United Way



in Geary County

United Way strengthens families in our community by creating opportunities for a better life for all. Our focus is on education, income and health - the building blocks for success.

WHY GIVE?

More families are struggling in our community than ever before. The Geary County community has a strong work ethic and culture of caring for one another. That's what communities do. That's what United Way is focused on: strengthening our children, families, and senior citizens. Our funded partners in Geary County need additional support to reach those in need, and they need your help! Each contribution makes a big difference in the life of someone you may know.



EXCELLING IN GEARY COUNTY

United Way of Junction City/Geary County has provided support to Geary County for over 50 years. In 2016, through the partnership with our agencies, over 15,000 individuals were provided services. Services could include: financial assistance, education assistance, shelter assistance, food assistance, and more.

HOW DO CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SENIORS IN GEARY COUNTY BENEFIT?

YMCA 4th **GRADE SWIM** helps educate 4th grade students of USD 475 about water safety. Students spend a week at the YMCA pool learning how to rescue others as well as what to do in the event of a water emergency.

GEARY COUNTY FOOD PANTRY food assistance to individuals and families within Geary County. Thousands of pounds of food is distributed each year to help fight against hunger.

VOICES FOR CHILDREN/CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) are the voice for children in court during abuse and neglect cases. CASA averages 60 cases per year and relies heavily on volunteers.

KANSAS LEGAL SERVICES provides free/reduced legal services to the most vulnerable in our community; victims of domestic violence, children crimes, elderly, and disabled

GIRL SCOUTS OF NE KS NW MO brings girls together to provide mentorship to develop strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their self-worth.

ARMED SERVICES YMCA "Operation Wheels" provides transportation for military dependents to limited locations such as doctor appointments, WIC, and mental health appointments.

DELIVERING CHANGE is a non-profit project of the local Geary County Perinatal Coalition. Their focus is on healthy moms, healthy babies, breastfeeding advocacy, and geared up dads.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS serves children in the USD 475 area from ages 6-17. BIGS act as mentors and role models, providing children and teens with the influence of having a caring adult.

CRISIS CENTER provides support for domestic violence victims from counseling, advocacy, protection orders, shelter, and a 24-hr hotline. 1-800-727-2785

JC PACESETTERSSPECIAL OLYMPICS works with individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities. Each year, athletes compete in basketball, track/field, bowling, and other social events.

THE SALVATION ARMY provides emergency services to those within Geary County. Services include rent assistance, utility assistance, prescriptions, vision needs, and more.

HOUSING & CREDIT COUNSELING brings financial counseling to those within Geary County. They can help with mortgage delinquency, student load debt, and bankruptcy, as well as landlord/tenant issues. OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY HOUSE is Geary County's local emergency shelter designed to help individuals/families who need a temporary place to stay. They encourage self-sufficiency and provide basic financial education.