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We partner with individuals,
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our community to meaningful local
causes and lasting impact.

THE SEASON OF GIVING

A Tuscola special needs support group spearheaded by “a couple of parents doing our best who love our son fiercely.” ¶ A Rantoul youth center whose sole mission is to “cultivate a safe and supportive environment where youth can thrive, free from the shadows of violence.” ¶ An open-to-all food pantry launched by a small Urbana church that also gathers socks for the homeless, set up a university ministry for Chinese students and shares: “If you want to be involved, we have a place for you!” ¶ Those are among the nonprofit newcomers in our sixth annual (and biggest yet) guide to giving: a salute to hard-working 501(c)(3)s and two-person teams devoted to cats and dogs, bikes and Amtrykes, kids and seniors. ¶ From feeding the hungry, housing the less fortunate and showcasing the arts to preserving local parks, museums and waterways, there’s a cause for everyone in the giving spirit this holiday season in our **32-page, 187-nonprofit special section**, designed by News Editor Joel Leizer and featuring wish lists and how-to-donate details for groups doing good for people, pets and the planet in every area county. ¶ Happy giving.

— Section Editor **JEFF D’ALESSIO**, jdalessio@news-gazette.com

40 North





About us: Support local art! The arts are a fundamental expression of our humanity and help us unite and invigorate our community. By supporting 40 North, you are enriching the quality of life in Champaign County and providing a multitude of opportunities for the arts to flourish in our area. We couldn't do this without you.

Where to give: Online: Click on the “Donate” tab at 40north.org. By mail: 17 E. Taylor St., Champaign, IL 61820.

Altrusa International of Champaign-Urbana





About us: Altrusa International is a local service club which celebrated its 75th anniversary of service to the community in 2025. The club focuses on literacy, food insufficiency and other issues affecting families. Members support projects including food pantries at two local high schools; Read Across America; CU Canteen Run; Books to Prisoners; the local school districts; mini libraries; Eastern Illinois Foodbank; Books for the Juvenile Detention Center and many more.

Where to give: By mail: P.O. Box 6811, Champaign, IL 61826. For more information, email cu.altrusa@gmail.com.


A Small Hand — Piatt County Cares



About us: A Small Hand Infant and Diaper Pantry assists families struggling to provide adequate diapers for infants and toddlers as well as additional infant needs. We provide up to 100 diapers per month, per infant, plus wipes and other items. We also provide a food pantry. We gratefully accept monetary donations as well as diapers, wipes and non-perishable food.


Where to give: Online: asmallhand.org. By mail/in person: 315 E. Center St., Monticello, IL 61856. For more: 217 480-6291.

Atwood Area Food Pantry





About us: We partner with the Eastern Illinois Foodbank to serve families from Douglas, Moultrie and Piatt counties. Our Saturday morning food distribution serves more than 100 families each month. We welcome donations to support our mission to provide kindness, love and food for our neighbors.

Where to give: Online: firstbaptistatwood.org. By mail: c/o First Baptist Church of Atwood, 321 N. Illinois St., Atwood, IL 61913.



Avicenna Community Health Center





About us: Avicenna is a free clinic dedicated to providing primary care and specialty services, including dermatology, gynecology, ENT and ophthalmology to uninsured and underinsured members of our community. We welcome monetary donations of any amount, as well as hygiene kit supplies for the local shelter. All contributions directly support clinic operations, diagnostic testing and our continued ability to deliver accessible, comprehensive care.

Where to give: Click on the “Donate” button at avicennahealth.org. By mail: P.O. Box 218, Urbana, IL 61803.

Baroque Artists of Champaign-Urbana





About us: Donations make it possible for the BACH choir to bring uplifting concerts of exceptional choral music to the Champaign-Urbana area, and build connections through music by visiting local hospitals, assisted living centers and organizations.

Where to give: Online: baroqueartists.org. By mail: P.O. Box 2935, Champaign, IL 61825.

The Baroque Artists of Champaign-Urbana

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Be BRAVE



About us: Our mission is to provide a supportive environment for those who are in recovery of substance use disorder to practice using the skills learned in a treatment facility for a successful reentry into the mainstream. We are seeking monetary donations for PJ's Place, a new facility that includes horses, cows, chickens and a garden. The facility will aid residents in transitioning to and sustaining a healthy lifestyle.

Where to give: By mail: 1263 E. County Road 700 N, Tuscola, IL 61953. For more: bebraveforpetey.org.



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Illinois



About us: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Illinois is a youth mentoring agency that creates and supports one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. Any donations directly impact our ability to pair more youth with a mentor.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Donate Today" button at bbbbscil.org. By mail: 310 W. Williams St., Decatur, IL 62522.



The Bike Project of Urbana-Champaign



About us: The Bike Project offers a non-commercial DIY space, tools and community to repair and learn about bikes. We welcome donations of kids' bikes. We are hosting our annual kids' bike giveaway event on Dec. 20 from 1-3 p.m. (or while supplies last) and are low on these specific donations. Donations are accepted until 6 p.m. on Dec. 19 at the Campus Bike Center, 51 E Gregory Dr., Champaign. Please email/call to arrange donations outside of our operating hours.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Donate" tab at thebikeproject.org. In person: Bikes or bike parts in any condition can be donated at either the Campus Bike Center or our Urbana location (202 S. Broadway Ave., Room 24) during open hours. We also need old clothes/sheets to repurpose for rags to clean the bikes.



Birthright



About us: We offer free and confidential pregnancy testing, peer counseling and practical assistance to any woman facing a possible untimely pregnancy. Maternity clothes, baby clothes and diapers are provided at no cost to any mother who needs them. Birthright is run entirely by volunteers, with no paid staff. Financial donations help us buy baby supplies and provide assistance to pregnant women.

Where to give: Online: birthright.org/champaign. By mail: 201 W. Springfield Ave., Suite 511, Champaign IL 61820.



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Boys & Girls Club of Danville



About us: Our not-for-profit helps more than 600 youths, ages 6-18, annually with educational, social and emotional development. We provide a safe environment where kids can learn to make good choices, learn positive conflict resolution skills, become leaders and help shape the future of our communities. Monetary donations help us provide the programs and services that we offer to reach the positive outcomes we strive for with our youths!

Where to give: Online: Click on the “Donate” button at bgcdnv.org. By mail: 850 N. Griffin St., Danville, IL 61832.



C4A Community Center for the Arts



About us: C4A serves the community through shared experiences in music: lessons, ensembles and community performances. Your cash donations will support our scholarship program for families with financial need. Your gift of instruments in usable condition will be distributed at extremely low cost for people who will play them.

Where to give: Checks and donated instruments may go to 202 W. Main St., Urbana, IL 61801. Online: omella.com/w4l0b.



Camp Kesem at the University of Illinois

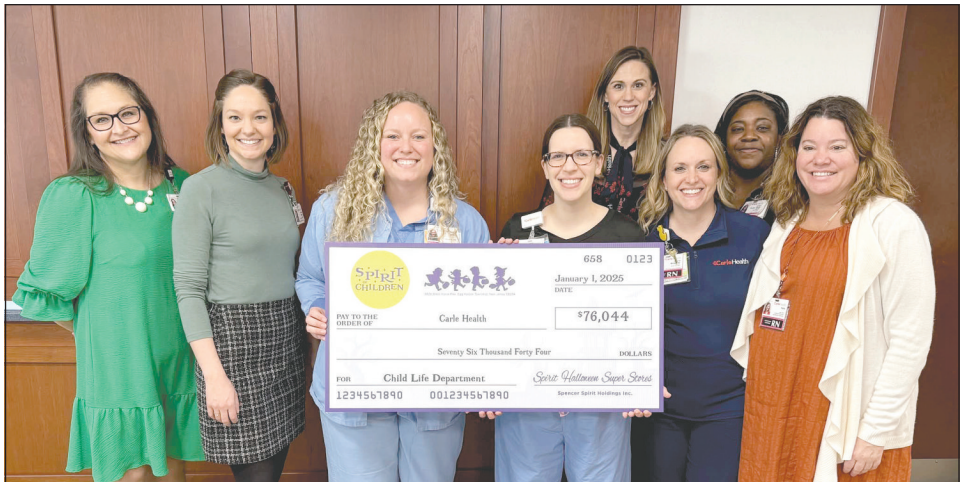


About us: Kesem is a national nonprofit that supports children through and beyond their parents’ cancer diagnosis. There are over 130 chapters at colleges and universities across the U.S. Kesem at Illinois is a student-run chapter that fundraises throughout the year to put on a free summer camp for these children. Students then go on to volunteer as counselors at the camp. We seek monetary donations, as well as in-kind donations, such as camp supplies. It costs \$500 to sponsor one child. We serve around 50 children and are constantly growing. Our chapter has a goal of fundraising \$60,000 this year; as of Thursday evening, \$41,916 had been raised.

Where to give: By mail: Make checks payable to “Kesem National,” note “Kesem at Illinois” in the memo and send to 302 E. Green St., P.O. Box 2116, Champaign, IL 61820. Online: donate.kesem.org/team/608264.



Carle Health Center for Philanthropy



About us: Carle Health Center for Philanthropy transforms health in our community through charitable giving. When you make a donation to the greatest needs at your local Carle hospital, you help us provide the resources needed to meet immediate, emerging needs in the communities we call home. One hundred percent of every gift is used for the purpose you designate and truly makes a difference in the lives of those who depend on Carle Health for care.

Where to give: By mail: 611 W. Park St., Urbana, IL 61801. Email: philanthropy@carle.com. Online: Carle.org/Giving/Where-To-Give.



CASA of Champaign County



About us: Champaign County CASA stands up for children in the court system who have experienced abuse and neglect. Our trained volunteer advocates, with the help of our professional staff and expert attorneys, focus solely on the kids’ situations and advocate for their best interests in court and in the community. Financial donations allow us to recruit, train and support our volunteers so they can give children in the foster care system the best opportunity for hope, stability and a safe and permanent home.

Where to give: Online: Click on the “Donate” button at casa4kids.org. By mail: 301 S. Vine St., Suite 210, Urbana, IL 61801.



CASA of Vermilion County



About us: CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates and is a one-of-a-kind nonprofit organization. CASA trains and manages volunteers that work exclusively with abused and neglected youth within our communities. These volunteers visit with their assigned child and ensure that the child’s needs are being met. Our agency is serving more children than ever. We are searching for community volunteers to assist our youth and/or monetary support to continue our mission. Community members can help break the cycle of abuse and neglect and give a child hope for a better future.

Where to give: Online: casavermillion.org. By mail: 112 N. Vermilion St., Danville, IL 61832. By email: elizabeth.mellen-irle@casavermillion.org.



2026 Race Weekend

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\$1.958 Million Donated to Local Charities

2025 Charitable Recipients

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| Alpha Epsilon Delta | Empty Tomb |
| ALS United-Greater Chicago | Family Service of Champaign Co. |
| American Cancer Society | Feeding Our Kids |
| American Heart Association | Habitat for Humanity |
| Big Brothers Big Sisters of America | International Rett Syndrome Foundation |
| BlueCrew Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Illinois | Kids Foundation of Rantoul |
| Boy Scouts of America | Kiwanis Club of Champaign-Urbana |
| Camp Kesem | Leukemia & Lymphoma Society |
| Champaign County CASA | Mahomet Area Youth Club |
| Champaign County Humane Society | Mattea's Joy |
| Champaign Dragons | Mercy's Refuge |
| Courage Connection | Moore's Rescue Ranch |
| Crisis Nursery | Pace Inc. Center for Independent Living |
| CU @ The Rotary | Phi Gamma Nu Professional Business Fraternity |
| CU at Home | Prairie Dragon Paddlers |
| Cunningham Children's Home | Promise Healthcare Frances Nelson |
| CU Schools Foundation | Stephen's Family YMCA |
| Daily Bread Soup Kitchen | The Immigration Project |
| Delta Phi Omega Sorority | UIUC Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter |
| Developmental Services Center | Uni High School/U of I Foundation |
| Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club | Uniting Pride |
| DREAM | University of Illinois Pre-Dental Club |
| Eastern Illinois Foodbank | Urbana Neighborhood Connection Center |
| Embracing Mental Health Foundation | |

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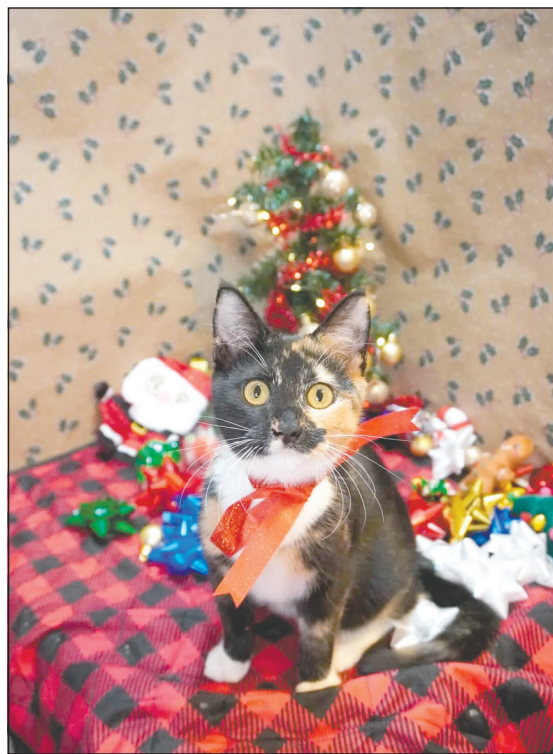
GIVING: A SPECIAL SECTION

Champaign Area Trap, Spay, Neuter & Adoption Program



About us: Established in 2005, CATsNAP seeks to reduce pet overpopulation and to improve the welfare of animals in the greater Champaign County area. We strongly advocate that all animals are spayed and neutered, regardless of breed, sex or age. Since 2005, over 12,150 cats have been helped. Our most pressing need is for monetary donations to further support our TNR (trap, neuter, return) program as we are the only animal organization that traps in the greater Champaign area. All donations go directly to support the animals and allow us to continue trapping and provide needed health services.

Where to give: By mail: 1713 S. State St., Suite 104, Champaign, IL 61820. Online: catsnap.org. Email: catsnap@catsnap.org.



Champaign County Audubon Society



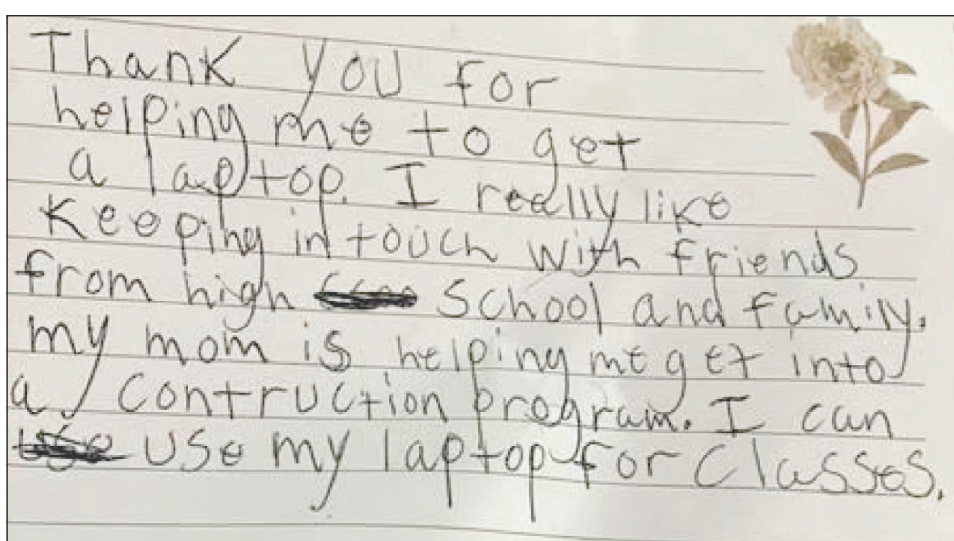
About us: Our mission is to promote interest in the natural environment and encourage protection of native habitat in Champaign County and beyond. Email champaigncountyaudubon@gmail.com for any questions about our group. You can come out for a monthly program, field trip or volunteer event when they happen. We always love new members. Visit our website for all information.

Where to give: Online: champaigncountyaudubon.org. By mail: P.O. Box 882, Urbana, IL 61803-0882.



