



COMMUNITY RESILIENCY

We believe every person should have the opportunity to live in a community that thrives through any challenge. This means our community can prepare, respond, and recover from any emergency, becoming stronger than we were before.

United Way partners with local organizations, like Linn Area Partners Active in Disaster (LAP-AID), to plan for emergencies, coordinate resources and volunteers, and support our community at a time when it is needed most.



292

households received financial assistance through the PATCH program

\$3,442,000

distributed to homeowners to help with repairs after the derecho through the PATCH program

LAP-AID, which United Way is a collaborative partner, released a guide in 2026 that models the PATCH program and how it can be replicated within other communities, in response to a disaster like the derecho.



Community resiliency isn't just about preparing for emergencies, it's also about strengthening our nonprofit sector to be here, ready to meet the needs of our community for years to come. That's why a collaborative effort between United Way, Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation, and Kirkwood Community College formed a professional development series for nonprofit employees, Learn to Lead.

"By equipping leaders with essential skills in communication, emotional intelligence, and people management, this program builds the leadership pipeline our community needs to sustain impact long into the future."

-Karey Chase, UWECI Vice President of Community Impact