



**UNITED WAY**

Junction City  
Geary County

## BEN KITCHENS' VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Each year, United Way tries to recognize a volunteer from our community who goes above and beyond expectations in their performance of volunteer service. Nominations can be for individuals who are connected to our Partner Agencies, who have helped through United Way, or who has been an advocate, volunteer, and supporter of the community that we serve. **THEY DO NOT HAVE TO BE DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO UNITED WAY JCGC.**

**We need your nomination** of an individual that displays this generosity of spirit and purpose and you feel should be recognized. This person could be a board member, a front line volunteer serving the public, or someone who stays quietly in the background yet is the backbone of an organization.

The following organizations were affiliated with United Way of Junction City-Geary County throughout 2025: CASA 8th Judicial, Crisis Center, Geary County Food Pantry, Girl Scouts, JC Family YMCA, Kansas Legal Services, Special Olympics - JC Pacesetters, Pawnee Mental Health Services, and the Geary County Historical Society, 4:10 Irish Den.

### **PAST RECIPIENTS**

- 2007 - Ben Kitchens (United Way)
- 2008 - Ted Hayden (YMCA)
- 2009 - Waverly Graves (Food Pantry)
- 2010 - Otis Scroggins (JC Pacesetters)
- 2011 - Ellen Westerhaus (Girl Scouts)
- 2012 - Robert Munson (United Way)
- 2013 - Doug Vogelsang (Food Pantry)
- 2014 - John Hagerty (JC Pacesetters)
- 2015 - Betsy Young (United Way)
- 2016 - Paula Hansen (CASA)
- 2017 - Cynthia Cason (United Way)
- 2018 - Hidayah Dansby (Salvation Army)
- 2019 - Margaret Kilpatrick (Food Pantry)
- 2020 - COVID
- 2021 - Jennifer Hoover (CASA)
- 2022 - Naomi Bundley (CASA)
- 2023 - Rosemary Woods (Food Pantry)
- 2024 - Aria Ralston (CASA)
- 2025 - ???

Name of Nominee:

Nominee's Phone  
Number

How does this nominee meet/exceed the criteria for Volunteer of the Year?

Name of Nominator

Nominator's Phone  
Number

What Agencies/Programs do they volunteer for?

Please send to director@unitedwayjcgc.org or mail to 139 E 8th, Junction City KS 66441. You may be contacted by a member of the United Way JCGC for more information.