Champaign County Audubon Society

Champaign Community Advocacy and Mentoring Resources



About us: CCAMR is an all-volunteer organization that issues grants for up to \$2,000 to adults with intellectual disability in Champaign County. Our mission is to support increased independence and quality of life. Donations go directly to the individuals receiving grants.

Where to give: By mail: P.O. Box 92, Champaign, IL 61824. Online: Click on the "Donate" tab at ccamr.org. Email: ccamrboard@gmail.com.



Champaign County Bikes



About us: Champaign County Bikes exists to get more people riding bikes to more places, safely. We produce the C-U bike map, bring the cyclist's perspective to public meetings and roadway design decisions, bring our fleet of bikes to youth bike education programs, and lobby for safe streets legislation. A gift now will help fund a \$5,000 May 2026 project to provide helmets and reflective backpacks for our hard-working bike commuters who ride Veo bikeshare bikes to get to work.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Donate" button at champaigncountybikes.org. By mail: P.O. Box 2373, Champaign, IL 61825.



Champaign County Bikes

Champaign County Children's Advocacy Center



About us: The Children's Advocacy Center is a community partnership where child welfare, law enforcement, prosecution, victim advocacy and medical and mental health professionals work together through a multidisciplinary approach to investigate suspected child sexual and serious physical abuse.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Donate" button at champaigncac.com. By mail: Scott Bennett Administrative Building, 102 E. Main St., Urbana, IL 61801. Questions? 217-386-3766.



Champaign County Crime Stoppers



About us: Crime Stoppers is dedicated to reducing the amount of crime and the number of unsolved crimes in Champaign County. The organization has no paid staff, and donations go directly to the reward fund.

Where to give: By mail: P.O. Box 814, Champaign, IL 61820. Online: Click on the "Make An Online Donation Now" button at 373tips.com.



Champaign County Down Syndrome Network



About us: The Champaign County Down Syndrome Network partners with families and others to create an environment in which individuals with Down syndrome are welcomed with fairness, enthusiasm and encouragement in their community. Make a difference and help us fulfill our mission to empower individuals, educate families, enhance communities and together, celebrate the extraordinary lives of people with Down syndrome.

Where to give: By mail: P.O. Box 1143, Champaign, IL 61824-1143. Online: Click on the "Donate Today" button at champaigndsn.org. Email: info@champaigndsn.org.



Champaign County Environmental Stewards



About us: CCES is a volunteer nonprofit organization with a mission to "reduce waste and pollution through material management solutions." We strive to provide convenient waste management options to area residents and businesses. Our largest project is to build a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility in Urbana to be open year-round to serve all East Central Illinois residents. Your donation will help us raise the remaining needed funds to construct this facility.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Support us" tab at cuwasteless.org. By mail: P.O. Box 1696, Champaign, IL 61824.



GIVING: A SPECIAL SECTION

Champaign County Health Care Consumers



About us: CCHCC is the only organization in Champaign County that can help enroll community members in all forms of health insurance — whether that be Medicaid, Marketplace or Medicare and Medicare-related programs. CCHCC also operates our free Rx Fund to help with prescription costs; and beyond health insurance, CCHCC also helps with public benefits such as Medicare Extra Help, Medicare Savings, SNAP, township general assistance and disability benefits (SSI and SSDI). Financial contributions help support CCHCC's free services.

Where to give: By mail: 44 E. Main St., Suite 208, Champaign, IL 61820. Online: healthcareconsumers.org.



Champaign County History Museum



About us: For over 50 years, the Champaign County History Museum has been dedicated to collecting, exhibiting and interpreting the rich history of Champaign County. With a collection of more than 20,000 artifacts, your donation helps preserve our shared history for future generations.

Where to give: By mail: 102 E. University Ave., Champaign, 61820. Online: Click on the "Support" tab at champaigncountyhistory.org.



Champaign County Humane Society



About us: The Champaign County Humane Society provides shelter, veterinary care and second chances to homeless pets. Donations are needed to fund all aspects of animal care and community outreach programs that help pets and pet owners.

Where to give: By mail/in person: 4003 Kearns Dr., Champaign, IL 61822. Online: Click on the "Donate" tab at cuhumane.org to make a donation and find the CCHS' pet supply wish list.



Champaign Firefighters Benevolent Fund



About us: The Champaign Firefighters Benevolent Fund was created in 2022 as a new 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Its mission is to honor the sacrifice of the family members of our fallen brothers and sisters; to support active and retired Local 1260 members and their families; to support other firefighters and their families in Illinois and beyond; and to provide financial support to community members and/or groups locally. Since our inception, the fund has raised over \$240,000 and distributed over \$75,000 to those in need right here in the local area. Whether it's helping a firefighter recover after an injury or supporting a family through a crisis, we're proud to stand behind those who serve and protect us every day.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Donate Now" button at champaignheroes.org.



Champaign Parks Foundation



About us: The Champaign Parks Foundation provides philanthropic support to the Champaign Park District. Donations help the district achieve more for our community, while also providing scholarship assistance which helps hundreds of families every year attend summer camp, swim lessons and more!

Where to give: Online: champaignparks.org/foundation. By mail: 1311 W. Church St., Champaign, IL 61821.



Champaign Public Library Foundation



About us: The Champaign Public Library inspires, informs and connects our community with outstanding collections of books and digital materials, early literacy and reading programs, access to technology, programs for all ages and beautiful meeting spaces. Gifts to the library foundation enhance the library's collections, programs and services, allowing the library to offer more resources to community members of all ages.

Where to give: By mail: 200 W. Green St., Champaign, IL 61820. Online: champaign.org/give.



Champaign Rotary Foundation



About us: For over 100 years, the Champaign Rotary Club and its foundation have provided vital and often life-changing grants and other financial support for causes, initiatives and non-profit organizations supporting children and families throughout Champaign County and beyond. Donations to the foundation provide funding for a broad array of community-based initiatives — from the arts and humanities, clean water and conservation, education, health and human services, urban affairs, youth activities and much more.

Where to give: Online: champaignrotary.info/foundation.



With the ever-increasing cost of food and those needing services, your donations help us to continue to feed over 2,000+ people monthly, while still providing utility, prescription, and other much needed services to those struggling to make ends meet.

WHERE TO GIVE:

Community Service Center
520 E. Wabash Ave., Rantoul, IL • 217-893-1530

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GIVING: A SPECIAL SECTION

Champaign-Urbana Autism Network



About us: The mission of the C-U Autism Network is to support persons on the autism spectrum, their families, caregivers, educators, other professionals and the public by providing opportunities for support and networking, education, training and advocacy, along with promoting awareness and acceptance.

Our vision is that empowered individuals on the autism spectrum, families, educators and professionals will be connected to the resources and support they need to create a positive and healthy environment to best allow the individual on the autism spectrum to grow and develop to their full potential as a participating member of their community.

Where to give: Online: cuautismnetwork.com.

CU AUTISM
NETWORK

Champaign Urbana Ballet Company



About us: Champaign Urbana Ballet Company brings "The Nutcracker" each December and a spring ballet in May to C-U with audiences exceeding 5,000 in number, hailing from diverse socio-economic backgrounds. Donations to CU Ballet help support dancer scholarships, the Tickets for Families and Veterans program, essential costuming and production needs.

Where to give: Online: cuballet.com. By mail: 2816 W. Clark Rd., Champaign, IL 61822.



Champaign Urbana Ballet

Champaign-Urbana Jewish Federation



About us: Donations provide and support local Jewish programs and activities; provide help to local community Jews in need; support humanitarian causes locally, in Israel and in other places on behalf of the local Jewish community; and educate about Jewish issues and against antisemitism.

Where to give: Online: cujf.org/donate. By mail: 503 E. John St., Champaign, IL 61820.



Champaign-Urbana
Jewish Federation

Champaign-Urbana Symphony Orchestra



About us: Founded in 1959, the Champaign-Urbana Symphony Orchestra employs more than 175 local musicians to perform live orchestral music each year. Charitable donations fund our concerts, including the free youth concerts we perform at Krannert Center for more than 2,500 children in grades 3-6. More than 65 percent of our budget is funded by generous sponsors and patrons who know how great music enriches our community.

Where to give: Credit card donations may be made by calling 217-351-9139, or online at cusymphony.org. By mail: 701 Devonshire Dr., C-24, Champaign, IL 61820.



CHAMPAIGN-URBANA
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Stephen Alltop, Music Director & Conductor

Champaign Urbana Theatre Company



About us: The mission of the Champaign Urbana Theatre Company (CUTC) is to provide entertainment, education and opportunities for involvement in all aspects of the theatrical arts. We produce four productions each year: a non-musical, an area-wide high school production, a large community-wide musical and our Penguin Project show, where youth with disabilities perform all the roles with non-disabled youth mentoring the actors through the entire process. Donations support our productions.

Where to give: By mail: 2001 N. Mattis Ave., Unit 6293, Champaign, IL 61826. Online: cutc.ludus.com.



Channing Murray Foundation

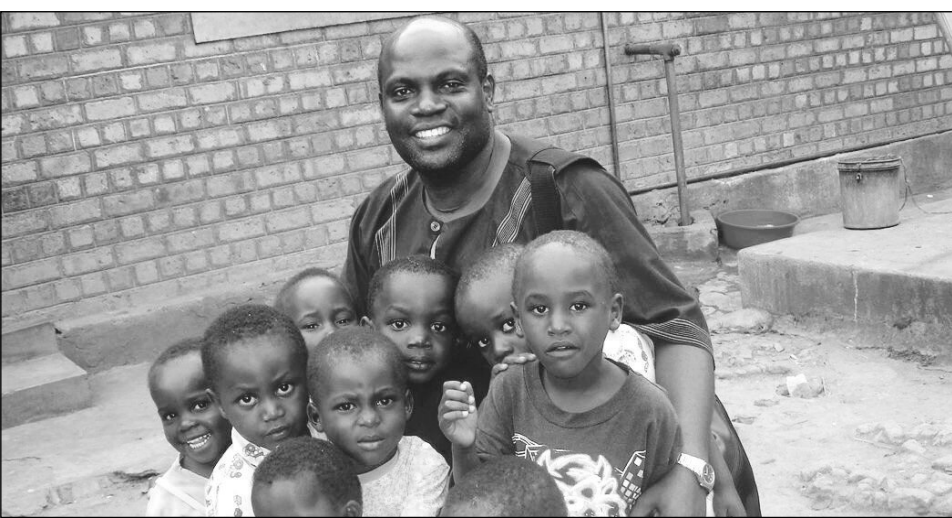


About us: Channing Murray is a community center that serves as a gathering place and haven for intergenerational learning and action toward a more just and peaceful world. Donations help us provide programming and support to those who wish to come create a better world together.

Where to give: By mail: 1209 W. Oregon St., Urbana IL 61801. Online: omella.com/vmh58.



Children of Hope and Faith



About us: Children of Hope and Faith brings hope to vulnerable children and their communities in Tanzania, Africa. One of our ministries is to support Angel Home Orphanage. Abandoned children and orphans receive loving care and an excellent education including college or vocational training. They are being saved from a life of extreme poverty. Monetary donations of any amount are needed to provide daily care for the children, including food, clothing and medical care.

Where to give: By mail: 903 Bluegrass Lane, Champaign, IL 61822. Online: childrenofhopeandfaith.org. Email: childrenofhopeandfaith@gmail.com.

CHILDREN OF
HOPE AND FAITH

CHM Bible Theatre



About us: This organization orchestrates innovative and uplifting stage plays enriched by culturally sensitive educational youth art programming. Donations will go to our youth development programs and operational expenses such as iPads for kids, professional costumes, hiring of technical support for productions, stage sets and props, scholarships and a professional color printer.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "To Donate" tab at chmbibletheatre.org. By mail: P.O. Box 7604, Champaign, IL 61826. Email: chmbibletheater@outlook.com.

