



Wiregrass United Way

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



Welcome to the Wiregrass United Way Annual Meeting! We are thrilled that you have taken time out of your morning to join us in celebrating the conclusion of our campaign. On a personal note, I have to say what an honor it has been to serve as the Board of Trustees Chairman. From the campaign's kickoff, the bus tour of all six counties, working fundraisers, and then attending their board meetings, I have learned that the people of the Wiregrass are amazingly philanthropic with their time and their resources. It gives me great pride to be a part of this wonderful community. I want to give a special 'shout out' to the amazing leadership of our overall campaign chairman, Stevie Sauls. His energy and optimistic attitude was consistent and inspiring throughout the year. To all of the Board of Trustees, the County Board members, the WUW staff, the Loaned Executives and the hundreds of volunteers..... THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. The following leadership teams from each county were simply amazing: Barbour – Sarah Osmer & Brooke Goff, Coffee – Misty Tindol & Ben Bradley, Dale – Andy Coleman & Les Perault, Geneva – Rev. Russell Clausell & Jason Thrash, Henry – Pam Dyson & Chad Sowell, Houston – Abby Rogers & Katie Saliba. Reflecting on the past year's campaign, there are so many milestones we achieved. Firstly, we raised over \$2.929 million, the largest successful campaign ever. Secondly, we were very excited to add three new agencies that are going to do great things: Chrysalis Home for Girls, Time Youth Dothan, and The Herring Houses of Dothan. Thirdly, the Wiregrass Foundation increased their challenge grant by \$50,000, up to \$450,000!!! Their generosity has been amazing. And lastly, on the September kickoff tour, the executive team and I got to spend the entire day with Miss America, Abbie Stockard. How incredibly cool is that? My father always told me to give back to your community. Seeing what our 40 partner agencies do with the funds raised and who they serve in our community changes your heart. I implore us all to continue the great work of the Wiregrass United Way because the needs do not end.

Let's all be a part of something that is bigger than ourselves...Let's all "Live United."



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Vision

Empowering organizations to improve lives and provide lasting change for people in the Wiregrass

Mission

Uniting community-approved organizations and allocating resources to ensure accountability to our donors

Values

Gratitude, Integrity, Relational, Transparency, FOR the Community

2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY

INCOME

Pledges:	\$2,723,255
Interest Income:	\$37,498
Sponsorships:	\$39,065
Wiregrass Foundation Grant:	\$400,000
Total Income:	\$3,199,818

EXPENSES

Agency Allocations:	\$2,143,382
Wiregrass Foundation Grant:	\$400,000
Operating Expenses:	\$526,234
Capital Improvements (Roof/Parking Lot)	\$85,300
Special Event Expense:	\$47,780
Total Expenses:	\$3,202,696
NET INCOME:	(\$2,878)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Treasurer & Chair: Hunter Skipper, MidSouth Bank | **Barbour:** Sarah Osmer, Smart Bank | **Coffee:** Misty Tindol, Brunson, Wilkerson, Bowden & Assoc. | **Dale:** Tara Baker, All In Credit Union | **Geneva:** Ken Grimes, Friend Bank | **Henry:** Mark Krystyn, Edward Jones | **Houston:** Walt Ellis, Wiregrass Wealth Management

TOP COMPANIES



Wiregrass United Way

2024-25

\$100,000+

Alabama Power/Southern Nuclear	\$252,305
Michelin	\$171,525
City of Dothan	\$160,021
Publix	\$159,495
M1 Support Services/IAM 2003	\$155,459

**\$99,999-
\$30,000**

Coleman World Group	\$84,543	SpectraCare Health Systems	\$53,103
Flowers Hospital	\$70,813	AAA Cooper Transportation	\$49,156
Mitchell Automotive	\$61,250	Wiregrass Construction Company	\$48,567
All In Credit Union	\$60,368	Larry Blumberg & Associates, Inc.	\$44,921
Southeast Health	\$59,843	Enterprise City Schools	\$37,887
Dothan City Schools	\$59,396	Dunbarton	\$33,768
		Lewis-Smith Supply	\$31,909

**\$29,999-
\$10,000**

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama	\$27,702	Vivian B. Adams School	\$15,521
Swedish Match Cigars, Inc.	\$27,196	Houston County Schools	\$15,473
Medical Center Enterprise	\$26,208	PR Companies	\$15,469
State Combined Campaign	\$15,237	MidSouth Bank	\$15,263
Wiregrass Electric Cooperative	\$25,652	Qualico Steel Company	\$15,000
Pea River Electric	\$24,760	Synovus Bank	\$14,887
ServisFirst Bank	\$24,134	Wallace Community College	\$14,510
Merrill Lynch - Bank of America	\$20,465	Henry County Schools	\$14,261
Regions Bank	\$19,836	Johnson Outdoors	\$13,824
Carr, Riggs & Ingram LLC	\$19,288	Westrock	\$13,448
City of Enterprise	\$19,182	Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center	\$13,168
Southeast Gas	\$18,133	Flowers Insurance Agency	\$11,760
Geneva County Schools	\$16,046	Friend Bank	\$11,613
City of Ozark	\$15,766	Dale County Schools	\$11,414
		Dothan Civitan Club	\$10,000

