



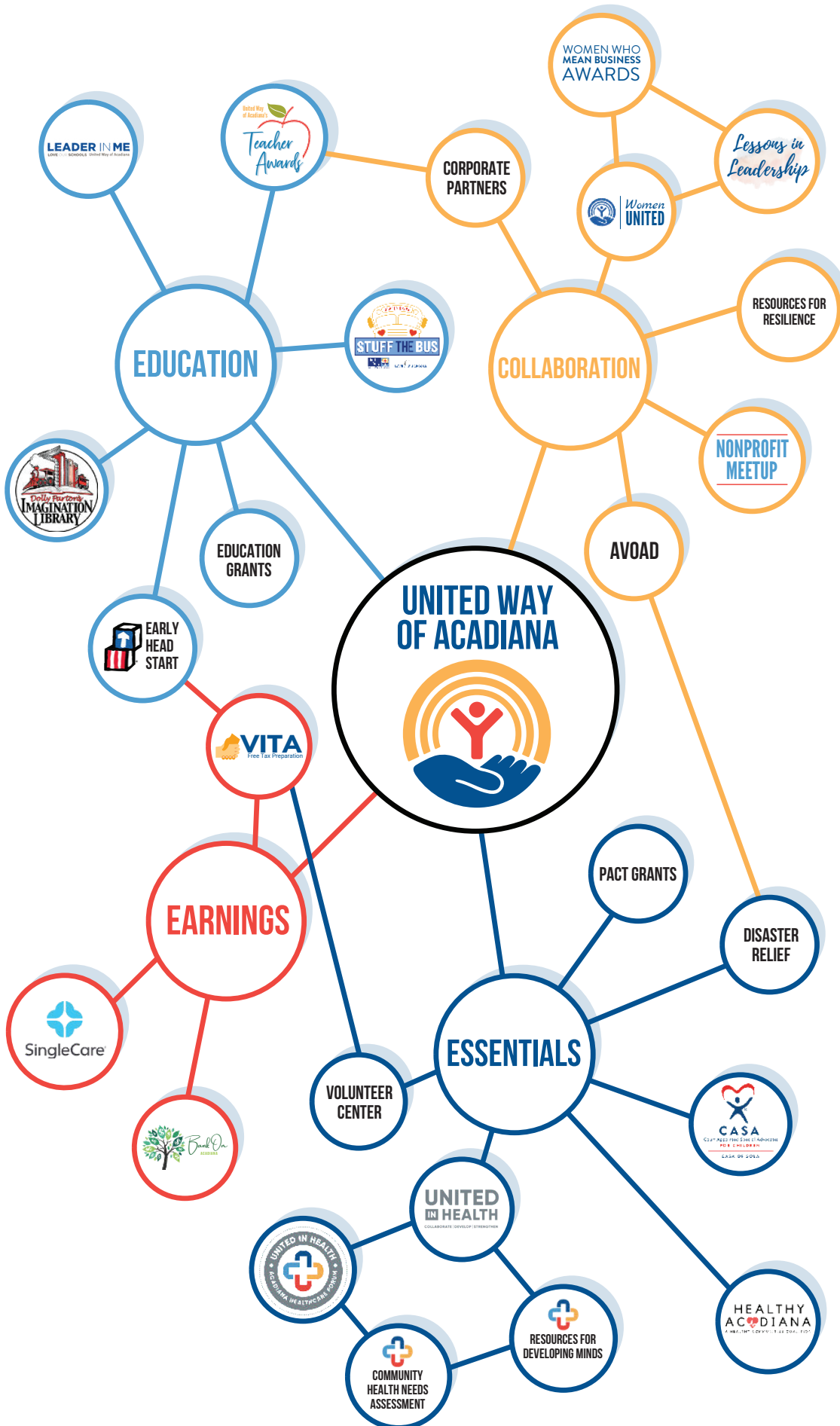
**WHEN  
WE  
WORK  
TOGETHER**



**United Way of Acadiana**

**ANNUAL  
REPORT  
2023**

# Building a stronger community THROUGH PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION



# ESSENTIALS



- 16 new CASA advocates were sworn in
- CASA assigned advocates to 130 children in foster care
- The community generously donated 180 Christmas presents to our kids in foster care
- 63 CASA volunteers actively worked cases

United Way of Acadiana's Care Network connects nonprofits, government, healthcare and other organizations to better support clients' needs.

- **1,352 clients served across our five Acadiana parishes plus Evangeline and St. Landry parishes**

The Resources for Developing Minds Program provides a bag of materials and training for new parents to promote healthy brain development.

- **2,000 bags have been assembled by 30 volunteers; 1,200 bags were given to new parents**
- **449 families have signed up for Bright by Text messages**
- **The program is made possible by the support of 150 hospital staff and 32 community leaders**



“Engaging newborns with 30 million spoken words over their first 3 years gives them a strong leg up for school readiness and lifetime success. Throw in a lot of reading and singing, and you’ll have a bright and happy child.