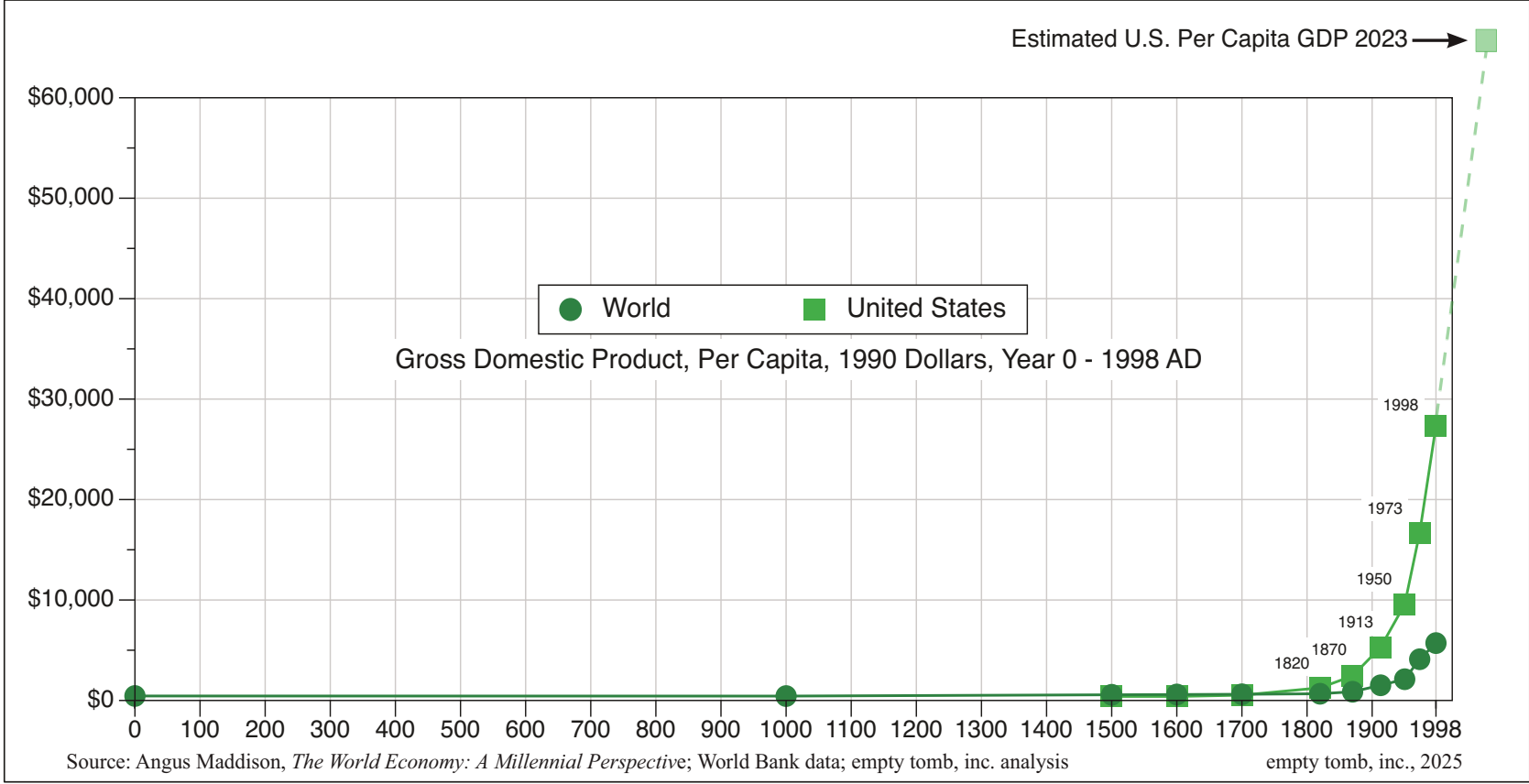


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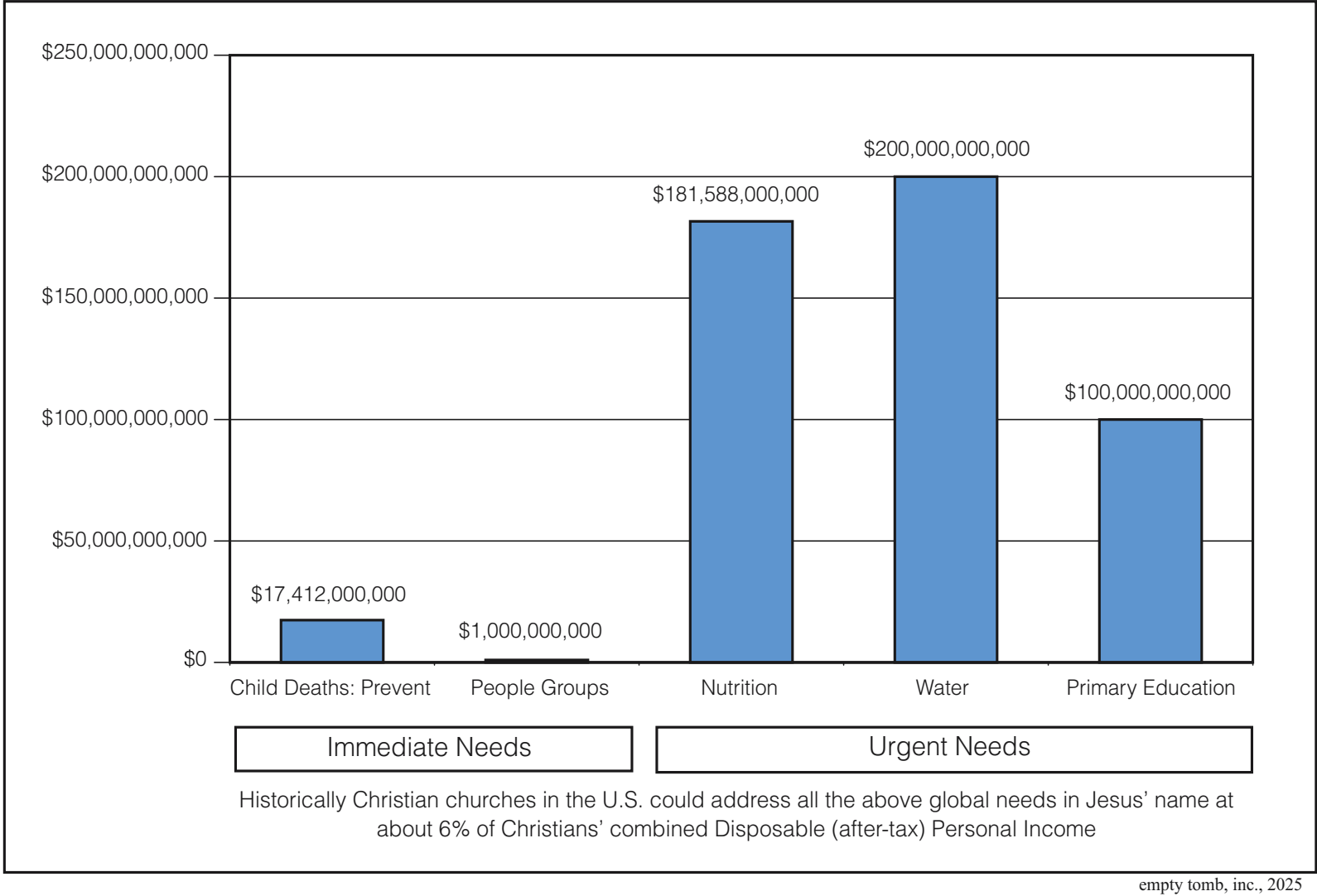
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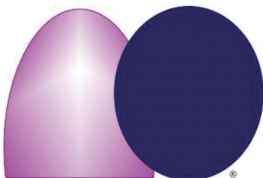
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Office: 301 N. Fourth St.
Champaign, IL 61820

Mailing: PO Box 2404,
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“Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.” 2 Corinthians 9:13

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GIVING: A SPECIAL SECTION

The Chorale



About us: The Chorale, founded in 1982 by Julie Beyler and directed by Simon R. Tiffin since 2023, is an ensemble of non-auditioned mixed voices whose purpose is to provide ongoing opportunities for singers and listeners to enjoy quality choral literature and to encourage and support music education. The Chorale performs two concerts each year and awards scholarships at the spring concert to high school seniors going on to study music at the university level. All donations are tax-deductible and all officers and directors serve without compensation. 100 percent of your donations go to our mission.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Donate" tab in the drop-down window at thechoralecu.com. By mail: Kurt Hirschert, The Chorale Treasurer, 1502 Sandpiper Lane, Champaign, IL 61821.



Community Choices



About us: Community Choices supports adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live full lives in the community through employment services, independent living coordination, social connection opportunities and door-to-door transportation support. Your donation will help us continue to serve over 225 individuals and families in our community.

Where to give: Online: communitychoicesinc.org.



Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County



About us: This agency helps the residents of northern Champaign County and Champaign County access critical basic needs resources such as food, clothing, prescriptions, utility assistance and much more. We also refer clients to local resources and provide space for other area agencies to provide necessary onsite support.

Where to give: By mail: 520 E. Wabash Ave., Suite 1, Rantoul, IL 61866. Online: Click on the "Donate" tab at cscrantoul.org. Questions? 217-893-1530.



The Conservatory of Central Illinois



About us: The Conservatory of Central Illinois was founded in 1986 to provide opportunities for quality music education and experiences in East Central Illinois and promote a lifelong appreciation of and interest in music and the arts. The conservatory maintains a program of individual and small group instruction from pre-school through senior citizens; presents numerous free concerts open to the public; collaborates with other community organizations to provide special programming such as International Jazz Day; maintains an outreach program bringing music into retirement centers and other venues; offers programs such as the East Central Illinois Youth Orchestra, where students come together to share the joy of making music; and each year provides a program of financial aid for those who would otherwise have difficulty meeting the cost of appropriate music instruction.

Where to give: By mail: 100 N. Chestnut St., Suite 310, Champaign IL 61820.



The Christie Foundation



About us: The Christie Foundation helps to create healthier children, healthier families and healthier communities. Donations support future medical professionals through the Christie Foundation scholarship program and education. Securing a tile on the Oncology Tribute Wall at Christie Clinic in Champaign on University is an opportunity to provide support for cancer care in our community by dedicating messages of hope, healing and appreciation for patients, family and team members.

Where to give: Online: christie-foundation.org.



Community Foundation of East Central Illinois



Across the Miles Photography



About us: The Community Foundation of East Central Illinois transforms generosity into lasting impact across nine counties with diverse needs by stewarding funds that strengthen nonprofits, empower donors and drive positive outcomes today and for generations to come.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Donate to CFECI" button at cfeci.org. By mail: 307 W. University Ave., Champaign, IL 61820.

Community Shares of Illinois



About us: Community Shares of Illinois is a network of nonprofit organizations created to connect, fund and raise awareness for community groups that focus on long-term solutions to social problems. Monetary donations to Community Shares will support local member organizations that shelter animals, provide housing and prevent homelessness, improve health, empower women and children, advocate for individual rights and work to end discrimination and violence.

Where to give: Click on the "Donate Now" button at communitysharesillinois.org. By mail: 44 E. Main St., Suite 208, Champaign, IL 61820.



Cornerstone Fellowship Food Pantry



About us: This church has a food pantry on the last Sunday of every month that hands out two free grocery bags of food to all comers. The food pantry is fully volunteer-led and organized. All donations go to purchasing food for the pantry.

Where to give: Click on the "Food Pantry" tab at cornerstone-cu.org. By mail: 1101 E. Colorado Ave., Urbana, IL 61801.



GIVING: A SPECIAL SECTION

Courage Connection



About us: Courage Connection is a comprehensive domestic violence service provider offering free, confidential and multilingual services to all members of the community. Your gift provides daily access to critical life-saving services that amplify the strength and voices of those impacted by domestic violence.

Where to give: By mail: P.O. Box 7536, Champaign, IL 61826. Online: courageconnection.org.



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CRIS Healthy Aging



About us: CRIS is a nonprofit agency dedicated to keeping older adults safe, healthy and independent in their homes for as long as possible. We do this by providing a variety of programs and services in both Champaign and Vermilion counties serving old adults 60-plus and also disabled persons 18-59. We have two locations: 309 N. Franklin St., Danville, and 4116 Fieldstone Road, Champaign.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Donate Now" tab at CRIS-HealthyAging.org. To make a referral to either CRIS location: 217-443-2999.



Crisis Nursery



About us: Crisis Nursery creates an "Island of Safety" dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect by providing 24-hour emergency care for children and support to strengthen families in crisis. We welcome monetary donations of any amount, as well as essential items such as diapers, wipes, snacks, formula and children's clothing. Your support directly provides safe care for children and strength for families during their most difficult moments.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Donate" button at crisisnursery.net. By mail/in person: 1309 W. Hill St., Urbana, IL 61801.



C-U at Home



About us: C-U at Home provides safe shelter, case management and life-changing support for adults experiencing homelessness in Champaign County. We focus on creating pathways out of crisis and into long-term stability through our Transitional Housing program, our 4-Phase Aligned Care model and year-round outreach. We are most in need of monetary donations, which help provide warm beds, essential supplies, and program and staff support. Every gift directly helps people in our community find safety, hope and a second chance. Donations of winter gear, hygiene items and household essential kits are also welcomed and used daily by our residents.

Where to give: Click on the "Donate" button at cuathome.us. By mail: 309 S. Mattis Ave., Champaign, IL 61821. Email: susan@cuathome.us.



CU Canteen Run



About us: The CU Canteen Run operates three nights a week, providing food and clothing to those living on the streets in Champaign-Urbana. We operate 100 percent by private donations and from local churches. We need gently used or new winter coats, men's T-shirts in X-Large or bigger, blankets, winter hats and gloves, as well as new underwear.

Where to give: Donated items can be dropped off at 1408 Harrington Dr., Champaign, or we can pick up if you call 217-369-9344. Email: cucanteenrun@gmail.com. Online: cucanteenrun.com



CU Immigration Forum



About us: CU Immigration Forum advocates, welcomes, educates, networks and celebrates. Whether working for local immigrant justice, highlighting issues that our immigrant neighbors face, hosting local forums, creating shows on RFU and UPTV or celebrating diversity through the annual Immigrant Welcome Awards, we stand with our immigrant communities. With the current anti-immigrant rhetoric and efforts, we will be following the actions of the administration closely and advocating strongly for immigrant rights, safety and well-being as we also help interested community members plug into existing and new avenues for doing this. We advocate for immigrant justice and policies that lift up the dignity of every person. Any donations go to the work of immigrant advocacy.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Donate" button at immigration-forum.blogspot.com/p/support.html or visit the forum's Facebook page. By mail: Make checks available to "CU Immigration Forum," send to CUIF c/o Talk Wilkie, treasurer; 301 N. Neil St., Suite 400, Champaign, IL 61820.



CU Muslim Action Committee



About us: CU Muslim Action Committee is a community group dedicated to advocating for Palestinian rights and self-determination as well as other issues relevant to the Muslim community. We focus on education, advocacy, community and charity. We are currently a fully volunteer-based organization and funded via community support.

Where to give: Via Zelle (cumuslimaction@gmail.com) or email to arrange at admin@cumuslimaction.com. Other ways to contact: @cumuslimaction on Instagram, cumuslimaction.com online, admin@cumuslimaction.com via email.



CU One to One Mentoring



About us: We positively impact the lives of select CU public school students by pairing them with adult mentors to provide support, encouragement and guidance. Mentors meet with their mentees for 1 hour a week during the school day, on school grounds. The Mentoring Scholarship Foundation board raises money to provide scholarships to our graduating seniors to assist with post-secondary education. Change your life, mentor. Apply at cu1to1.org.

Where to give: Mail donations toward scholarships for mentees to C-U Mentoring Scholarship Foundation Board, P.O. Box 981, Champaign, IL 61824-0981. Online: Click on the "Donate" tab at cu1to1.org.



GIVING: A SPECIAL SECTION

CU Schools Foundation



About us: The CU Schools Foundation champions the people and programs that make our public schools thrive. With your support, we uplift educators, enrich learning, inspire creativity and celebrate students, teachers and alumni. Through our various grants or the Adopt-A-School initiative, we welcome you to join us with your time, talent or treasure. Learn how you can make an impact!

Where to give: By mail: P.O. Box 1166, Champaign, IL 61824. By email: info@cuschoolsfoundation.org. Online: Click on the "Donate" tab at cuschoolsfoundation.org.



Cunningham Children's Home



About us: Cunningham Children's Home is an exemplary child welfare and educational services agency celebrating 130 years of providing caring support and therapeutic intervention through residential treatment, special education and community-based services to youth and families who have experienced abuse, neglect and trauma. The agency could use help purchasing gifts or gift cards this Christmas for our more than 950 youth and families.

Where to give: Gifts can be mailed, shipped or dropped off at the Spiritual Life Center, 1301 N. Cunningham Ave., Urbana, IL 61802. Amazon Christmas Wish List: amazon.com/hz/wishlist/l/1EEFAHCN7PP6W?ref=wl_share. Online: Click on the "Give Now" button at cunningham.org.



Daily Bread Soup Kitchen



About us: Daily Bread serves a hot, nutritious meal and sack lunch to an average of 400 guests seven days a week from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Donations help our all-volunteer crews stock our pantry with the food we serve to feed the hungry in our community.

Where to give: By mail: P.O. Box 648, Champaign, IL 61824-0648. Online: Click on the "Donate" button at dailybreadsoupkitchen.com.



Danville Area Community College Foundation



About us: The foundation is committed to promoting and supporting Danville Area Community College through fundraising and stewardship of the foundation's resources. The DACC Foundation relies on donations to fund student scholarships, DACC academic programs, college facilities, student emergency fund and the campus food pantry.

Where to give: Online: dacc.edu/giving-dacc. By mail: 2000 E. Main St., Danville, IL 61832. For more: Executive Director Tonya Hill can be reached at 217-443-8772 or t.hill@dacc.edu.



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Danville Public Library Foundation



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Where to give: Online: danvillepubliclibrary.org/foundation. By mail: 319 N. Vermilion St., Danville, IL 61832.



Danville Public School Foundation



About us: The Danville Public School Foundation provides funding for creative, inspiring and fun learning experiences above and beyond the basic curriculum for the children attending Danville public schools. Donors to our annual 365 Club Campaign commit at least \$1 per day in support of the foundation's mission. Since 1989, over \$1 million has been awarded to fund educational projects!

Where to give: By mail: 516 N. Jackson St., Danville, IL 61832. Online: Click on the "Donate Now" button at dpsf.org.



Danville Rescue



About us: Danville Rescue is a homeless shelter for the community of Danville and its surrounding areas. We are committed to fostering a community of hope, dignity and empowerment, guiding those we serve toward stability and self-sufficiency, by providing compassionate and comprehensive support services to individuals and families in need.

Where to give: Online: rescuedanville.com.



Danville Symphony Orchestra



About us: The mission of the DSO is to enrich the communities of East Central Illinois and western Indiana with outstanding musical performances and provide educational outreach opportunities that promote excellence and the appreciation of orchestral music. Any monetary donations or contributions will help the DSO continue to provide excellent orchestral performances and provide educational opportunities for young people in the community.

Where to give: By mail: 715 W. Fairchild St., Danville, IL 61832. Online: Click on the "Your Support" tab at danvillesymphony.org.



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About us: "Remember, Honor and Teach" is the motto for Wreaths Across America. Remember the fallen, honor their sacrifice and teach the next generation. The wreaths are made fresh each year. We are in need of fundraising help each year.

Where to give: Contact Tammy Williams at 217-516-2354 or 24359 Shake Rag Road, Danville, IL 61834. Online: wreathscrossamerica.org or "Cover Danville National Cemetery" on Facebook.



Design Interior Peace



About us: Design Interior Peace is a therapeutic housekeeping process which assists and teaches its clients how to declutter, deep clean, organize and decorate for the purpose of turning chaotic places into peaceful environments. We offer charitable services to low-income households, and our market tends to serve elderly, disabled and mentally ill people, especially those with hoarding tendencies. Monetary donations are appreciated, as we use funds to maintain our cargo van, buy supplies and organization systems for our clients, and store items before they are cleaned and sorted for disbursement into the community.



Where to give: Online: designinteriorpeace.org. By mail: P.O. Box 161, Rantoul, IL 61866.

Developmental Services Center



About us: Help DSC light up the Tree of Hope — a symbol of community and possibility. Your contribution supports children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, providing vital programs, resources and opportunities to thrive. Every light on the Tree of Hope represents a life touched by your generosity. Together, we can create a brighter future for all.



