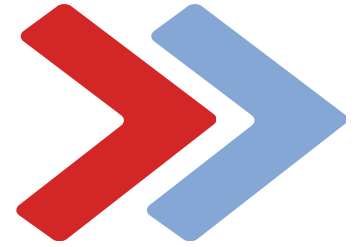




ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE



In East Central Iowa, barriers like cost, transportation, language, limited awareness, and a shortage of providers make it hard for many to access the healthcare they need. When individuals and families can get care, the results are transformative: they can manage chronic conditions, receive preventive services, and access mental health support. This means fewer missed workdays, healthier children who are ready to learn, and greater stability for households. At a community level, better access to care strengthens the workforce, eases pressure on emergency services, and builds a healthier, more resilient Eastern Iowa.

United Way helps make this possible by funding programs that connect people to affordable care and critical health services. We also mobilize volunteers to provide direct support, outreach, and help navigating complex healthcare systems - ensuring more people have the opportunity to live healthier lives.

8,494

individuals served by
healthcare programs

92%

of individuals reported
improved health, well-being,
and functioning

WOMEN UNITED

Women United supporters are an inspiring group that unites the caring power of women to ensure all women in our community have access not only to medical care, but also supportive services.

4 PROGRAMS



**2,983 WOMEN WITH
GREATER ACCESS TO
HEALTHCARE**



**89% OF WOMEN
REPORTING IMPROVED
ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE**

For seniors in our rural counties, access to healthcare is often a challenge, but volunteers are making a difference. Through UWECI's Medical Transportation program, seniors get to essential medical appointments, helping them stay healthy and independent. The Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) volunteers provide trusted guidance on Medicare, easing confusion and reducing costs.

The Belle Plaine Project Group brightens a local nursing home with holiday signs and special treats, reminding older adults that they are valued and cared for. In one year, this group put together 270 treat bags and made 495 signs for residents. Together, these efforts ensure seniors have both the care and the connection they need to thrive.



SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION PROGRAM (SHIIP)

228 individuals served

\$66,393 saved

MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

SPONSORS: Benton County Supervisors, Jones County Supervisors, Physicians Clinic of Iowa and St. Luke's Foundation

BENTON COUNTY

65 clients

24,509 miles

JONES COUNTY

54 clients

20,738 miles