**\$9,999-
\$5,000**

Dale Medical Center	\$9,750	Enterprise State Community College	\$6,316	Sysco Gulf Coast	\$5,000
Great Southern Wood	\$9,704	Ozark City Schools	\$6,136	Walmart	\$5,000
River Bank & Trust	\$9,259	Brunson, Wilson, Bowden & Assoc.	\$6,090	Waxing the City	\$5,000
Geneva City Schools	\$8,880	Tom West Company	\$6,000	Wiregrass Houston Co. Foundation	\$5,000
National Security Group	\$8,798	Bevis, Eberhart, Browning, Walker & Stewart, PC	\$5,816		
Slingluff United Insurance	\$8,675	Christian Mission Centers	\$5,814		
Ben E. Keith/KVPC	\$8,495	Eufaula Housing Authority	\$5,699		
Vaughn Blumberg Services	\$8,357	Howell Hardwood Flooring	\$5,552		
Coffee County Schools	\$8,284	Alfred Saliba Corporation	\$5,500		
Prim and Mendheim, LLC	\$7,500	City of Headland	\$5,142		
Jackson Thornton	\$7,482	Thompson Caterpillar	\$5,060		
Troy Bank & Trust	\$7,458	A.W. Herndon Oil	\$5,000		
McDaniel & Associates, P.C.	\$7,362	Alfab, Inc.	\$5,000		
Noland Healthcare	\$6,839	Coldwell Banker Alfred Saliba Realty	\$5,000		
Mike Schmitz Automotive	\$6,588	Construction Partners	\$5,000		
Wiregrass United Way	\$6,578	Dorsey Trailers, LLC	\$5,000		
Wiregrass Medical Center	\$6,316	Marketing Services	\$5,000		



OUR PARTNER AGENCIES



2024 CHALLENGE GRANT APPROVED PROJECTS

334 Prevention Project	\$1,139
Laptop	
Boy Scouts of America	\$9,000
Wheelchair Ramp for Camp ALAFL0	
Boys & Girls Club of SE Alabama	\$22,200
15 All In One Computers	
Benches and Paint	
Boys & Girls Club Lake Eufaula	\$22,353
Playground Equipment for Daleville	
Boys & Girls Clubs of Wiregrass	\$42,000
Van for After School and Summer Pickup	
Recreational Items for Game Room	
Christian Mission Centers, Inc.	\$25,000
New Life Center Renovation	
Coffee County Family Services	\$2,939
Back and Front Storm Doors with Installation	
Microwave Oven and Installation	
Enterprise Public Library	\$380
Commercial Grade Paper Shredder	
Exchange Center for Child Abuse Prevention	\$15,220
Physical Plant - Building Upgrades	
GPS Air Cleaning Devices	
Girls, Inc.	\$12,300
Classroom Renovation	
Ceiling Tiles	
Swamp Fans	
Mary Hill Family Service Center	\$1,586
Security Cameras	
Spectracare	\$69,000
HVAC at Intermediate Care Program	
Non-CDL 15 Passenger Bus	
House of Ruth	\$5,900
Removal of Trees and Limbs at Shelter	
Salvation Army	\$13,348
Food Pantry Renovation/Modification	
Vaughn Blumberg	\$39,164
Flooring and Paint for Group Home	
Screen Room for Group Home	
Vivian B. Adams	\$69,208
Intercom System and Installation	
Wiregrass 2-1-1	\$18,000
Roof for Newly Purchased Office	
Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center	\$31,263
Laundry Softener Upgrade	

\$400,000

HELPING YOUTH SUCCEED

4-H Program, Barbour County
4-H Program, Coffee County
334 Prevention Project
Boy Scouts of America
Boys & Girls Club of Lake Eufaula
Boys & Girls Club of Ozark
Boys & Girls Club of the Wiregrass
Christ Child Circle
Enterprise School Health Services
Enterprise YMCA
Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama
Girls Inc.
Southeast Alabama Youth Services
Time Youth Dothan*



MEETING BASIC NEEDS

American Red Cross
Catholic Social Services
Christian Mission Centers
The Salvation Army
Wiregrass 2-1-1
Wiregrass Area Food Bank
Wiregrass Habitat for Humanity



SERVING PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Alabama Institute for the Deaf & Blind
Guide Dogs of America
Herring Houses of Dothan*
Living Waters Counseling
SpectraCare Health Systems
Vaughn Blumberg Services
Vivian B. Adams School
Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center



Alfred Saliba Family Services Center
Chrysalis Home for Girls*
Coffee County Family Services Center
East Geneva Senior Citizens Center
Enterprise Public Library
Exchange Center for Child Abuse Prevention
Family Service Center Barbour
The House of Ruth
Mary Hill Family Service Center
Ozark-Dale County Public Library
Wiregrass Angel House

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES & INDIVIDUALS

***Partner agencies added in 2024**

The Wiregrass United Way does not charge our Partnering Agencies fees or dues.