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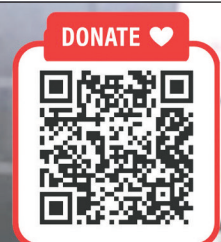
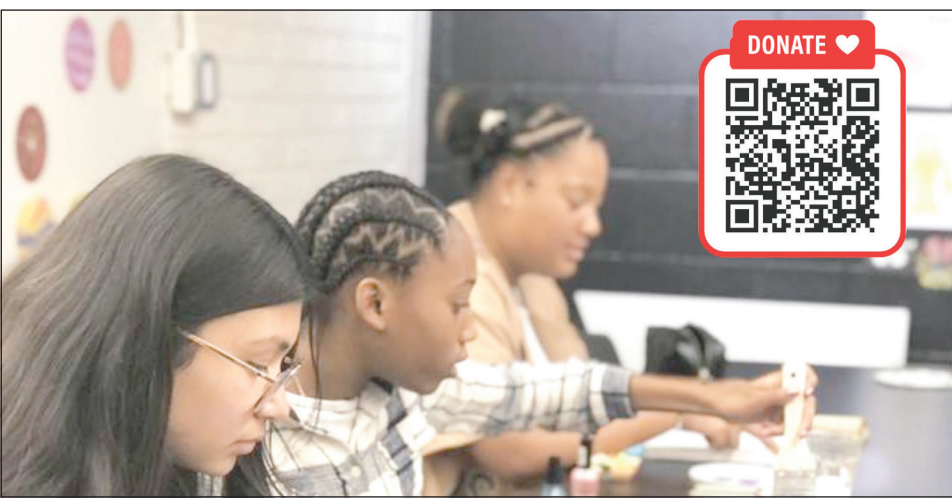
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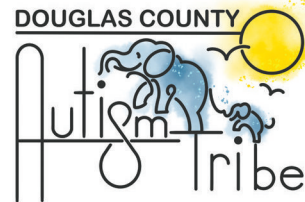


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Where to give: Online: dmbgc.org. By mail: P.O. Box 770, Champaign, IL 61824.

Douglas County Autism Tribe



About us: We provide support to autistic individuals and their families by providing support networks, education, resources and advocacy alongside promoting acceptance and inclusion. Donations allow us to provide multiple sensory-friendly events yearly as well as create opportunities for our families to engage in additional activities that are accommodating to their needs. Additionally, we utilize donations to provide resources, books and sensory kits to our community to aid with acceptance and inclusion and help with specific needs when able.

Where to give: By mail: 206 E. Scott St., Tuscola, IL 61953. Email: dcautribe@gmail.com. Venmo: Shelby Brewer @DCAuTribe (conf. code 9698).

Driven to Reach Excellence and Academic Achievement for Males



About us: DREAM provides year-round academic enrichment, performing arts, mentoring and parenting classes to over 500 children and parents. Open six days a week, donations will help provide food and hygiene items for a pantry and supplies for parenting classes.

Where to give: By mail: 2009 Fox Dr., Suite C, Champaign, IL 61820. Online: dream.org.

The Dwelling Place



About us: The Dwelling Place cares for the homeless in Vermilion County through three specific areas: The Dwelling Place Day Center, The Dwelling Place Shelters and The Dwelling Place Essentially Basic Hygiene Pantry. Your donations help feed up to 90 neighbors per day, help purchase hygiene products, help fund our temporary shelters and much more.

Where to give: Online: thedwellingplace2017.us. By mail: P.O. Box 2022, Danville, IL 61834.

Eastern Illinois Foodbank



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About us: Eastern Illinois Foodbank is meeting a historic need for food assistance with the support of our community. Thanks to a generous friend of the Foodbank matching donations up to \$30,000 this holiday season, your donation has double the impact — every \$1 donated provides six meals to a neighbor!

Where to give: Online: eifoodbank.org. By mail: 2405 North Shore Dr., Urbana, IL 61802.

Eco-Justice Collaborative



About us: By combining education, advocacy and a justice-focused lens, the Eco-Justice Collaborative not only aims to mitigate the harmful effects of large-scale industrial projects, but also ensure that local communities have a voice in decisions that affect their health, land, water and future. Donations to EJC will go toward protecting the health and safety of central Illinois residents facing the proliferation of data centers and carbon capture and storage projects.

Where to give: By mail: 919 W. University Ave., Champaign, IL 61821. Online: Click on the "Donate" tab at ecojusticecollaborative.org. Email: eic@ecojusticecollaborative.org.



Education Justice Project



About us: The Education Justice Project, which hosts a college-in-prison program at Danville Correctional Center, seeks contributions for its scholarship fund for formerly incarcerated individuals seeking to continue their education upon release. We also support family members of those currently incarcerated.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Donate" button at education-justice.net. By mail: University of Illinois Foundation, 303 St. Mary's Road, Champaign, IL 61820.

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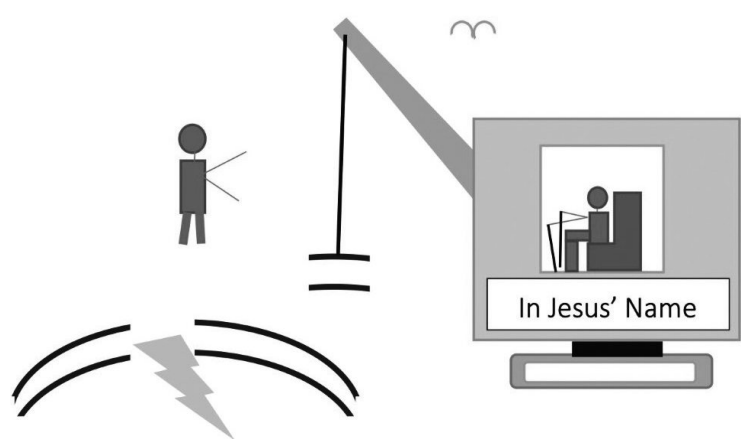
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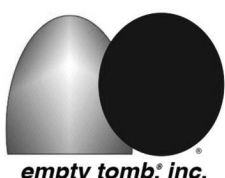
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About us: This organization fuels community growth by supporting films, creative talent, events and special projects like the Champaign County African American Heritage Trail. Through the trail's K-12 programming, students discover powerful, untold stories from our area's past that can help shape their future. The foundation welcomes monetary gifts to keep this work going — and bring these stories to life for kids across Champaign County.

Where to give: Click on the "Foundation" tab at experiencecu.org.

Fair Hope Children's Ministry



About us: Fair Hope Children's Ministry is a faith-based ministry created with a specific goal of providing clothing for children in Danville and surrounding communities. Some other items provided include playdys, layettes and shoes. Our needs currently include new socks and underwear, new or gently used pajamas for boys and girls. Donations of money would go toward more of the mentioned items for our inventory.

Where to give: By mail: 1225 East Voorhees St., Danville, IL 61834.



Faith in Place



About us: This organization empowers people of diverse faiths and spiritualities to protect the environment. Monetary donations support Faith in Place's work to advance environmental and racial justice and foster healthy, just and sustainable communities for all.

Where to give: Online: faithinplace.org. By mail: 5416 S. Cornell Ave., 4th Floor, Chicago, IL 60615.



The Family Room



About us: The Family Room brings comfort and joy to children and families in the foster care system in Champaign County. A donation of \$50 can sponsor a backpack of clothing and supplies for a child in transition.

Where to give: By mail: 907 W. Marketview Dr. #10-344, Champaign, IL 61822. Email: thefamilyroomcu@gmail.com.



Family Service of Champaign County



About us: Family Service offers two sets of services: Aging support for adults 60+ who live in their own homes in Champaign, Douglas and Piatt counties, and mental health services in Champaign County for aged 8+. We solve almost any challenge a senior would have staying in their own home (Meals on Wheels, Navigating the Aging Network, caregiver support and more). Our counseling center offers quality, affordable talk therapy (we take Medicaid).

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Donate" tab at famservcc.org. By mail: 405 S. State St., Champaign, IL 61820-5196.

Feed My Lambs



About us: We supply 180 weekly food bags to school children who are food insecure. We rely on donations to be able to continue our program, a ministry of Hoopeson United Methodist Church.

Where to give: P.O. Box 218, Hoopeson, IL 60942.



Feeding Our Kids



About us: Feeding Our Kids provides nutritious weekend food to over 1,600 food-insecure children at 49 schools and community programs throughout Champaign County every week. Each donation of \$150 provides weekend food to one child for an entire school year.

Where to give: By mail: P.O. Box 7422, Champaign, IL 61826. Online: Click on the "Donate" button at feedingourkids.org. Email: info@feedingourkids.org.



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The Studio

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Douglass Branch Makerspace

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FirstFollowers



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First String



About us: First String encourages hundreds of youth ages 4-13 in the area to become positive student-athletes, regardless of their family's social or economic status. This season, your gift can support underresourced youth of all ages as they pursue skills in basketball, baseball, scouting and refereeing.

Where to give: By mail: 1307 W. Eureka St., Urbana, IL 61801.



Fisher Area Food Pantry



About us: As a ministry of the Fisher area churches, the food pantry serves qualifying residents of the four townships of Fisher with emergency food and utility assistance. The Fisher Area Food Pantry accepts both financial and physical donations of shelf-stable foods year-round. Physical location (by appointment only): Fisher Community Center, 100 School St., Fisher, IL 61843.

Where to give: By mail: P.O. Box 705, Fisher, IL 61843. Online: the Fisher Area Food Pantry's Facebook page. For more: foodpantry@fisherareachurches.com.



Forest Preserve Friends Foundation



About us: This organization supports the projects and activities of the Champaign County Forest Preserves. Whether helping to acquire land, maintain natural and recreational areas, provide educational experiences or preserve the county's natural and cultural resources, your gift will touch the lives of generations to come. Volunteers are also welcome to donate their time to the Forest Preserves to help us protect natural places, support environmental education and preserve and share local history.

Where to give: By mail: P.O. Box 1040, Mahomet, IL 61853. Online: ccfpd.org, where you can also volunteer by clicking on the "Get Involved" and "Volunteer Opportunities" tabs.



Friends of Champaign County Food Pantry



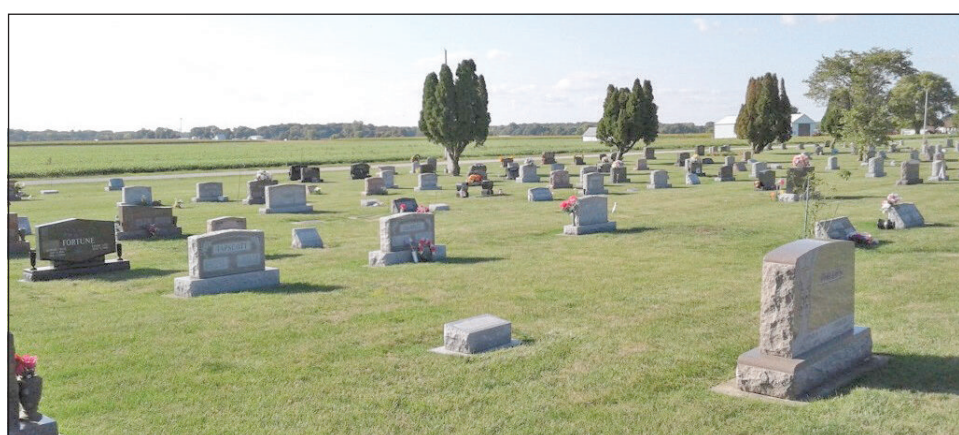
About us: The Friends of Champaign County Food Pantry is a grassroots organization dedicated to supplying nutritious food to underserved families in Champaign County. Monetary contributions to our pantry are utilized to purchase non-perishable items for the benefit of our patrons. Once a week (1-3 p.m. Sunday), we extend our services to approximately 125 families, providing an average of 70 pounds of food per family.

Where to give: Click on the "Donate" tab at friendsofchampaigncounty.org. Email friendsofchampaigncounty@gmail.com.



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Funeral Consumers Alliance of Champaign County

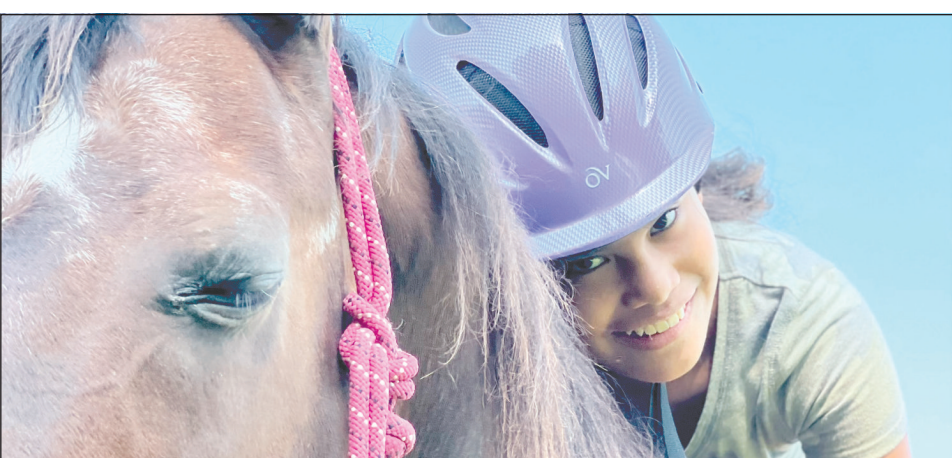


About us: The Funeral Consumers Alliance of Champaign County, an all-volunteer organization, provides information about affordable options for funerals and burial, and publishes an annual price comparison of local funeral homes and cemeteries. We educate about consumer rights and protections given by the Federal Trade Commission, and advocate for reforms in Illinois and nationally. Information about pre-planning for end-of-life, greener options for burial and many other topics can be found on our website. Donations are used to provide informational pamphlets, newsletters, speakers and for maintaining our website.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Donate" tab at funeralschampaigncounty.org. By mail: 309 W. Green St., Urbana, IL 61801.



Gateway Family Services



About us: At Gateway Family Services of Illinois, our mission is to transform central Illinois by helping individuals find healing through a variety of comprehensive mental health services. We seek monetary donations of any amount, which will directly support our innovative programs, including trauma-focused equine assisted psychotherapy, EMDR, art and play sand tray therapies, as well as newborn behavioral observations, brain metrics and medication management from our psychiatric nurse practitioner. Your contributions will enable us to continue providing essential support to those in need and foster healing for individuals, families and veterans.

Where to give: By mail: 7757 U.S. Route 136, Potomac, IL 61865. Online: Click on the "Donate" button at gatewayfamilyservices.networkforgood.com.



Gibson Area Food Pantry at the Hospital



About us: The Gibson Area Food Pantry distributes food on the second and fourth Saturday of each month. We have completed our 11th year serving the Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley district, Ford County and surrounding counties. The Gibson Area Food Pantry would not exist if not for the outpouring of financial and volunteer support provided by area churches, civic organizations, Gibson Area Hospital, GCMS school district, local businesses and individual donors.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Donations to GAFF" tab at gibsonareafoodpantry.org. Checks by mail: Gibson Area Food Pantry at the Hospital, P.O. Box 324, Gibson City, IL 60936.



GIVING: A SPECIAL SECTION

Gibson Area Hospital Foundation



About us: Our mission is to ensure that Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services has the charitable and community resources to create excellence in health-care programs and services, in support of a healthy community. Through donations, we are able to provide hospital equipment, scholarships for staff continuing their education in health care and help with needed projects, including our brand-new medical office building and a second CT scanner.

Where to give: By mail: 1120 N. Melvin St., Gibson City, IL 60936. Online: Click on the "Supporting Gibson" tab at gibsonhospital.org.



Gibson City Restoration Association

Help us save this former Opera House!

The **Gibson City Restoration Association's** mission is to repair/restore historical buildings in the City of Gibson. We also intend to share information, understanding, and appreciation of historical buildings. This building, known to us as the Burwell Building, is our first project.

About us: The purpose of the Gibson City Restoration Association is to repair/restore historical buildings in the City of Gibson. We also intend to share information, understanding and appreciation of historical buildings. Monetary donations are always accepted, but if you are a licensed, insured and experienced tradesman, we would love to have you volunteer your time. All donations will go toward the restoration of the Burwell Building — a historic former opera house in the town's downtown area.

Where to give: Via Venmo: @GCQueenofHearts (put "donation" in the comments). Online: Click on the "Donate" button at klintworthd.wixsite.com/gcra. By mail: 617 S. Sangamon Ave., Gibson City, IL 60936.



Girl Scouts of Central Illinois



About us: Girl Scouts of Central Illinois builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. A donation today works to build tomorrow's leaders by providing incredible experiences for girls throughout central Illinois.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Donate" button at getyourgirlpower.org. By mail: 1808E Round Barn Rd., Champaign, IL 61821.



