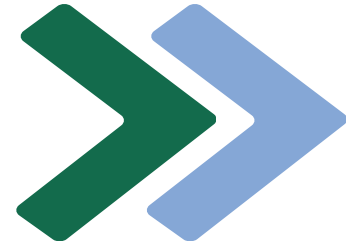


SAFETY NET SERVICES



Basic needs like food, shelter, and crisis services form the community's safety net, catching individuals and families when they face hard times and helping them recover. These supports reduce stress, prevent homelessness, and allow families to focus on long-term goals instead of daily survival. A strong safety net prevents crises from escalating, reduces costs for hospitals and schools, and keeps families connected to work, creating a more stable and resilient community.

UWECI helps keep this safety net strong and responsive by funding food security, housing programs, and other essential services. We connect volunteers and companies to opportunities, like Meals on Wheels, that expand nonprofit capacity and impact. As a key partner in the homeless system, we also convene organizations and advocate for solutions that move people from crisis to stability.

1,012

individuals provided housing assistance

11,365,213

pounds of food provided

259,168

meals provided

2,519

individuals were supported by programs providing access to meals

HOMELESS SYSTEMS

The goal of the Homeless Systems work is to build a coordinated, equitable homeless response system that prevents and ends homelessness through systemic solutions. The goal is that homelessness in our community is rare, brief and non-recurring.

LANDLORD & TENANT SUCCESS INITIATIVE

A major success this year has been the launch of an innovative pilot project—the Landlord and Tenant Success Initiative – made possible through our partnership with Cedar Rapids Bank & Trust. The initiative's goal is to successfully house 30 housing-challenged tenants with private, for-profit landlords in Linn County for the full length of a lease term. By bringing together financial partners, landlords, and support services, this project not only provides stable housing for individuals who face barriers but also builds a replicate model for addressing housing challenges in our community.

54 landlords have reached out expressed interest in the program – this is a 45% increase from last quarter.

LANDLORD & TENANT SUCCESS INITIATIVE

23

enrolled

21

housed

70%

completed Tenant Academy incentive

100%

received quarterly incentive

0

lease violations

100%

passed in unit inspections



Over the past year, we've seen firsthand how powerful a coordinated homeless response system can be. By aligning data, programs, and best practices, our community is not just responding to homelessness, we are building lasting solutions. Systems-level work allows us to see the bigger picture, identify gaps, and create collaborative strategies that truly change lives. Together with partners, like United Way, we are proving that homelessness is not inevitable, it is solvable."

— J'NAE PETERMAN
HOMELESS SYSTEMS MANAGER

