noble
Bridgette Northern
Laura Oakman
Chelsea Reed
Nathan Wall

UNITED WAY OF ADAMS COUNTY STAFF

Jenna Hull - Executive Director

Makayla Buckley - Communications & Programs Director

Anna Lee Bentley - Administrative Coordinator
& Data Specialist

Amanda Goings - Director of Finance & Administration

Natalie Cornwell - Director of Community Impact

Maddie Weed - Director of Development

Retiring **BOARD MEMBERS**



SAMANTHA MUMMEY



BENJAMIN DREBES

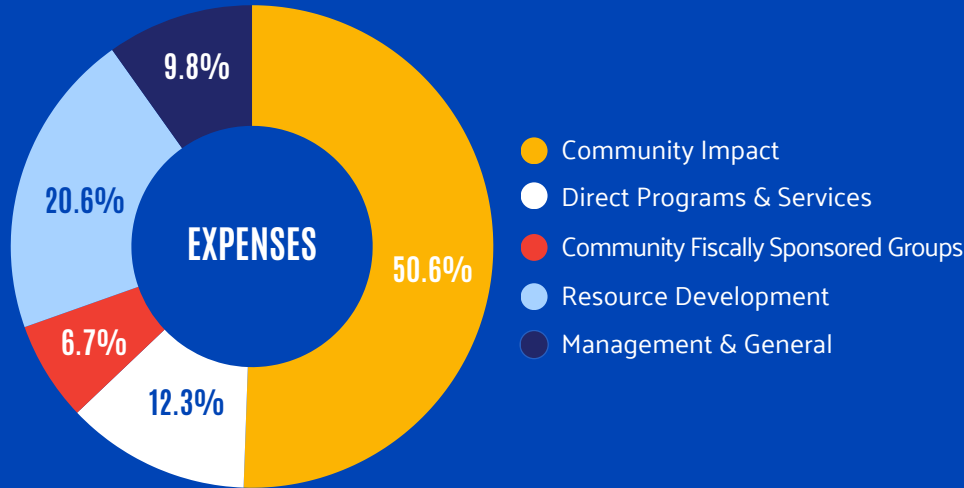


BEN VAN NESS

FY2025 REVENUE & EXPENSES

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

UWAC annual audits and IRS 990 tax forms are available upon request.



FY2025 Beginning Net Assets	\$1,922,890
Change in Net Assets	\$32,054
FY2025 Ending Net Assets	\$1,954,944

FY2025 REVENUE

COMMUNITY IMPACT	\$80,317
DIRECT PROGRAMS & SERVICES	\$117,464
COMMUNITY FISCALLY SPONSORED GROUPS	\$133,050
CAMPAIGN REVENUE	\$950,622
OTHER REVENUE	\$278,534