Girls Go For It



About us: Girls Go For It is a program for young girls with a curriculum designed to develop the leadership potential, entrepreneurial spirit and professional abilities of young girls through building confidence and knowledge and creating opportunity. Monetary donations are used to continue to make the program completely free for all participants and go toward the materials and supplies needed to support facilitate the program.

Where to give: Online: girlsgoforit.com.



Girls on the Run



About us: Girls on the Run of Champaign County, an affiliate of the Stephens Family YMCA, inspires girls in grades 3-5 to be joyful, healthy and confident using fun, experience-based curricula that creatively integrates running. The program's after-school curriculum is designed to help girls learn to successfully navigate life experiences, and culminates with a community service project and a celebratory 5K. The 5K creates a sense of accomplishment for girls, and successfully crossing the finish line provides a tangible sense of achievement, boosting their confidence and inspiring them to pursue other life goals. We need donations because no girl is ever turned away for financial reasons, and we also need community support in the form of volunteer coaches to lead these teams.

Where to give: To donate or volunteer, visit girlsontherunofchampaigncounty.org. By mail: 2501 Fields Dr. S., Champaign, IL 61822.



Girls Rock! Champaign-Urbana



About us: Girls Rock! Champaign-Urbana is a volunteer-run, donation-funded nonprofit. Every dollar you give helps us create space for girls, transgender and gender non-conforming youth to build confidence, make music and be heard. Your tax-deductible donation keeps our programs accessible to all, no matter their ability to pay. We accept donations all year-round, and camp sponsorships leading up to summer camp.

Where to give: By mail: 117 N. Market St, Champaign, IL 61820. Venmo and PayPal: @GirlsRockCU. Online: Click on the "Donate" button at girlsrockcu.org.



The Giving Place



About us: The Giving Place is a way for area churches, groups and individuals to minister to low-income families in the Unit 7 School District to assist those needing help. Volunteers distribute food and clothing on Wednesdays from 4-6 p.m. Donations from community and surrounding areas are the only source of funding available to purchase food for the Giving Place. We are grateful for this support.

Where to give: Monetary donations, non-perishable food and gently-worn clothing items may be dropped off from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesdays at 113 N. Bourne, Tolono, IL 61880. Checks may be mailed to P.O. Box 610, Tolono, IL 61880.



Grand Prairie Friends



About us: Be a part of East Central Illinois' conservation community. You have the opportunity to support the purchase, restoration and perpetual protection of Illinois' only 0.01 percent of original prairie acreage that remains. As one of only nine nationally accredited land trusts in the state, we ensure your donations are spent ethically and for the purposes intended. Now is the time to protect your forests, wetlands and prairies across six counties, including the Warbler Ridge Conservation Area (pictured) and 14 river-miles of the Embarras River. Join us!

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Donate" button at grandprairiefriends.org. By mail: P.O. Box 36, Urbana, IL 61803.



GIVING: A SPECIAL SECTION

Greater Champaign County AMBUCS

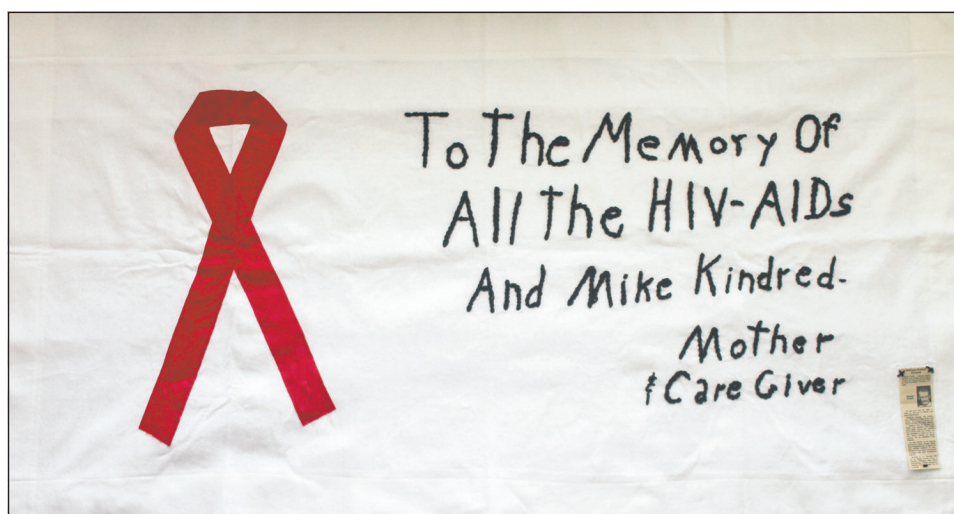


About us: The Greater Champaign County AMBUCS works with therapists to provide children and adults with ways to increase their mobility and independence. Our biggest program is gifting of therapeutic tricycles, called Amtrykes, to help people with disabilities improve their health by exercising while having fun. We survive by fundraisers, grants and donations, which go to our various programs.

Where to give: By mail: Box 592, Urbana, IL 61803. Online: Click on the "Donate" button at thegccambucs.org.



Greater Community AIDS Project of East Central Illinois



About us: GCAP empowers individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS through financial assistance, supportive services, education and advocacy. We seek monetary donations of any amount to fund critical programs like emergency housing, rent and utility assistance, and nutrition services. Your support drives us toward a future with zero new HIV diagnoses, zero stigma and zero barriers to care.

Where to give: By mail: P.O. Box 713, Champaign, IL 61824. Online: gcapnow.com/donate.



Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County



About us: Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County is a partnership that turns hard work, faith and generosity into opportunities for families to break the cycle of housing insecurity. Every dollar you donate, 100 percent is invested directly in constructing safe, affordable homes that strengthen our community. Join us in making a difference, donate to our homebuilding efforts or contribute your items to the ReStore to support our work.

Where to give: By mail: 1914 Glenn Park Dr., Champaign IL 61821. Online: cuhabitat.org.



Hope Center



About us: The Hope Center offers groceries to families in our area on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and 5-6 p.m.. Each family receives over \$100 worth of food, including meat, dairy, produce, bread and desserts, along with snacks. We also have a Little Free Food Pantry in front of our building that is available 24/7. We accept food and monetary donations.

Where to give: Online: tvc.us/give (fund is Hope Center). Food and monetary donations can be dropped off at 1802 N. Lincoln Ave., Urbana. To access the food pantry on Wednesdays, start at the south parking lot of the Vineyard Church.



Hope Lives Youth Ranch



About us: We use horses to help youth recover from trauma, build resilience and find purpose in a Christ-centered environment of love and encouragement. \$140 covers a scholarship for a child in need to ride horses for one round of sessions.

Where to give: Click on the "Donate" tab at hopelivesyouth-ranch.org. By mail: 976 E. 2250 North Rd., Monticello, IL 61856.

Hospice Hearts Animal Rescue



About us: Hospice Hearts gives abandoned cats and dogs a second chance, providing them with a safe haven until they find new homes. We rely on the generous financial donations, pet toys, cleaning supplies and more from our supporters.

Where to give: By mail: P.O. Box 17605, Urbana, IL 61803. Online: hospiceheartsanimalrescue.org.



Caseworkers assisting clients at TRC

The Refugee Center provides essential services to refugees and immigrants settling in East Central Illinois. Services include orientation, translation, referrals, liaison, public benefits assistance, social service counseling, advocacy, job placement, assistance, and supportive employment services. Donations support The Refugee Center's programming.

Monetary donations of any size can be made only by using the QR code or checks can be mailed to:

The Refugee Center
201 W. Kenyon Rd. Suite 4D
Champaign, IL 61820

For more information, call (217) 344-8455 or visit therefugeecenter-cu.org

the refugee center



GIVING: A SPECIAL SECTION

The H.O.Y.C.E. Center



About us: The H.O.Y.C.E. Center supports youth and families by providing basic needs. We welcome monetary donations along with new toys, pajamas, books and school supplies. Every donation directly fuels our year-round Blessing Bank, emergency family support and community events like the annual Season of Giving.

Where to give: Click on the "Donate" button at hoycecenter.org.



Illini Service Dogs



About us: From providing mobility service dogs at absolutely no cost to educating the public on disability culture and rights, we are passionate students and professionals who volunteer their time and skills to accomplish one mission of mobilizing the world. Our mission ends when the financial barriers to obtaining and owning a high-quality service dog are eliminated and the public's knowledge of the disability community and its rights are second nature. Monetary donations go to the supplies used in training our service dogs in the program. This is included but not limited to the highest-quality veterinary care, food, toys, training items and more.

Where to give: By check via mail: 1206 S. Fourth St., Huff Hall, Room 2005, Champaign, IL 61820. Online: Visit linktr.ee/illiniservicedogs for full details.



Illinois Amish Heritage Foundation



About us: The mission of the Illinois Amish Heritage Preservation Center is to enhance the preservation, understanding and appreciation of all aspects of the culture and heritage of the Amish people in Illinois from 1865 to the present. Donations of \$25, \$50, \$100 or any other amount support our family-oriented agricultural events such as "Sheep to Yarn to Clothing" in May and "Steam Threshing Show" in July-August. They allow us to pay vendors for a petting zoo, Amish buggy rides and more.

Where to give: By mail: P.O. Box 133, Arthur, IL 61911. Email: admin@illinoisamish.org. Online: Click on the "Contact/Donate" tab at illinoisamish.org.



Immigrant Services of Champaign-Urbana



About us: Our organization provides comprehensive support to immigrants in our local community. Our services are built on a holistic case management model, where we prioritize listening to our clients and allowing them to guide how we can best meet their needs. We offer a wide range of services and programs — from advocacy and mental health support to furniture, supplies, food and diaper distribution, as well as crisis intervention and emergency services.

Where to give: By mail: 201 W. Kenyon Road, Champaign, IL, 61821 or ISCU, P.O. Box 364, Urbana, IL 61803. Online: iscu.breezechms.com/give/online.



The Jamie Boone Project

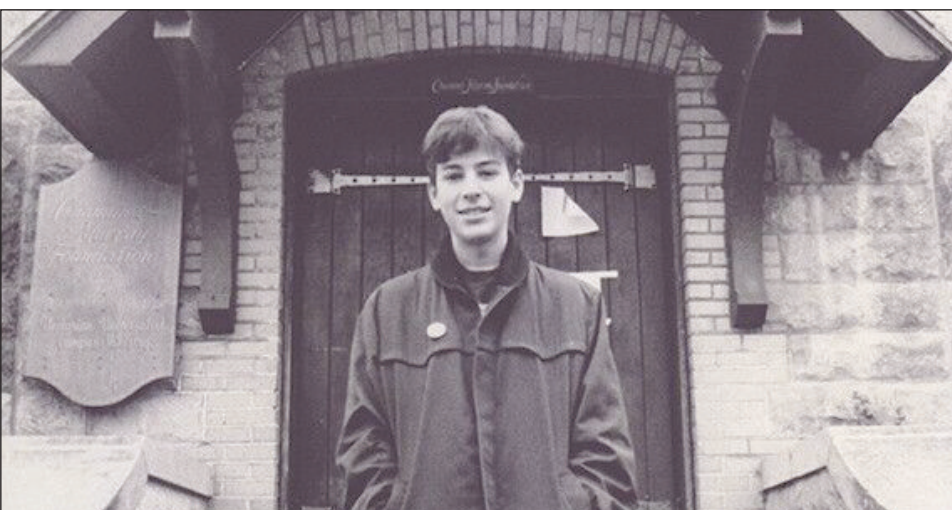


About us: The purpose of The Jamie Boone Project is to provide J.A.M.I.E. Bags (Just a Mental Inventory Everyday) — backpacks filled with mental health tools, resources and guides — to be given to individuals experiencing self-harm or crisis situations. Contributions will support the creation, assembly and distribution of these resources, promoting mental health, intervention and post-crisis recovery.

Where to give: By mail: P.O. Box 20, Monticello, IL 62856. Online: thejamiebooneproject.org.



Josh Gottheil Memorial Fund for Lymphoma Research



About us: Dedicated to nurses, the Josh Gottheil Memorial Fund for Lymphoma Research provides career development awards to those who work in bone marrow and stem cell transplant units at hospitals across the United States. The fund has established endowments in support of resiliency programs for nurses at Carle Health in Urbana and Siteman Cancer Center in St. Louis.

Where to give: Online: joshsfund.org. By mail: 509 E. Holmes St., Urbana, IL 61801. All donations go to the mission of the fund, which is run by volunteers.

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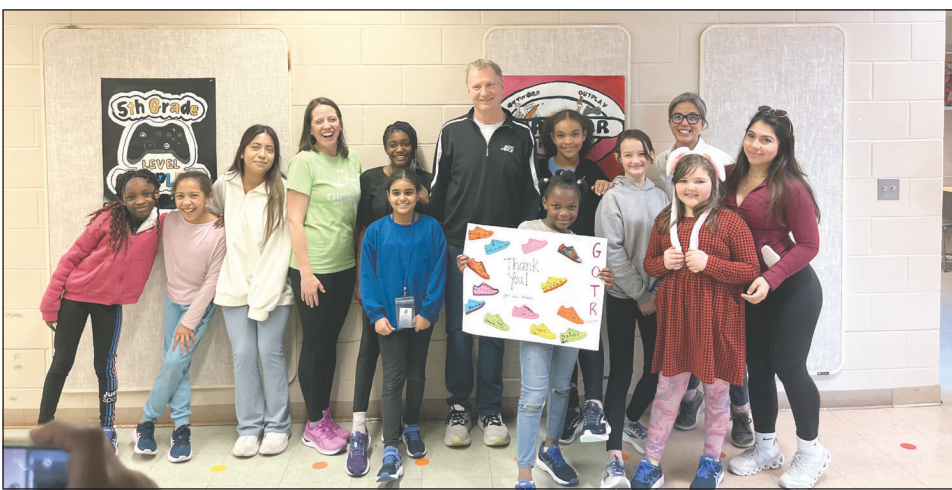
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GIVING: A SPECIAL SECTION

Kicks for CU Kids



About us: Kicks for CU Kids provides professionally-fitted running shoes and running socks to youth from the greater Champaign-Urbana area who participate through organized running programs in races associated with the Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend, held annually in April. Kicks for CU Kids was created to address a gap in opportunity that exists for some youngsters in the Champaign-Urbana area who are underrepresented in the Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend, which is committed to diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Get Involved" tab at illinoismarathon.com. By mail: 1607 N. Market St., Illinois Marathon Suite, Champaign, IL 61820.



The Kirby Foundation



About us: Donations to The Kirby Foundation strengthen patient care, broaden community health resources and support the continued growth of Kirby Medical Center's services.

Where to give: Online: 4agc.com/donate/supportkirbymedicalcenter. By mail: 1000 Medical Center Dr., Monticello, IL 61856. Questions: give@kirbyhealth.org.



Korean War Educator



About us: Disseminating information about the Korean War and the experiences of its veterans via one of the world's largest Korean War websites, the Korean War Educator's old site is currently transitioning into a newer one, and financial help is needed.

Where to give: 111 E. Houghton St., Tuscola, IL 61953. Via Paypal: thekwe.org.



The Land Connection



About us: The Land Connection provides education and resources to farmers, landowners, food businesses and eaters. Donations to our organization support this work directly, benefiting our community by providing services in food assistance, training, grants and more.

Where to give: Click on the "Donate" button at thelandconnection.org. By mail: 206 N. Randolph St., Suite 400 Champaign, IL 61820.



Land Conservation Foundation



About us: The Land Conservation Foundation's mission is to preserve and restore natural communities in East Central Illinois, to create interconnected corridors, to provide wildlife habitat and connect people and nature for future generations. We accept financial donations of any size and accept land and property donations conditionally.

Where to give: By mail: 508 S. Broadway Ave., Urbana, IL 61801. Online: Click on the "Donate" button at landconservationfoundation.org.



Land of Lincoln Legal Aid



About us: Land of Lincoln Legal Aid provides free civil legal services to help individuals and families across central and southern Illinois secure safety, stability and justice. Donations directly support our work in housing, family safety, consumer issues and access to essential benefits. Your generosity strengthens justice and opportunity in the communities we serve.

Where to give: Online: lincolntegall.kindful.com. By mail: 8787 State St., Suite 201, East St. Louis, IL 62203.



