

Supporting Safety Net Services



Supporting **safety net services** means “catching” individuals and helping them bounce back if they fall onto hard times. UWECI does not want a family or individual to have one crisis that sets them back for years.

What we’re up against: On July 27, 2022, a total of **276 individuals** were served by local emergency shelters, transitional housing facilities, or were found living on the streets in Linn County alone. This is a high number which has only continued to increase. In addition, **7%** or **21,000** individuals in UWECI’s five-county area are food insecure.

Goals: Our long-term goal at UWECI (United Way of East Central Iowa) is to understand barriers and implement strategies for individuals to access resources and help them navigate during times of crisis through services such as 211.

How we’re getting there together: With your support, UWECI, in collaboration with local community and nonprofit partners, plans to move forward with the **National Alliance to End Homelessness** recent recommendations for Linn County. We are also working to ensure a strong, stable, accessible, safety net to support individuals by educating and promoting 211.

Your impact: Your investment in UWECI will serve **482 individuals** in shelter. This also means **813,000 meals** and over 9,000,000 pounds of food will be distributed.



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Safety Net Services Nonprofit Partners FY24-FY26: \$557,573

Catherine McAuley
Center

Feed Iowa First

Foundation 2 Crisis
Services

Hawkeye Area
Community Action
Program (HACAP)

Horizons: A Family
Service Alliance

Old School Produce
Partners Inc.

Southeast Linn
Community Center

Waypoint Services for
Women, Children, and
Families

Willis Dady Emergency
Shelter Inc.

211