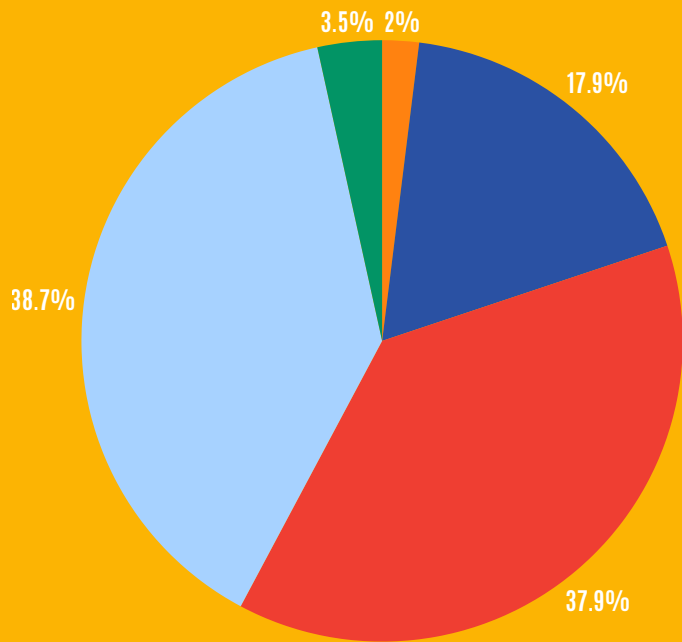
FY2025 ALLOCATIONS & EXPENSES

COMMUNITY IMPACT	\$772,469
Partner Agency Programs & Community Building Council Teams	
DIRECT PROGRAMS & SERVICES	\$188,678
Help Line, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Interagency Council, Good News of Christmas, VOAD & EFSP	
COMMUNITY FISCALLY SPONSORED GROUPS	\$101,958
Unmet Needs, Tri-State Warrior Outreach, Mental Health Coalition & Give Kids a Smile	
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT	\$314,437
Activities to fundraise and manage volunteers that support UWAC resource development efforts for the Annual Campaign	
MANAGEMENT & GENERAL	\$150,391
Operations & Communications	

\$877,422.01

- Workplace Special Events
- Individual Special Gifts
- Corporate Gifts/Match
- Employee Gifts
- Fundraising Event

2025 CAMPAIGN REVENUE



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING UNITED WAY WEDNESDAYS



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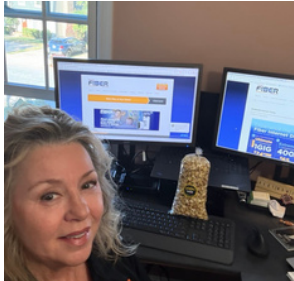
OVER \$5,000 DONATED



Maestro's
Ristorante Italiano



CONGRATS TO ADAMS FIBER



#UWAGPHOTOCONTESTWINNER



UNITED WAY WEDNESDAY PHOTO CONTEST



OUR PARTNER PROGRAMS

Advocacy Network for Children
Court Appointed Special Advocates

American Red Cross of West Central Illinois
Biomedical Services
Disaster Cycle Services
Service to Armed Forces

Bella Ease
Work Focus
Youth Programming

**Cheerful Home Child Care
& Early Learning Center**
Outreach Family Support
Sliding Fee Scale Child Care

Community for Christ Assistance Center
Families in Need

Cornerstone Foundations for Families
Comprehensive Youth Services
Sliding Scale Counseling

Girl Scouts of Central Illinois
Leadership Experience

Horizons Social Services
Food Rescue Initiative

Quanada
Domestic Violence Program
Sexual Assault Program

Quincy Catholic Charities
MedAssist Program
Professional Counseling Services

Quincy Family YMCA
Scholarship Program

Quincy Young Life
Operational Support

Retired Senior Volunteer Program (IWCC)
Senior Health & Safety

Scouting America: Mississippi Valley Council
Teaching Life's Essential Principles

The Salvation Army
Family Services Assistance

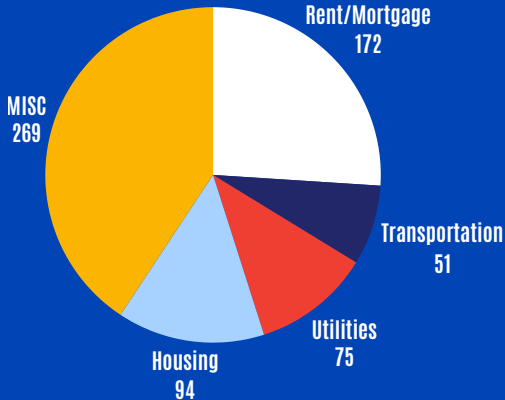
Transitions of Western Illinois
Client & Family Services
Mental Health Crisis Stabilization
Parents as Teachers