Little Free Pantry



About us: The Little Free Pantry in Villa Grove was started seven years ago as a Girl Scout Silver project. Our mission is to help our community defeat food insecurity by providing food and hygiene items to anyone in need. Last summer, we were able to provide tons of fresh produce thanks to Partners in Produce. We also stock snacks and drinks for kids during the summer and after school. At Thanksgiving, we also had several turkeys donated to those in need. We accept food and hygiene donations as well as monetary donations to help replenish the pantry when food is low.

Where to give: Food and hygiene donations may be dropped off directly at 406 First St., Villa Grove, IL 61956. Monetary donations may be mailed to Sonya Williams at the same address, or deposits may be made directly to the Little Free Pantry account at Villa Grove State Bank.



Design Interior Peace is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit committed to enhancing the lives of community members in Champaign County and beyond facing interference, confusion, and chaos from their living conditions.



Design Interior Peace is a program which reimagines living spaces for the purpose of promoting productivity and peace. We teach our clients cognitive behavioral therapy techniques along with spiritual principles in order to change unhealthy lifestyle habits including relationships with material items. Once an ideal environment is designed, our clients will be able to maintain these conditions themselves.



DesignInteriorPeace.org • Scan the QR Code to Donate!

GIVING: A SPECIAL SECTION

Luella's Lodge



Carrie Hay

About us: Luella's Lodge serves over 100 grieving parents a year and could use help covering the costs of our therapeutic and holistic retreats for parents through monetary donations. We also have an Amazon Wish List with items for grief care packages and therapeutic activities at Luella's Lodge.

Where to give: By mail: 7397 E. 1500 North Road, Oakwood, IL 61858. Online, where our wish list can be found: luellaslodge.org. For more: luellaslodge@gmail.com.



Mahomet Area Youth Club



About us: The Mahomet Area Youth Club provides a safe, supportive and enriching environment where every young person can thrive. We empower youth through mentorship, education and meaningful programs that build confidence, character and community connection. Our mission is to ensure that every child has the opportunities, resources and encouragement they need to grow into their best selves.

Where to give: By mail: 700 W. Main St., Mahomet, IL 61853. Online: Click on the "Donate/Get Involved" tab at mahometyouth.org. Email: director@mahometyouth.org.



Mahomet Community Foundation



About us: The Mahomet Community Foundation funds projects that enhance the quality of life for those who live in, work in and visit Mahomet, while also connecting individuals in need with local nonprofits. In 2025, the foundation launched the 100 People of Impact initiative, a collective giving program that awarded \$15,000 at its first giving event to two local organizations. The foundation accepts a variety of donation types, including one-time cash gifts and estate giving, to support both immediate needs and long-term community investment.

Where to give: By mail: 503 E. Main St., P.O. Box 259, Mahomet, IL 61853-0259. Online: Click on the "Your Giving" tab at MahometCommunityFoundation.org.



Mahomet-Seymour Schools Foundation



About us: The Mahomet-Seymour Schools Foundation provides "excellence in education" by offering financial support toward enriching and challenging educational opportunities for the district's students and faculty.

Where to give: By mail: P.O. Box 665, Mahomet, IL 61853. Online: Click on the "Donate" tab at Msschoolsfoundation.weebly.com.



Marisa's Purpose



About us: Our mission is to empower individuals and families by providing support and resources to navigate mental health and addiction challenges, while actively working to remove the stigma associated with these issues. We are committed to educating students, families and communities about the dangers of vaping, alcohol and substance abuse, fostering a culture of awareness, understanding and support.

Where to give: Monetary donations are always appreciated. By mail: 362 E. 1400 N Rd., Monticello, IL. 61856. Online: marisaspurpose.org.

Mi Raza Community Center



About us: Having served immigrants living in East Central Illinois from over 47 countries through donations and the help of tireless volunteers, Mi Raza Community Center provides education, outreach and assistance to immigrants and minorities living in Douglas County and the surrounding rural regions of East Central Illinois.

Where to give: By mail: 113 N. Collins St., Arcola, IL 61910. Phone: 217-268-3555. Email: miraza.arcola@yahoo.com. Find us on Facebook at "Mi Raza Community Center."



Restoring Lives Through Jesus Christ

Because of the many requests and inquiries received during the past season, Restoration Urban Ministries is re-opening our Transitional Housing Program. Praise God, we will be opening operations as of January 2026. If you or someone you know is looking for a change, then come to a place where change is lasting.



Make a difference by donating.
Scan the QR code or visit our website to donate today.



GIVING: A SPECIAL SECTION

Monticello Area Education Foundation



About us: The Monticello Area Education Foundation is committed to benefiting students by supporting, enriching and enhancing educational opportunities and strengthening community involvement in the Monticello CUSD #25, by supporting educational initiatives for which other funding is not readily available with monetary donations. Examples of initiatives include summer tutoring for children and scholarships given out each year.

Where to give: By mail: P.O. Box 473, Monticello, IL 61856. Online: sites.google.com/sages.us/maef. For more: maef@sages.us.



Moore's Rescue Ranch



About us: We are a pet rescue that proudly rescues disabled/abused dogs and cats from Animal Control and euthanasia lists and finds loving homes for them. The Kitty Crib is Moore's Rescue Ranch's cat cafe/lounge, at 3113 N. Market St., Champaign, where you can meet and fall in love with adoptable cats, run solely by dedicated volunteers. Admission is only \$5 for all students and \$7 for non-students with free coffee and hot chocolate. All entry fees go towards the care of the animals; there are no paid positions.

Where to give: By mail: P.O. Box 483, Savoy, IL 61874. Online: mooresrescueranch.org and thekittycrib.com.



Mrs. Mitchell's Closet

Welcome to...

**Free* School Supplies & Bookbags*

**Free* Clothing & Hygiene Products*

Urbana Middle School
1201 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL
Room 1521

Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center
1401 E. Main Street, Urbana, IL

Thomas Paine Elementary School
1801 James Cherry Dr., Urbana, IL
Room 142

Yankee Ridge Elementary School
2102 S Anderson St, Urbana, IL
Room 300B

Urbana High School
1002 S Race St, Urbana, IL
Across from Tiger Pantry

King Elementary School
1108 Fairview Ave., Urbana, IL
Room B

Urbana Sixth Grade Center
1602 S Anderson Street
Urbana, IL
Room 315

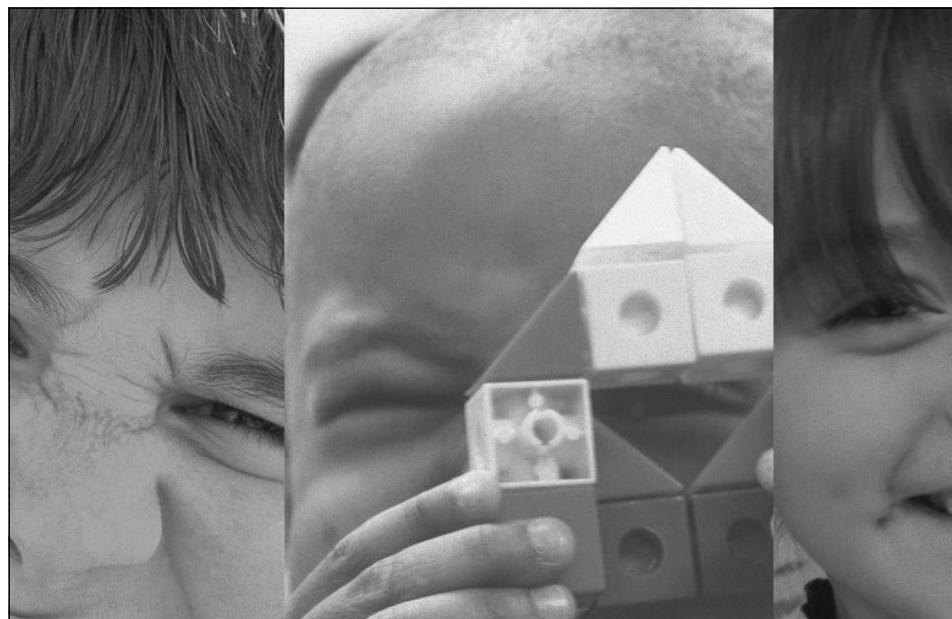
MRS. MITCHELL'S CLOSET

For inquiries, contact: Dr. Jeniece D. Nance
District Family Liaison, USD 116
jdmitchell@usd116.org
(217) 531-7134

About us: Mrs. Mitchell's Closet is a free place for Urbana students in need to secure clothing items, school supplies and hygiene products at school or in the community. Seven convenient locations have been designated for Mrs. Mitchell's Closet, in honor of Mrs. Janice Mitchell, former parent outreach coordinator and liaison of Urbana School District 116 and founder/CEO of Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center.

Where to give: Online: Donations may be purchased and shipped to Urbana Middle School at the address on our Amazon Wish List: tinyurl.com/mrsmitchellscloset3. By mail: Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center, 1401 E. Main St, Urbana, IL 61802.

Multicultural Community Center



About us: The Rantoul-based Multicultural Community Center helps underprivileged children receive quality education and social services. We are asking for donations so each child can receive an educational gift for the holidays.

Where to give: By mail: 1126 Country Club Lane, Rantoul, IL 61822. For more: email contact@mcc-rantoul.org.



NAMI Champaign



About us: National Alliance on Mental Illness Champaign's mission is to provide free education, support and advocacy to all persons living in our community who are affected by mental health conditions. We're able to do this thanks to volunteers and donations that keep our public mental health awareness programs and advocacy, mental health classes and in-person and online support groups free to all who need it. Our catchment area includes the counties of Champaign, Coles, Douglas, Effingham, Ford and Vermilion.

Where to give: Online: namichampaign.org. By mail: P.O. Box 3552, Champaign, IL 61826. For more: info@namichampaign.org or 217-419-5345.



NAMI Champaign

New American Welcome Center



About us: The core work of the New American Welcome Center is providing accredited immigration legal services and connecting people to critical information and resources. So far, this calendar year alone, we provided \$204,268.57 in financial assistance to help people cover things like housing, utilities and medical needs. Donations to the Immigrant Relief Fund go directly to the people we serve.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Support Us" button, then "Immigrant Relief Fund" at universityymca.org. By mail: University YMCA, 1001 S. Wright St. Champaign, IL 61820. Be sure to add a memo of "IRF."



Not On My Watch



About us: Not On My Watch's mission is "Empowering the Community One Person at a Time" and this is accomplished through our various programs, such as the Leadership Development Academy, financial literacy classes, community events and youth and family programming at Bob Fulling's Hope Center in Rantoul. Another NOMW initiative is Hood2Hood Mentoring, which provides direct support for job placement and one-on-one mentoring for youth 25 and under. We also assist with enrolling men in drug and alcohol rehabilitation.

Where to give: By mail: 3209 County Road 1700 E., Rantoul, IL 61866.



Oakwood Area Food Pantry



About us: Our mission is to alleviate hunger while nourishing individuals and families residing in the rural communities of Oakwood, Catlin, Muncie, Fithian, Fairmount, Sidell and Indianola. We distribute to approximately 80 families every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon. Our Bags of Hope program also provides weekend food for 72 students in the Oakwood and Salt Fork school districts every week.

Where to give: By mail: 202 S. Scott St., Oakwood, IL 61858. Online: myevent.com/feedoakwood.



GIVING: A SPECIAL SECTION

Orphans Treasure Box



About us: Orphans Treasure Box employs women coming out of trauma, such as prison, addiction and domestic abuse. We also donate books and money to vulnerable kids. One hundred percent of money donated to ReStart goes to the women we employ.
Where to give: Online: orphanstreasurebox.org.



OSF HealthCare Foundation



About us: Monetary donations to the OSF HealthCare Foundation will help us carry out our ambition to increase behavioral health services for the Champaign County area in 2026.
Where to give: Online: Click on the "Donate Now" button at osfhealthcare.org/foundation. By mail/in person: 1400 W. Park St., Urbana, IL 61801.



PACE, A Center for Independent Living



About us: As a nonprofit Center for Independent Living, PACE supports and provides services for people with various disabilities who reside in the five-county area of Champaign, Douglas, Edgar, Piatt and Vermilion counties. Our core services include, but are not limited to, independent living skills, advocacy, information and referral, peer counseling and transition. At PACE, we also provide low vision, deaf services, home modifications, youth and adult transition, personal assistant and personal support worker programs. We are committed to assisting people with various disabilities in achieving/maintaining their independence.
Where to give: Online: Click on the "Donate" button at pacecil.org. By mail: 301 S. Vine St., Suite 211, Urbana, IL 61801.



Parkland College Foundation



About us: Parkland College Foundation provides financial support to the students, faculty and departments of Parkland and works closely with alumni, corporations, foundations and members of the community to ensure Parkland provides educational opportunities and community enrichment. To meet the demands of the constantly changing educational climate, the foundation provides scholarships to deserving students; state-of-the-art technical equipment and program enhancements to the academic departments; capital for additional college buildings; and funds to broaden educational and cultural opportunities and services to citizens of Parkland College District 505. The Parkland College Foundation is dedicated to helping our donors make the largest impact possible to create opportunities and improve lives in our community.
Where to give: By mail: 2400 W. Bradley Ave., Champaign, IL 61821. Online: parkland.edu/give. Questions? 217-351-2464.



PROTECT WATER. HEAL LAND. INSPIRE CHANGE.

From protecting Allerton Park and the Sangamon River from flooding in 1967 to defending our drinking water—the Mahomet Aquifer—from carbon capture and sequestration in 2025, Prairie Rivers Network has spent nearly six decades harnessing the creative power of science, law, and community action to protect our water, lands, and communities across the state. Over the years, we've brought together community members, scientists, businesses, and policymakers to protect rivers, restore habitats, and hold polluters accountable. Today, we continue to honor our roots in community-led advocacy while working toward a more resilient, sustainable future for generations to come.



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GIVING: A SPECIAL SECTION

Piatt County Animal Shelter



About us: At the Piatt County Animal Shelter, pets are our first priority. We want our animals to be comfortable and well-cared for while they await placement into their forever homes. The PCAS is a no-kill shelter. We are an entirely volunteer-based organization. Our funding comes through generous donations from the public and local businesses, fundraisers, minimal adoption fees and memorial contributions. Every donation goes directly to our animals!

Where to give: By mail: 301A S. Charter St., Monticello, IL 61856. Online: Click on the "Donate" button at piattcountyanimals.org.



Prairie Dragon Paddlers



About us: We're Illinois' first breast cancer survivor dragon boat team, located here in central Illinois, and we contribute to the well-being of survivors through the sport of dragon boat racing, as well as outreach activities related to breast cancer awareness and education. Donations keep us afloat to enable our efforts and advocate for survivors throughout the region.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Donate" tab at prairiedragonpaddlers.org. By mail: P.O. Box 44, Savoy, IL 61874.



Prairie Rivers Network



About us: Prairie Rivers Network works to protect water, heal land and inspire change in Illinois. Using the creative power of science, law and collective action, we protect and restore our rivers, bring healthy soils and diverse wildlife back to our lands, and transform how we care for the Earth and each other. We are grateful for donations from our communities in any amount to help us continue our work. These contributions help fund initiatives and campaigns that help ensure clean and accessible water across the state, advocate for the protection of our state's wetlands, empower Illinoisans to make the transition to clean energy and work to protect trees across Illinois from herbicide drift.

Where to give: By mail: 1665 S. State St., Suite 1, Champaign, IL 61820. Online: Click on the "Donate" button at prairierivers.org. For more: info@prairierivers.org.



Prairielands Council, Scouting America



About us: The Prairielands Council, Scouting America, located in East Central Illinois and western Indiana, provides youth with character development programs and value-based leadership training. The council serves 2,000 youth in nine counties in Illinois and Indiana. The mission of Scouting America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Where to give: By mail: 3301 Farber Dr., Champaign, IL 61822. Online: prairielandsbsa.org.



Preservation and Conservation Association



About us: The Preservation and Conservation Association (PACA) advocates for the historic preservation of East Central Illinois' built environment, focusing on the local history and architectural craftsmanship that make our buildings unique. We also promote conservation practices that reduce waste and extend the life of existing materials. Our architectural salvage warehouse keeps building materials in circulation, offering the community affordable, historically appropriate options for restoration and reuse. We welcome financial gifts and donations of quality architectural items and antiques, all of which support our preservation, conservation and education programs.

