**DID YOU KNOW?**

Since introducing the Familywise Prescription Drug Card, members of our community have saved more than $1,800,000.

In 2018, MyFreeTaxes.com has helped local households receive income tax refunds in excess of $150,948.

130,154 books have been delivered to local preschoolers through Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library.

17,919 people have called 2-1-1 for information and referrals since its inception.

2-1-1 is a toll free hotline that connects individuals with information on support services in a local area. 2-1-1 is completely confidential and free to use 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

**STORIES THAT MATTER**

When Sakina called M.E.R.C.Y. Communities she had nowhere else to turn and little hope for the future. Sakina and her three children were fleeing from domestic violence and she had few of the life and job skills needed to support her three children on her own. To complicate matters, Sakina was now struggling with mental health issues and one of her children had been diagnosed with a heart condition.

At a time when life seemed to be collapsing around her, she found M.E.R.C.Y. Communities. M.E.R.C.Y. Communities’ staff quickly began helping her to get back on her feet and placed Sakina in the organization’s Permanent Supportive Housing Program.

Today, Sakina is thriving. She is working and also attending culinary arts and business management classes at Lincoln Land Community College. With each day, Sakina is moving closer to reaching her goal and dream of owning her own coffee shop.

**WHAT A DOLLAR PER PAY BUYS**

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<th>WHAT MATTERS MORE PER WEEK?</th>
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<td>$2 DONUT - or - 48 BOOKS for PRESCHOOLERS</td>
<td>14k books provided to preschoolers</td>
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<td>$5 COFFEE - or - 7 NIGHTS of SAFE SHELTER for 1 person</td>
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<td>$10 LUNCH OUT - or - 10 HOURS of JOB COACHING for 1 person</td>
<td>87% of clients increased their knowledge of essential workplace skills</td>
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**100% of your investment**

in United Way of Central Illinois or your directed gift, goes to support programs in your community. Fundraising and Administrative costs are underwritten by the United Way Endowment and the generous support of Ameren, Bunn, Horace Mann, Illinois National Bank, U.S. Bank, Wells Fargo Home Lending, and one company wishing to remain anonymous.
**BASIC NEEDS**

- **Clients served by emergency shelters:** 1,237
- **Meals served by emergency shelters:** 391,972

**COMMUNITY PRIORITIES**

- **Emergency Food**
- **Emergency Shelter**

**EDUCATION**

- **74%** of children achieved growth in reading skills programs
- **49%** of clients have increased savings
- **85%** have decreased debt
- **80%** of clients are making progress toward their health action plan goals

**COMMUNITY PRIORITIES**

- **Kindergarten Readiness**
- **On-Time Achievement**
- **Graduating with a Plan**

**FINANCIAL STABILITY**

**COMMUNITY PRIORITIES**

- **Stable Housing**
- **Work Skills Support**
- **Financial Literacy**

**HEALTH**

**COMMUNITY PRIORITIES**

- **Access to Healthcare**
- **Mental Health Services**
- **Health Advocacy**

**RED FEATHER GRANTS**

- M.E.R.C.Y. Communities
- Homeless Management Information System
- American Red Cross - South Central Illinois Chapter
- Disaster Services

**VENTURE FUND GRANTS**

- Matheny-Withrow Elementary School
- Camp Kindergarten: Ready, Set, Go!
- Springfield Park District
- Summer Youth Employment and Training Program

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