YWCA of Quincy
Permanent Supportive Housing

OUR DIRECT PROGRAMS & SERVICES



HELP LINE
(217) 224-1223



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Help Line
Calls in 2025



GOOD NEWS
OF CHRISTMAS

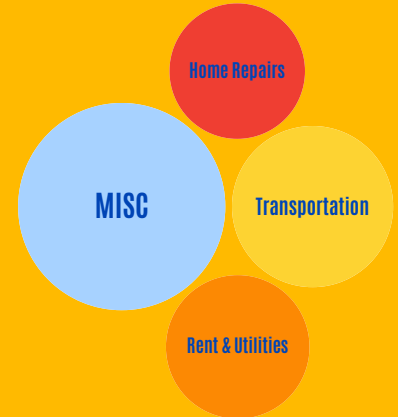
50 Families
76 Adults
130 Children
22 Fully Adopted Cases

1,688
Active
Children

567
Graduated
Children



GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED BY THE TRACY FAMILY FOUNDATION TO FOSTER A LOVE OF READING.



291
Clients Served

\$61,590
Allocated

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

In response to the needs, challenges, and gaps identified in the Community Needs Assessment, the Community Building Council (CBC) is United Way of Adams County's volunteer strategic leadership response team that oversees the Behavioral Health, Housing, and Community Stability teams.

OUR COMMUNITY IMPACT



UNITED WAY
Adams County

**COMMUNITY
BUILDING
COUNCIL**

CBC

Behavioral
Health
Team

CBC

Housing
Team

CBC

Community
Stability
Team

The Community Building Council (CBC) unites over 50 stakeholders to guide the Community Health Needs Assessment and drive systemic change in Adams County.

MEET ALICE



Asset
Limited



ALICE has
no safety
net in times
of crisis



Income
Constrained



ALICE's
income falls
short of
essentials



Employed



ALICE is
working, yet
not earning
enough



ALICE IN ADAMS COUNTY

- 26% of Adams County Households are ALICE*
- 7,159 Households in Adams County are ALICE*

*SOURCE: WWW.UNITEDFORALICE.ORG/COUNTY-REPORTS/ILLINOIS



2025
**BUSINESS
HERO AWARD**
Mercantile Bank



A UNITED COMMUNITY BANK

THE MERCANTILE BANK DIFFERENCE

United Way of Adams County is proud to recognize Mercantile Bank as our 2025 Business Hero Award recipient. Their commitment to our mission is felt year-round. Two Mercantile Bank employees actively serve on our Board of Directors, offering leadership, insight and steady support. The bank has a long history of participating in our annual Day of Caring event, often supplying enough employees for multiple teams. Mercantile Bank consistently provides dedicated Loaned Executives who strengthen and enrich our annual campaign.

The Mercantile Bank employee giving campaign grew by more than 23% in 2025, showing a genuine dedication to helping families and improving the quality of life in Adams County. Mercantile Bank continues to invest in our community in ways that create lasting change, and we are grateful for all they do to move our mission forward.





AJ MCDOWELL

2025 Live United
Award Recipient

2025

LIVE UNITED AWARD

Anthony “AJ” McDowell

United Way of Adams County is honored to present the 2025 Live United Award to Anthony “AJ” McDowell. AJ has served as a Loaned Executive for the past two years and approaches this role with passion, heart, and the kind of steady persistence that strengthens our mission.

He has become a valued member of the United Way family, and we are incredibly proud of the energy and commitment he brings to our work. AJ’s support reaches far beyond his Loaned Executive duties. When the Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds are available, he dedicates time to help guide the process with care and attention. This year, he played a key role in the distribution of 1,000 meal kits to families facing food insecurity due to SNAP delays. He stepped in without hesitation and led our volunteer center with confidence, compassion, and clear direction. We are grateful for AJ’s dedication to our community and for the numerous ways he exemplifies what it means to Live United.