Where to give: By mail/in person: 44 E. Washington St., Champaign, IL 61820. Online: Click on the "Donate" button at pacacc.org.



Project Success of Vermilion County



About us: Project Success of Vermilion County, Inc., is a nonprofit dedicated to providing high-quality out-of-school-time programs to more than 1,500 students (K-12) across 20 sites throughout the county. Our mission is to empower children and families to reach their highest potential and become responsible, productive members of the community. Over the past 27 years, Project Success has experienced significant growth and expansion. In addition to our core programs, we have developed strong supplemental services, including our violence prevention initiatives and our parent mentor program. We seek monetary donations all year long to support our afterschool and summer programs that provide STEM, arts programming, credit recovery, college/career readiness, service learning, field trips, violence prevention programming and more.

Where to give: By mail: 917 N. Walnut, Suite 203, Danville, IL 61832. Online: Click on the "Donate" button at vcprojectsuccess.org.



Promise Healthcare

Promise Healthcare

About us: Promise Healthcare's mission is to improve the health and well-being of the diverse communities we serve by providing high-quality, equitable healthcare to people of all ages. We welcome monetary donations of any amount. Every gift directly supports patient care, expands services and helps remove barriers so families can receive the healthcare they deserve.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Donate" button at promisehealth.org. By mail: Please send checks to Keith Flores, CFO, 819 Bloomington Rd., Champaign, IL 61820. Email: sdean@promisehealth.org.



Scott Dean

RA Kirby Foundation



About us: The RA Kirby Foundation is a non-profit whose goals are to spread awareness and raise funds for mitochondrial disease research, while also providing memorial kits to local hospitals for those families who do not get to take their babies home. All monetary donations will go to helping to support these families.

Where to give: By Venmo to @RAKF2015.



GIVING: A SPECIAL SECTION

Rantoul City Schools Foundation



RANTOUL CITY SCHOOLS
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PREK CENTER - RISE ACADEMY - JW EATER
1 AVIATION CENTER DRIVE, RANTOUL, IL 61866
217.893.5400 - WWW.RCS137.ORG

About us: The Rantoul City Schools Foundation supports Pre-K through eighth-grade students and their classroom teachers by providing financial support for programs not typically 100 percent covered by local funding sources such as field trips, food for special events and unique classroom material requests. The foundation has finally reached its initial fundraising goal and is determining our next steps for disbursement.

Where to give: By mail: 1 Aviation Center Drive, Rantoul, IL 61866. Online: Enter “Rantoul City Schools Foundation Fund” in the search tool at cfeci.fcsuite.com/erp/donate.

Rape Advocacy, Counseling, & Education Services

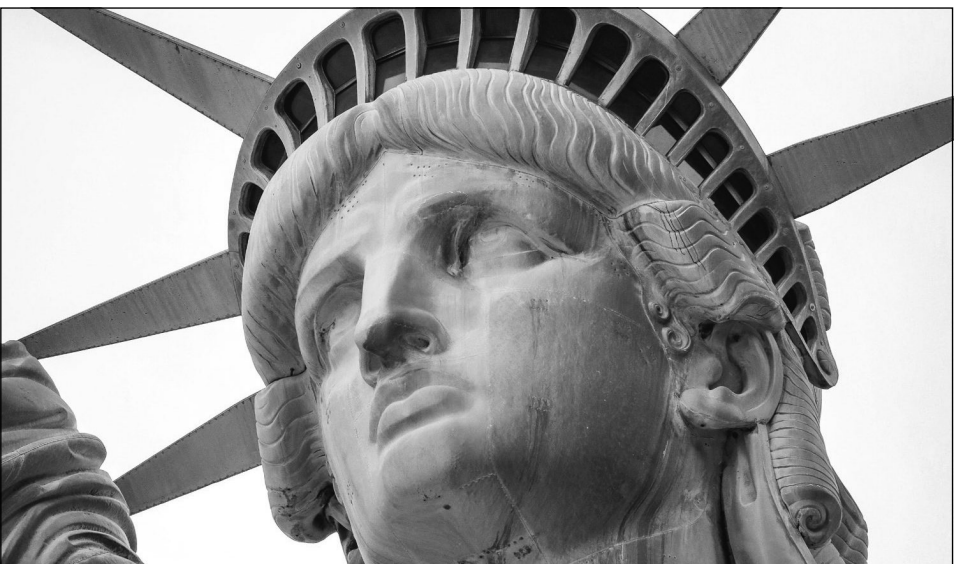


About us: RACES provides comprehensive sexual violence and stalking prevention and response services in Champaign, Ford, Piatt and Douglas counties. Donations support free therapy for survivors of sexual violence, assistance for survivors in the emergency department and as they navigate the legal system, and prevention education programming to help create a safer world. \$50 provides a full set of new clothing for a survivor in the emergency department.

Where to give: By mail: 301 S. Vine St., Suite 103, Urbana, IL 61801. Online: Click on the “Donate” tab at cu-races.org.



The Refugee Center

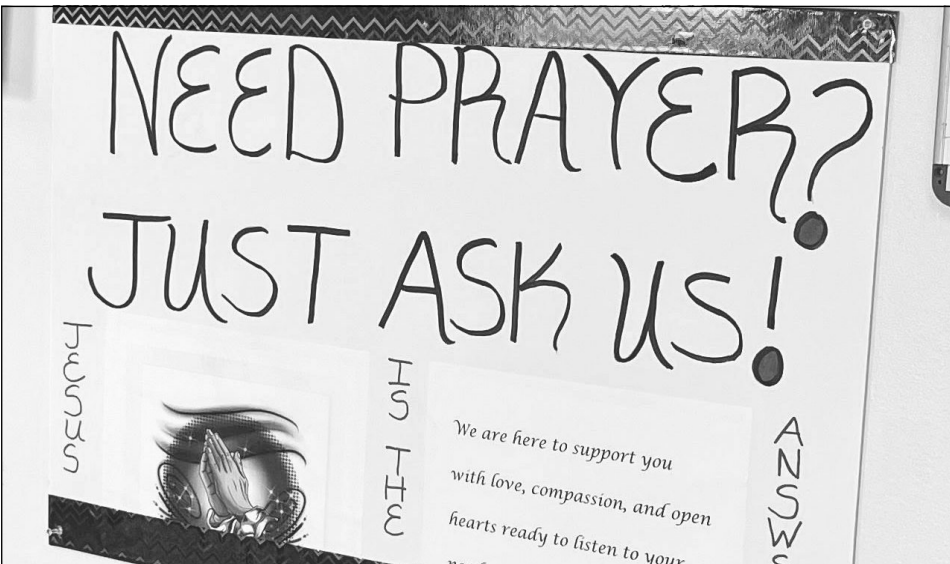


About us: The mission of The Refugee Center is to provide services essential to refugee and immigrant resettlement in East Central Illinois. Monetary donations of any size allow us to respond to immediate client needs, ranging from groceries and household items to rental and utility payment assistance for immigrant newcomers still seeking employment.

Where to give: By mail: 201 W. Kenyon Rd., Suite 4D, Champaign, IL 61820. Online: Click on the “Donate” tab at therefugeecenter-cu.org.



Restoration Urban Ministries

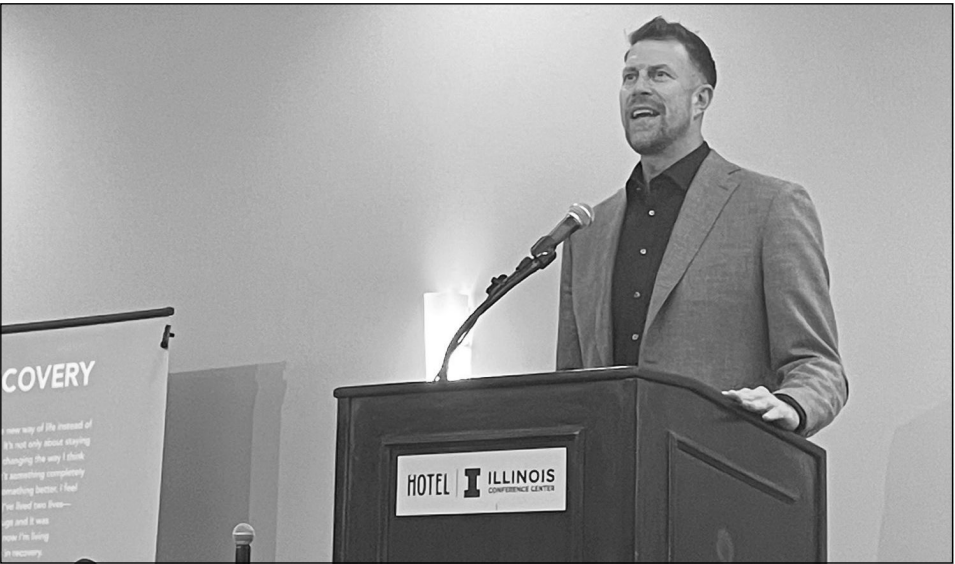


About us: Monetary donations to Restoration Urban Ministries play a vital role in sustaining the organization’s ability to offer essential services to those in need, helping to foster emotional, spiritual and practical support for individuals and families seeking a fresh start.

Where to give: By mail: 1213 Parkland Court, P.O. Box 3277, Champaign, IL 61821. Online: restorationurbanministries.org. By mail: P.O. Box 3277, Champaign, IL 61826. For more: info@restorationurbanministries.org.



Rosecrance Foundation



About us: Since 1916, Rosecrance has had one goal: To change and save lives. The Rosecrance Foundation supports its mission of providing help and hope for lasting recovery from mental health and substance use disorders. Donors can contribute through financial gifts, special appeals, legacy planning, volunteering or attending fundraising events.

Where to give: By mail: 1021 North Mulford Rd., Rockford, IL 61107. Online: rosecrance.org.



St. James Food Pantry



About us: Each month, St. James volunteers distribute groceries to over 385 families or 1,300 individuals who are experiencing food insecurity. We can stretch the purchasing power of any monetary donations because of our partnerships with the Eastern Illinois Foodbank and our local grocery stores.

Where to give: Checks by mail: 504 N. Vermilion St., Danville, IL 61832. Online: stjames-umc.com.



St. Joseph Recreation Foundation



About us: The St. Joseph Recreation Foundation is raising funds to build and operate a community building in St. Joseph.

Where to give: By mail: Send checks to P.O. Box 11, St. Joseph, IL 61873. Online: Click on the “Donate” button at stjoerf.org. Additionally: Queen of Hearts raffle held every Wednesday at the Rib Cage in St. Joseph.



Salt & Light



About us: At Salt & Light, we believe every person deserves the chance to grow into their God-given potential. Our mission is not simply to provide short-term relief — we are committed to sharing God’s love by fighting poverty with opportunities that empower people for lasting change. Your financial gift helps to fund the store credit our participants earn to acquire the food, clothing and other resources they need.

Where to give: By mail: 1819 Philo Rd., Urbana, IL 61802. Online: saltandlightministry.org. In person: Donations of stuff can be dropped off at both our Champaign or Urbana locations.



GIVING: A SPECIAL SECTION

The Salvation Army



About us: The mission statement of The Salvation Army concludes by saying, "Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and meet human needs in His name without discrimination." Monetary donations are best because they help us to be versatile in how we are able to meet the various needs we are presented with such as helping veterans, those seeking to equip themselves in areas such as in our ESL and Pathway of Hope programs and our seasonal assistances. Beyond that, food and produce donations are great as they are distributed in our food pantry.

Where to give: By mail: 2212 N. Market St., Champaign, IL 61822. Email: Kenyon.sivels@usc.salvationarmy.org or aaron.bird@usc.salvationarmy.org. Online: Click on the "Donate" button at SACHampaign.org.



Sleep in Heavenly Peace



About us: Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a national nonprofit organization with a chapter in Mahomet and now a hub in Danville. We build and deliver beds with new bedding to kids ages 3-17. No kid sleeps on the floor in our town. This year, we delivered our 500th bed.

Where to give: By mail: P.O. Box 11, Mahomet, IL. 61853. Online: Click on the "Mahomet" chapter in the drop-down menu in the upper left-hand corner, then click the "Donate" button. Bedding can also be purchased through our Amazon and Walmart online registries.



NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!

Sola Gratia Farm



About us: Sola Gratia Farm works to support food security through programming that teaches food-growing skills and by providing produce to feed families at low-cost or free. As of the end of November, we have donated 19,000 pounds of fresh, healthy food into our community this year, representing 23.4 percent of our harvest. Monetary donations help offset the costs of food production and staff time for outreach and education while volunteering helps us grow and distribute more food.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Support Us" tab at solagratiacs.com for donations, "Get Involved" to volunteer. By mail: 1921 East Mumford Dr., Urbana, IL 61802.



Station Theatre



About us: The Station Theatre is an inclusive and challenging theatre created by and for the Urbana-Champaign community in 1972. Join us for our 53rd season as we continue to tell timely stories that highlight the remarkable talents in our diverse community.

Where to give: Online: stationtheatre.com. By mail: P.O. Box 2906, Station A, Champaign, IL 61825-2906.



Stephens Family YMCA



About us: Our mission: to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all. Stephens Family YMCA supports over 2,000 kids and families annually through our scholarship program. Scholarships ensure that our Y can remain a place for all. Each day, we witness the impact of our generous donors — youth engaging in activities, new swimmers braving their first strokes, families creating memories and so much more. These moments are made possible through the unwavering support of our community.

Where to give: Online: sf-ymca.net. By mail: 2501 Fields South Drive, Champaign, IL 61822.



StreetCollege



About us: Street College designs innovative activities to inspire creativity and learning in marginalized youth and young adults. Your gift will encourage K-12 academic enrichment, provide access to STEM and create a safe environment for scholars to explore their inner genius.

Where to give: By mail: 306 N. Abbey Rd., Urbana, IL 61802.



The Boys & Girls Club of Danville provides a safe place for all youth ages 6-18 to come after school and during the summer! We strive to provide positive outcomes for our youth in the areas of educational, career, physical, and social development.

Our engaged staff not only implement our life-enhancing programs, they provide mentorship, positive interactions, and show our kids that someone cares about them and has their best interests in mind.

Your financial and in-kind donations, volunteerism, and investments in our mission help us to continue opening the door to a brighter future for all our youth and for the future of our community!



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF DANVILLE, IL

— Where to Give —

www.bgcdnv.org • 850 N. Griffin St., Danville, IL 61832

GIVING: A SPECIAL SECTION

Survivor Resource Center



About us: The Survivor Resource Center's primary mission is to serve victims of sexual violence by providing free counseling and advocacy services, and to promote awareness and prevention through specialized education programs, with the ultimate goal of ending sexual violence within our community. Monetary donations continue to make our services free and accessible for survivors.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Get Involved" tab at survivorresourcecenter.org. By mail: 27 N. Vermilion St., Danville, IL 61832.



TM Horse Haven

About us: TM Horse Haven is more than a non-profit animal rescue — it's a place where connection, care and community meet. Visitors can rest, restore and renew through hands-on time with the animals (like brushing ponies, feeding goats or collecting eggs), enjoying nature (walking the property, relaxing by the bonfire or picnicking with friends), or joining one of our many special events (holiday parties, line dancing, murder mysteries, showers and birthday celebrations). Families love that children can safely play and learn responsibility, while many adults say their time here feels like "therapy without the couch." With the support of volunteers and monetary donations — which go directly toward animal care and facility upkeep — TM Horse Haven continues its mission of being a haven for animals and the community. Additionally, we recently opened the doors to a brand-new indoor arena and Painted Sky Acres Boarding Barn on the TM Horse Haven property, for boarders and riders/trainers alike!

Where to give: Online donations: givebutter.com/TMHH. By mail: 917 CR 1000 East, Tolono, IL 61880. By text: "HORSEHAVEN" to 53-555. More information: tmhorsehaven.org, info@tmhorsehaven.org.



Sustainable Water Resources Group



About us: Sustainable Water Resources Group works with the University of Malawi and regional offices to identify rural villages in need of fresh water. The scientific methods are taught to graduate students at the U of Malawi so that they will be able to build their own program. This past year, 2 new wells provided water for 2 villages and 650 children at an elementary school and 3 geology grad students were trained. Your gift makes it happen!

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Give" button at sustainablewaterresources.org. By mail: 207 W. California Ave., Urbana, IL 61801. Questions? Email timothyarlson@sustainablewaterresources.org.



