This is Andy. He is thirteen years old and lives with his parents and younger brother. Andy has been having a tough time at home and at school, and recently needed a safe space away during a family crisis. After calling United Way’s 2-1-1 helpline, Andy spent a few days at Foundation 2’s Youth Shelter. During his time at the shelter, Andy talked with counselors, who helped him and his parents create a plan to return home. This is just one example of how UWECI connects the dots for our neighbors in need.

WE FIGHT FOR OUR COMMUNITY’S CHILDREN

United Way of East Central Iowa (UWECI) is committed to connecting our community with resources needed so everyone has the tools for a successful life. We fight for our neighbors—from grocery store workers and doctors to line workers—because when people in our community thrive, our community thrives.

UWECI partners with the following organizations to support children and teens in East Central Iowa:

- Area Substance Abuse Council
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cedar Rapids and East Central Iowa, Inc.
- Boys and Girls Clubs of the Corridor
- Foundation 2
- Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP)
- Jane Boyd Community House
- Kids First Law Center
- Kids on Course
- The Arc of East Central Iowa
- UnityPoint Health- St. Luke’s Dental Health Center
- Waypoint Services for Women, Children and Families
- YouthPort
- YPN

FY20 Results

- 96% youth reported having a positive relationship with an adult outside their family
- More than 4,000 books given to children in five-county area
- 97% of children (0-5) met their childhood development goals

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