2025

JOE BONANSINGA AWARD RECIPIENT

Jim Mentesti

Previous Award Recipients

1998 – Joe Bonansinga

1999 – Harry and Carlene Geisler

2000 – Carla Gosney

2001 – Rocky and Rhonda Murry

2002 – Reverend Tim White

2003 – Tony and Signe Oakley

2004 – Steve and Carolyn Hagood

2005 – Chuck W. Scholz

2006 – Herman Schneidman

2007 – Darrell Peacher

2008 – H. W. Knapheide III

2009 – Lee Lindsay

2010 – Kathy Ridder

2011 – Dr. George Meyer

2012 – Terry Myers

2013 – Becky Albert

2014 – Michael Klingner

2015 – Brad Billings

2016 – Paul Brown

2017 – Jeff Spear

2018 – Mike Elbe

2019 – Charles C. Doan

2020 – Phil Conover

2021 – Chief Joe Henning

2022 – Laura Sievert Hesseltine

2023 – Jeff Steinkamp and
Cheryl & Dennis Williams

2024 – Carlos Fernandez



JIM MENTESTI

2025 Joe Bonansinga
Award Recipient

The Joe Bonansinga Community Service Award, presented by United Way of Adams County and the Rotary Club of Quincy, honors individuals for outstanding community service.

2025 COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PARTNERS

United Way of Adams County measures successful workplace campaigns and honors the companies and foundations that invest in our community. We thank the staff and leadership at each business for their support.

GOLD: \$10,000+

Knapheide Manufacturing Company
Dot Foods
Blessing Health System
Mercantile Bank
Hansen-Spear Funeral Home
First Bankers Trust Company
Adams Fiber/Telephone Co-Operative
Quincy Recycle, Inc.
Knapheide Equipment Company
Phibro Animal Health Corp.
Northeast Missouri Electric Power Co-op

SILVER: \$5,000 - \$9,999

Schmiedeskamp, Robertson, Neu & Mitchell
State Street Bank
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois
TI Trust Inc.
Adams Electric Cooperative
Clarity Healthcare
Transitions of Western Illinois
Merrill Lynch
Farm & Home Supply
Moellring & Ambler
Rees Construction Company

BRONZE: \$2,500 - 4,999

City of Quincy
BOS Bank of Springfield
Gray Television, Inc.
Mr. K's Fabric Shop
Liberty Bank
Quincy Public Schools District #172
Adams County CEO
John Wood Community College

Cornerstone Foundations for Families
United Way of Adams County, Inc.
Klingner & Associates, P.C.
Tracy Family Foundation
Emerald City Jewelers, Inc.
Anheuser Busch
Advocacy Network for Children
Central State Bank
Home Instead
Homebank

BONANSINGA BUSINESS: \$1,000 - \$2,499

Century 21 Broughton Team
Saint Francis Solanus School
Stamerjohn Family Fund
WIS-PAK Central, Inc.
ADM
Stifel Financial
Gray Hunter Stenn LLP
YWCA of Quincy
Heartland Bank & Trust
McNay Truck Line
Smith Brothers Powersports
Quincy University
West Central Child Care Connection
Town and Country Bank Midwest
Sharkey Transportation
BNSF Railway
Commerce Bancshares Foundation
Awerkamp Machine Company
Delta Tire and Custom Wheels
WDM Computer Services
Quincy Senior and Family Resource Center
Horizons Social Services

Quanada
Edward Jones - Trenton Murfin
Gem City Insurance Agency
Muddy River News
Poage Auto Plaza
Starbucks Foundation
Stroot Agency
Wine On Broadway

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS BUSINESS: \$500 - \$999

Gem City Pizzeria
Family Eyecare & Contact Lens Center
Ron Snider Auto Sales
Nationwide
Quincy Metal Fabricators
Regional Office of Education
Richards Electric Motor Co.
Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC
TCBY
Western Catholic Union
Edward Jones-Scott Ruff
Kohl Wholesale
Quincy Catholic Charities
S&C Resale Company
Bella Ease
A. Fischer Builders, Inc.
Bailey's Coffeehouse and Fudge Shop
Horace Mann Service Corporation
Moore's Floors
O'Donnell Termite & Pest Control
Quincy Appliance
R. L. Brink Corporation
Rinella Company