FUNDS DISTRIBUTION

Overall Chair: **Heather Shippey, City of Headland**

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

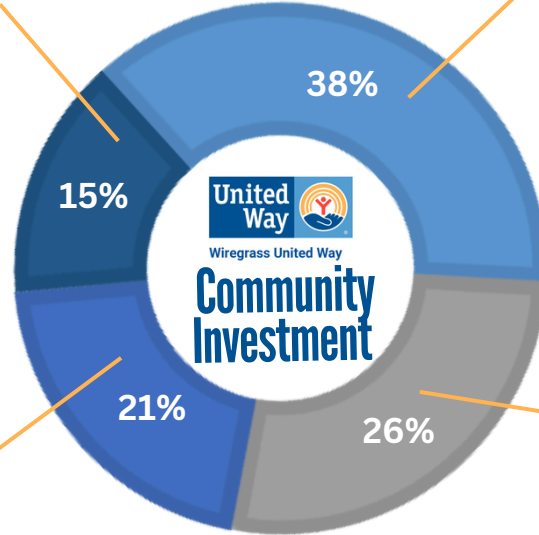


Strengthening Families and Individuals

\$339,420

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Helping Youth Succeed

\$837,965

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\$464,001

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Meeting Basic Needs

\$587,244

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PACESETTER KICKOFF

SPONSORED BY:



At the 2024 Pacesetter Kickoff, we proudly announced our ambitious 2024-25 campaign goal—**\$2,929,290**.



Moments later, the Wiregrass Foundation stepped up in a big way, increasing their challenge pledge by **\$50,000**, bringing their total commitment to **\$450,000!**

But the impact didn't stop there. In just one hour, hundreds of dedicated WUW volunteers came together to pack **50,000** meals to fight hunger in our community. These meals were swiftly loaded onto Wiregrass Area Food Bank trucks and delivered to families in need through the Brown Bag program—ensuring that hope and nourishment reached tables across the Wiregrass.



CAMPAIGN KICKOFF BUS TOUR

SPONSORED BY:



BlueCross BlueShield
of Alabama

WUW volunteers and staff travelled to all 6 counties to recognize companies as outstanding pacesetters across the Wiregrass! These businesses set the tone for giving, leading the way with early contributions and strong employee participation.



ABBIE STOCKARD MISS AMERICA 2025

Each year, Miss Alabama plays a special role in our Pacesetter Kickoff and accompanies WUW staff and volunteers on the Campaign Kickoff Bus Tour. This year was truly extraordinary—our guest of honor, **Miss Alabama**, went on to win the title of **Miss America!** Congratulations, Abbie!



2024-25

COUNTY BOARDS OF DIRECTORS

6 COUNTIES. 1 MISSION.
LIVE UNITED



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Brenda Maurice, AAA Cooper
Dean Mitchell, Hudson Alpha Wiregrass
Laura Murray, Publix Westway
Mark Patterson, Michelin
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Ashli Wilkins, Wallace Community College
JT Young, Dunbarton

HENRY

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Eric Blankenship, Henry County Sherriff
Suzanne Bramlett, HNB First
Amanda Hardy, Henry County Schools
Gabby Johnson, Alfa Insurance
Linda Kelley, Community Volunteer
Mark Krystyn, Edward Jones Investments

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Cher Marvel, Community Volunteer
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Angie Sherrill Finance/HR Manager, State Combined Campaign Manager

Josie Shepard Houston/Henry County Area Manager, Director of Marketing



The Wiregrass United Way approved the addition of three new partner agencies this year!



**Herring
Houses**
OF DOTHAN

Herring Houses of Dothan

The Herring Houses of Dothan provide a safe, supportive, drug-free environment for recovery from substance abuse with the ultimate goal of individuals obtaining a lifestyle of independence, recovery and responsibility.



Time Youth Dothan

Time Youth Dothan offers free guidance programs that Teach, Inspire, Mentor and Educate our youth to become leaders in the community through after school mentoring, community service, literacy development and job readiness training.



Chrysalis: A Home for Girls

Chrysalis is a residential girls' home that seeks to provide a safe, nurturing family environment to girls who are in need of therapeutic foster care. The program offers trained specialists to assist the girls in their journey back to physical and emotional health.



Special Thanks To...



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