Trails of the Grand Prairie



About us: The Trails of the Grand Prairie is expanding the hiking and biking trail network in East Central Illinois. A gift of \$25 helps us plant trees along old rail corridors being converted into trails; a gift of \$25,000 helps us acquire land and develop a small trailhead along a new section of trail. Contact us to learn more about other trail projects you can help fund.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Donate" button at trailsofthegrandprairie.org. By mail: P.O. Box 271, Oakwood, IL, 61858.



Trauma & Resilience Initiative



About us: This holiday season, support the Trauma & Resilience Initiative as we work to promote healing and wellness for individuals impacted by violence. A gift of \$50 provides food and snacks for our grief groups, while \$100 offers a comfort care basket for a family in need.

Where to give: Via PayPal at traumaresilienceinc.org.



Tuscola Community Foundation



About us: The Tuscola Community Foundation is a community-supported non-profit corporation that funds programs and services that make a lasting impact in our community. Donated funds are used to serve a broad spectrum of interests like youth activities, education, health and human services, senior services and more. We are committed to ensuring all entrusted funds support our community. Funds are awarded through the grant and scholarship processes. Let's work together and give back to our great community.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Donate" button at tuscolafoundation.org. By mail: P.O. Box 252, Tuscola, IL 61953. Email: tuscolafoundation@gmail.com.



Twin City Theatre Company

About us: Twin City Theatre Company presents live theatrical productions focusing on underserved voices, cultures and issues. Our 2026 season features a small cast musical, a student production and a play. Monetary donations help offset the production costs of royalties, rent of performance space, costumes, props and building materials for sets.

Where to give: By mail: 2001 N. Mattis Ave., Unit 6383, Champaign, IL 61826. Online: twincitytheatreco.org, twincitytheatreco.org, ludus.com/fundraiser.php?id=5787. Email: TwinCityTheatreCo@gmail.com.



United Way of Champaign County



About us: At United Way of Champaign County, we meet people where they are with dignity, immediacy and care. Our work brings partners, volunteers and resources together so families get the support they need. With generous community backing, we fund impactful programs and support local nonprofits. We also drive progress in our four focus areas: financial security, healthy community, youth opportunity and community resiliency. United is the way we are making a lasting difference for our neighbors.

Where to give: By mail: 5 Dunlap Court, Savoy, IL 61874. Facebook: @UWChampaign-County. Instagram: @uwchampaign.



GIVING: A SPECIAL SECTION

United Way of Danville Area



About us: United Way of Danville Area responds to the needs of our local communities while addressing the root causes of key issues. We do this by inspiring and uniting the power of individuals, businesses and the public and nonprofit sectors around common goals. Together, we work to ensure that every individual can receive a quality education, a good job to support their family and live a healthy life. United Way of Danville Area has served residents in Vermilion County and Indiana's Fountain and Warren counties for more than 98 years.

Where to give: Online: unitedwayda.com.



Uniting Pride



About us: Uniting Pride leads in the creation of a community where all who hold historically and actively marginalized gender and sexual identities can live fulfilling, joyful, healthy and vibrant lives. Donations support our educational programming, community resources like our food pantry and harm reduction program, free advocacy services, social and support groups, community-wide events and more.

Where to give: By mail: 1001 S. Wright St., Champaign, IL 61821. Online: Click on the "Get Involved" button at unitingpride.org.



University of Illinois Foundation



About us: The foundation is the gift receiving agency for the University of Illinois. Your generosity supports students, faculty and staff and helps world-class education, research and innovation thrive for generations to come.

Where to give: Online: uif.uillinois.edu/give. Mail: Please make gifts by check or money order payable to the "University of Illinois Foundation" and include a short note (or memo on your check) stating the purpose or designation of your gift. Address: P.O. Box 734500, Chicago, IL 60673-4500.



University YMCA

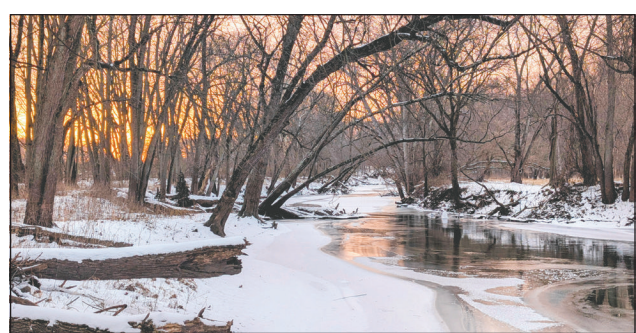


About us: The University YMCA offers civic and arts programming free to the public, scholarship opportunities and resources for students, community spaces, legal services and emergency aid to our immigrant community, and more.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Support Us" button at universityymca.org. By mail: 1001 S. Wright St., Champaign IL, 61820. Send inquiries to Marc Alexander at marc@universityymca.org.



Upper Sangamon River Conservancy



About us: The Upper Sangamon River Conservancy works to preserve, maintain, monitor and promote public use and awareness of the Sangamon River. Your donations will help us purchase supplies and facilitate volunteers to help maintain and improve the Sangamon River watershed through trash pickups and natural area management. New equipment can improve our monitoring river health and get more people involved in our efforts.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Donate" button at sangamonriver.org. By mail: P.O. Box 765, Mahomet, IL 61853.



Parkland College Foundation provides financial support to the students, faculty, and departments of Parkland College, works closely with alumni, corporations, foundations, and members of the community to ensure Parkland College provides educational opportunities and community enrichment.

To meet the demands of the constantly changing educational climate, the foundation provides scholarships to deserving students; state-of-the-art technical equipment and program enhancements to the academic departments; capital for additional college buildings; and funds to broaden educational and cultural opportunities and services to citizens of Parkland College District 505.

The Parkland College Foundation is dedicated to helping our donors make the largest impact possible to create opportunities and improve lives in our community.

Where to Give:

Parkland College Foundation
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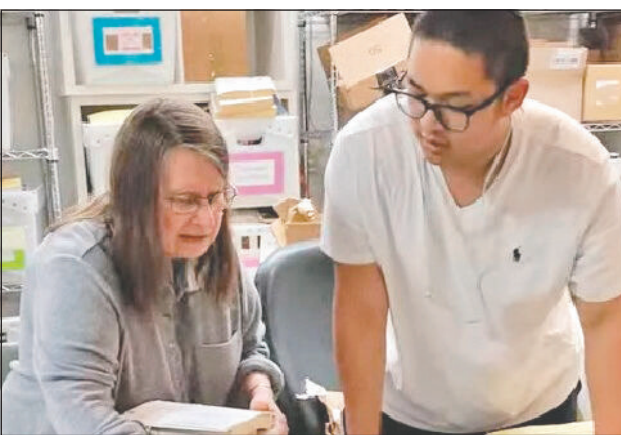


PARKLAND COLLEGE
FOUNDATION

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GIVING: A SPECIAL SECTION

U-C Books to Prisoners



About us: Last year, Urbana-Champaign Books to Prisoners sent over 6,000 books to people experiencing incarceration in Illinois to avert hopelessness, isolation and soul-crushing boredom. \$6 buys a Merriam Webster dictionary — the most requested book — and \$25 ships a 30-pound box of books to a prison.

Where to give: Online: Click on the “Make A Financial Donation” button at books2prisoners.org. By mail: P.O. Box 515, Urbana, IL 61803.



The Urbana Free Library Foundation



About us: The Urbana Free Library Foundation provides supplemental funding to support the library's diverse programs, services and resources. Your donations support a thriving, well-resourced public library that fosters intellectual freedom, lifelong learning and community connection for generations to come.

Where to give: Online: Click on the “Donate” button at urbanafreelibrary.org. By mail: 210 W. Green St., Urbana, IL 61801. Questions? foundation@urbanafreelibrary.org.



Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center



About us: The Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center, “where our youth will grow, our parents will help and our community will share,” provides quality educational, social-emotional, spiritual and recreational enrichments to youth and their families within a safe, structured and nurturing environment. Our five core programs include: after-school enrichment, summer enrichment, college and career readiness, intensive literacy and summer youth employment; additionally, we provide transportation and nutritious meals for all program participants. Monetary donations support our programming needs and organizational goals.

Where to give: Online: Click on the “Donate” button at urbananeighborhoodconnectionscenter.org. By mail: 1401 E. Main St., Urbana, IL 61802.



Urbana Parks Foundation



About us: The Urbana Parks Foundation was established in 2007 to help meet the growing need for supplemental support by raising funds for Urbana Park District activities. UPF seeks donations from people and organizations who appreciate the value of parks or programs not just for their immediate esthetic or environmental value, but for the impact they can have on future generations. Our sponsors and donors provide generous financial and in-kind assistance, as well as contributing in ways that benefit the greater Urbana-Champaign community.

Where to give: By mail: 303 W. University, Urbana, IL 61801. Online: urbanaparksfoundation.org.



The Urbana Parks Foundation

Urbana Pops Orchestra



About us: UPO brings together professional and semi-professional musicians who share their music stands with talented youth musicians in unique concerts of popular music — such as film scores and recognizable light classics — absolutely free to this community. Your gift primarily provides stipends for UPO's adult musicians and to rent musical scores.

Where to give: Online: Click on the “Donate” tab at urbanapops.org or visit UPO's Facebook page. By mail: 207 W. California, Urbana, IL 61801.



UNITED IS THE WAY™

United Way brings our community together to improve health, expand opportunities, and build financial security so everyone can thrive.



GIVING: A SPECIAL SECTION

VALOR



About us: Vaccinate Alter and Love Orphaned Rescues is a 501(c)(3), Illinois Department of Ag-licensed animal rescue. The mission statement is to reduce the population of animals by way of sterilization. We educate people about the importance of monthly maintenance preventatives, the importance of spay and neuter and the general welfare of the animals. Monetary donations are used for vaccines, flea prevention, surgeries and any consumables.

Where to give: Click on the "Donation Options" tab at valor2019.org.



Vermilion County Crime Stoppers



TIP HOTLINE: 217-446-TIPS

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DOWNLOAD OUR FREE MOBILE APP AT P3TIPS.COM

About us: The mission of Vermilion County Crime Stoppers is to be an effective tool to help fight crime in the area. Crime Stoppers provides a method for local law enforcement to receive information on crimes. These efforts increase tips, which in turn increases arrests in our community. VC Crime Stoppers seeks tips from the community as well as cash donations to provide those who give tips.

Where to give: Online: vccrimestoppers.com.

Vermilion County Museum Society



About us: The mission of the Vermilion County Museum Society is to disseminate the local history of the county through exhibits, special programs and presentations. Donations help support the society's largest program, The Historical School Program, which is offered yearly, free of charge, to over 3,000 students.

Where to give: By mail: 116 N. Gilbert St., Danville, IL 61832. Online: vermilioncountymuseum.org.

VERMILION COUNTY MUSEUM SOCIETY

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Vermilion Heritage Foundation



About us: The Vermilion Heritage Foundation owns and operates the Fischer Theatre, and has overseen the restoration of this landmark to its current state through the continued development and active use of the historic theatre. The foundation believes art is vital to a good life. Our purpose is to fund and oversee the restoration, maintenance and operations of the Historic Fischer Theatre in order for all to experience the arts in this local treasure.

Where to give: By mail: P.O. Box 926, Danville, IL 61832. Online: Click on the "Support the Fischer" tab at fischertheatre.com.

WEFT Community Radio



About us: Since 1975, WEFT Community Radio has provided East Central Illinois with a media platform and access to volunteers to share alternative voices, local activism and diverse musical programming. Support this unique and independent local resource financially or through volunteering.

Where to give: Online: weft.org or through the WEFT app. By mail: P.O. Box 1223, Champaign, IL 61824. Questions about donating, volunteering or hosting your own radio show? Contact Eric Bohlen at stationmanager@weft.org or 217-359-9338.



The Well Experience



About us: When families need a village, The Well Experience shows up. We walk with families through the hard and the hopeful with after-school and summer programs, counseling and crisis support, transportation, meals and family stabilization. Your generosity keeps a trusted team in place to provide vital mental health care, academic support and family services in our community. Because of you, families find hope, students succeed and our community heals. Thank you for being part of our village.

Where to give: By mail: 1803 Philo Rd., Urbana, IL 61802. Online: zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/build-the-village-keepers-of-the-well. Another way to support us: At 6 p.m. Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday, The Well Experience and Bethel AME Church will team up on "Light & Liberation: A Kwanza Christmas Canata" at the Champaign church, 401 E. Park St. Tickets: \$10 (general admission), \$7 (65 and older), \$5 (12 and under). For more: lightandliberation@thewellexperience.org.



Wesley Food Pantry



About us: Wesley Food Pantry provides groceries at our three shopping-style pantries to over 1,000 C-U families each month. Our goal is to do more than fill an empty tummy, but to provide healthy, nutritious and culturally relevant choices while alleviating some of the stress caused by food insecurity. Monetary donations help keep the shelves filled, our garden producing and our mobile pantry van moving.

Where to give: By mail: 1203 W. Green St., Urbana, IL 61801. Online: wesleypantry.org.

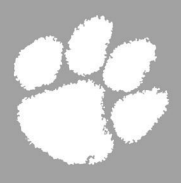


Westville Community Academic Foundation



About us: The Westville Community Academic Foundation is a nonprofit public charity that awards scholarships to students. This past spring, the foundation awarded over \$39,000 to graduating seniors from Westville High School.

Where to give: By mail: 125 Ellsworth St., Westville, IL 61883. Questions? Email foundation president Mandy Alvarez at alvarezm@gowestville.org.



GIVING: A SPECIAL SECTION

Willow Tree Missions



About us: Willow Tree Missions is a Christ-centered organization dedicated to eliminating domestic violence and abuse. We work toward achieving this goal through our shelter services, advocacy and emotional support, all funded by our resale shops, grants and donations.

Where to give: By mail: 100 E. Washington St., Monticello, IL 61856. Online: Click on the "Giving" tab at willowtreemissions.org. Venmo: @donateWTM.



Wishes on Wheels

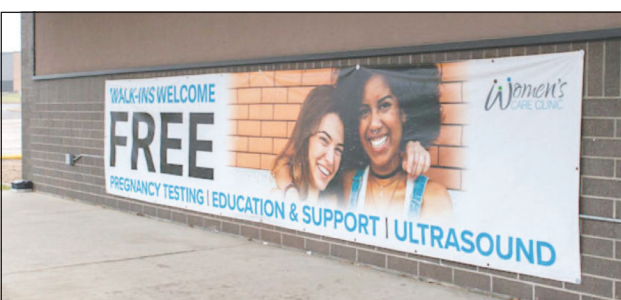


About us: Wishes on Wheels of Champaign County helps ease the burden on families who have a child with a serious medical condition by granting that child a wish, often an experience for the entire family. We do this work through monetary donations or product and service donations that can be auctioned off at our annual fundraising event in August.

Where to give: By mail: P.O. Box 8135, Champaign, IL 61826. Email: wishesonwheelsCC@gmail.com.



Women's Care Clinic



About us: Since 1992, the Women's Care Clinic has been a trusted resource for families in Vermilion County and beyond. The clinic provides free medical services, including pregnancy and STI testing and limited ultrasounds. Through its innovative parental education program, moms and dads can earn essential new baby items — from cribs and car seats to diapers and clothing. The clinic also offers motherhood support groups, pregnancy options counseling and abortion recovery counseling, ensuring compassionate care for every stage of the journey.

Where to give: Online: Click on the "Donate" button at www.danvillewcc.org.



YoungLives Champaign County



About us: YoungLives Champaign County has walked faithfully with teen moms — meeting needs with compassion, consistency and Christ-centered hope. Your partnership helps ensure that every teen mom in our community has someone to turn to, a safe place to belong and the support she needs to flourish.

Where to give: Online: giving.younglife.org. By mail: P.O. Box 8291, Champaign IL 61826.



YWCA Champaign County



About us: Our mission is to eliminate racism, empower women and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity. Currently, we are seeking monetary donations for our ongoing STRIVE program. STRIVE is a free digital skills program with the mission to build confidence, improve resumes, increase employability and jumpstart new careers.

Where to give: Online: ywcachampaigncounty.org.



What Happens After School Matters.



Every day after school, hundreds of youth walk through the doors of the Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club. Here, they find safety, support, and a place where they can learn, create, explore, and simply be themselves.

From homework help and art programs to STEM projects, leadership training, sports, and teen filmmaking — every moment at The Club is shaping tomorrow's leaders.

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