2025 COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PARTNERS

UP TO \$499

Pancheros
Hy-Vee
Abbie
Tony's Too
WCIL Gives
Tiramisu
Hula Bowls
Phillips Media - Herald Whig
Blessed Sacrament School
Matt Holtmeyer Construction
Papa Murphy's
AT&T
Adams County Abstract & Title
Merek, Inc.
Mr. Bills Bar & Grill
Scholz, Palmer & Duesterhaus
Winters LLP
Peters Body Shop & Towing
Saint Peter School
Krazy Cakes
CUSD 1 Payson/Seymour School
District
Golden Ruler Business Centre
SIU Family Medicine
The Salvation Army
Quincy Notre Dame High School
MS Communications, Inc.
O'Brien Insurance
Summy Tire Inc.
United Systems, Inc.
Maestro's

Popp'n On Maine
Caltown Coffeehouse
Custom Glass & Glazing
Dozier Insurance Agency, Inc.
Farmhaus Coffee Company
Priority One Printing
Girl Scouts of Central Illinois
PayPal Giving Fund
Quincy Family YMCA
Thrivent Choice
CUSD 2 Liberty School District
Danielle Fleer CPA
Denton-Brown Fund
Designers Edge Day Spa Salon
Edward Jones - Ben Drebes
Gem City Real Estate
Gunn Construction Co.
Hilbing Autobody
Hummel Spring Corp
J & J Marine, Inc.
Miles Design Co.
Moon Dental
Quincy Racquet Club
R.L. Hoener
Rethink Media Group
Shippers Rental Co.
The Yum Factory
United Community Credit Union
Winking's Grocery
Caterpillar
Brinkman Plumbing Contractors Inc.
Smoothie King
American Red Cross

The Ambiance
Illinois State Employee Campaign SECA
Enterprise Holdings
Quincy Medical Group
Great River Hair Replacement
York Street Thrift Shop
O'Reilly Auto Parts
St. Dominic School

2025 BENEVOLENT SOCIETY RECIPIENTS

To the many individuals that support United Way of Adams County, through a workplace gift or a personal contribution, we thank you for your unwavering support of our mission year after year.

TOCQUEVILLE: \$10,000+

Bryan & Brooke Stokes
Virginia Holzgrafe

WOOD: \$5,000+

Dr. Mary Frances Barthel
Ross and Sherry Centanni
Robin Kies
Anita St. Ledger
George Meyer
Ralph Oakley
Hal and Kathy Oakley
Theresa Spear
Nathan and Melissa Wall
Bill and Kathy Wolters

MOORMAN: \$2,500 - \$4,999

Mandar and Laura Dighe
F. Lee and Joan Kammerlohr
Bo and Erin Knapheide
Philip and Erin Krupps
Signe Oakley
Kathryn Ragsdale
Paul and Chasidy Rees
Jim and Marty Rubottom
Jaime and Chris Russell
Les and Linda Sachs
Allen Shafer
Will and Kristin Spear
Reverend Timothy White

BONANSINGA: \$1,000 - \$2,499

Tanna Barry
Anna Lee Bentley

Jim and Tracy Broemmer
Zigrida Brown
Mike and Jean Buckley
Don Busbey
Bill and Natalie Cornwell
Richard Cox
Bill and Chris Daniels
Dorothy Dieterle
Suzi Dunker
Brian Durante
Linda Finnamore
Mark and Kim Freiburg
Lyndell Fross
Patrick and Sue Ann Gerveler
Mark Hubble
Jamie and Jenna Hull
Kelley Hummel
Jerry and Mary Jackson
Eric and Rhonda James
Stacey Juilfs
Gary and Jo Kirlin
Joseph and Denette Kuhlman
Sam and Sharon Leslie
Charles Makins Jr.
Chad Massner
Shawn McCleery
Michael P. McGrath
Terry and Carol Mickle
John Miller

Delmer and Barbara Mitchell
Craig and Dawn Moncey
Dr. Linda K. Moore
Rose Mary Nesbit
Mary Jane Neu
Melody Nutt
David and Theresa Oakley
Mary Oakley
Stanley and Marilyn Obert
Daniel Oliver
Duane and Debra Phillips
Latisha Politte
Thomas Radel
Mike Ridder
Andrew and Kimberly Roewe
William Schanz
Mark Schmitz
Gregory Schutte
Jeffery Schwanke
Tim and Karen Sedovic
Larry Shepherd
Steven and Judy Siebers
Darlene Stevenson
Andy and Michaela Tappe
Mark Tyrpin
Benjamin and Amanda Van Ness
James Waterkotte
Julie Wilson

2025 BENEVOLENT SOCIETY RECIPIENTS

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS: \$500 - \$999

Doug Aeilts
Nicole Allen-Cain
Louis and Barb Anderson
Paul Astheimer
Carolyn Bailey
Barbara Baker-Chapin
Tony Ballard
Michael Barajas
Jerald Bartell
Matthew Bergman
Brad Billings
Don Blattner
Diane Blickhan
Jeanette Blickhan
Ryan Blue
Jim and Mary Bockenfeld
Michael Brennan
Makayla Buckley
Norma Cavazos-Guzman
Susan Chenoweth
Tony and Patricia Crane
Matthew Crow
Logan Cumby
Teresa Daggett
Mike and Sarah Dailing
Samantha Mummy
Robert M Dittmer
David Dohm
Brett Douglas
Lea Ann Eickelschulte
Joseph Elmore
Larry Ely
Monica Epping
James Farmer
Luke Frericks

Dale and Donna Frericks
Nathan Frese
Tom and Marilena Frier
Josh Gimm
Tim Goehl
Joseph and Donna Goerlich
Dawn Goestenkors
Adam and Amanda Goings
Carl and Joy Gray
Tony Gross
Wendy Gunn
D. Stephen and Carolyn Hagood
Justin Hale
Andrew Hamilton
Jana Hattey
Sara Heinecke
Adam Hendrian
Travis Herman
Richard Hessling
Cameron Hesson
Timothy Hightower
Melinda Hoener
AJ Holtschlag
Gary and Kathy Hyer
Gail Jansen
Steven Jennings
Robert Jones
Bill and Lynda Keller
Troy Kemp
Michael Klingner
Raymond Koenig

Lori Kruse
Tess Large
Dustin Leach
Cal Lee
Robin Leonard
Gary Livesay and Valerie Vlahakis
John Longlett
Grace Mabry
Paula Maynard
Bill and Sharon Mays
Marion "Tink" McCleery
Jack McCutchen
Melissa McKelvie
Jeffrey McPherson
Haily Meyer
Mark Meyer
Rose Miller
Stephanie Miller
Margie Mohrman
Kevin Moon
Donna Mortimore
Patricia Newbanks
Brooke Niekamp
Ted Niemann
Bridgette Northern
C. David Nuessen
Kimberly Parrish
Gary Penn
Theresa Prosser
Dave and Ann Reis
Patricia A. Rischar

Toni Schaefer
Craig Schafer
Rebecca Schaller
James Schuetz
Carol Schwedes
Greg and Connie Scott
Todd Shackleford
Ted and Ruth Siebers
Joaquin Soto
Lyle Sprinkle
Adam Stark
Marty and Laurie Stegeman
Karen Steinkamp
Mark and Sarah Stephens
Mr. and Mrs. Alan Stiegemeier
Daniel Suter
Jim and Jil Tacey
Michael and Sharon Troup
Linnie Tunget
Melissa Vahlkamp
Cletus Wagner
Dana Walker
Lyndle Wedding
Chris and Cathy Weiss
Desiree Wieprecht
William and Darlene Wietholder
Tanya Wietholder
Elizabeth Williams
Julie Wise
Adam and Stefanie Yates

THANK YOU



We are deeply grateful to Theresa Spear, Will Spear, and Brian Durante for their exceptional leadership and dedication as our 2025 Campaign Chairs. Your support and commitment to United Way of Adams County have made a meaningful impact. We sincerely thank you for championing our mission and helping us make a difference in our community.