Finally, love them generously with lots of personal time and affection. These principles form the backbone of the United Way of Acadiana’s Resources for Developing Minds initiative, which provides new parents with the tools, resources and knowledge to nurture their child’s cognitive development during early childhood.”



**- DR. BRENT PRATHER**

# EARNINGS



- Volunteers helped 4,299 people file their taxes, an increase of 18% from the previous year
- VITA hosted 10 community sites with 70 volunteers
- VITA's impact contributed to returning over \$3 million back into the community in tax refunds



## SUPPORTING FINANCIAL STABILITY

- A total of \$9,500 in microgrants was awarded to local women-owned businesses through Women United
- The Singlecare discount prescription program saved 3,838 people a total of \$244,303
- Nine financial institutions support Bank on Acadiana and our Asset Building Coalition



In the past I've had to pay a few hundred dollars to get my taxes prepared. I'm a veteran and now a retired educator. And so when I had that change in my life, I wanted to make sure that I'm getting my taxes done safely — and not missing out on any of the benefits that I might otherwise have qualified for. So I felt better coming to get a professional to do it for me. It's been a great experience."

**- JANETTE HARRIS**

# EDUCATION



- Children from birth to 5 years old receive books monthly for a total of 60 books. The books are mailed directly to the children in their name. The last book is titled *Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!*
- 7,188 books were given to 599 children in five parishes

## SUPPORTING EDUCATORS

- A total of \$64,589 in grants was provided to educators across 15 schools
- Annual Stuff the Bus campaign generated an estimated total of \$175,000 in donated classroom supplies
- These supplies were sorted by 118 volunteers and then distributed to 350 educators across five parishes, impacting 26,000 students
- 12 outstanding educators were recognized through United Way's Teacher Awards, presented by Love Our Schools



**EARLY  
HEAD  
START**

- 103 families in Lafayette and Vermilion parishes receive wraparound support at our centers, including prenatal care, social services, food assistance and job training
- Early Head Start has helped many parents access parenting education, health education, housing assistance, job training, substance abuse prevention, domestic violence prevention, and mental health support
- Our mixed delivery system provides regular medical and developmental screenings for children to ensure early detection and treatment of any medical/social/emotional issues before a child enters kindergarten



# COLLABORATIONS

During 2023-2024, United Way of Acadiana invested \$507,216 into community programs created and administered by regional nonprofits. Thirteen organizations and programs were awarded funding through PACT (Plan of Action for Community Transformation) United, a competitive, community-wide initiative focused on United Way of Acadiana's three focus areas of education, earnings, and essentials.

## COLLABORATION GRANTEEES:

- CASA of SoLA
- 232-HELP

## EARNINGS GRANTEEES:

- ASSIST Agency
- Escape From Poverty

## EDUCATION GRANTEEES:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana
- The Clearport Learning Center
- The Family Tree Information, Education & Counseling Center
- Leader In Me
- Volunteer Instructors Teaching Adults (VITA)

## ESSENTIALS GRANTEEES:

- American Red Cross
- Catholic Charities of Acadiana
- Faith House
- Second Harvest Food Bank





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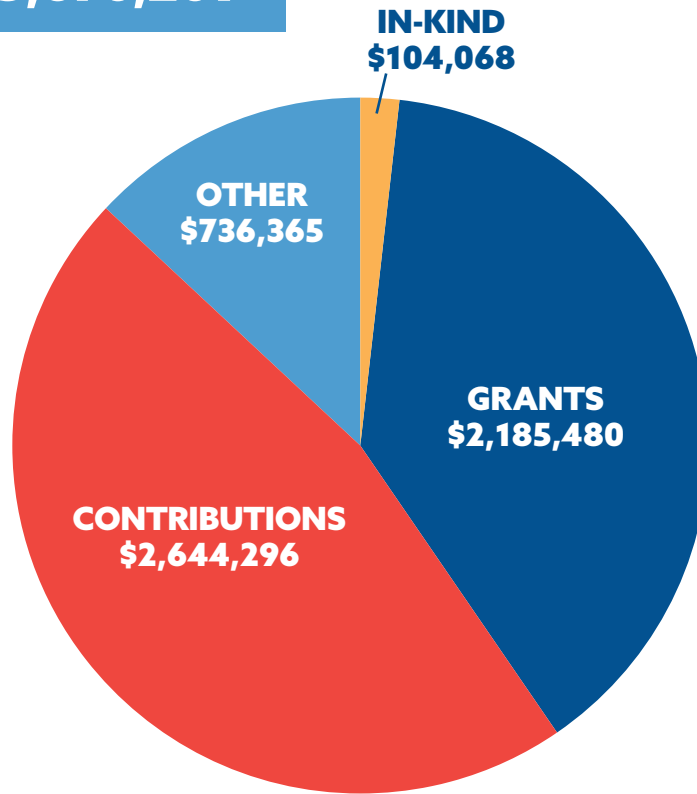
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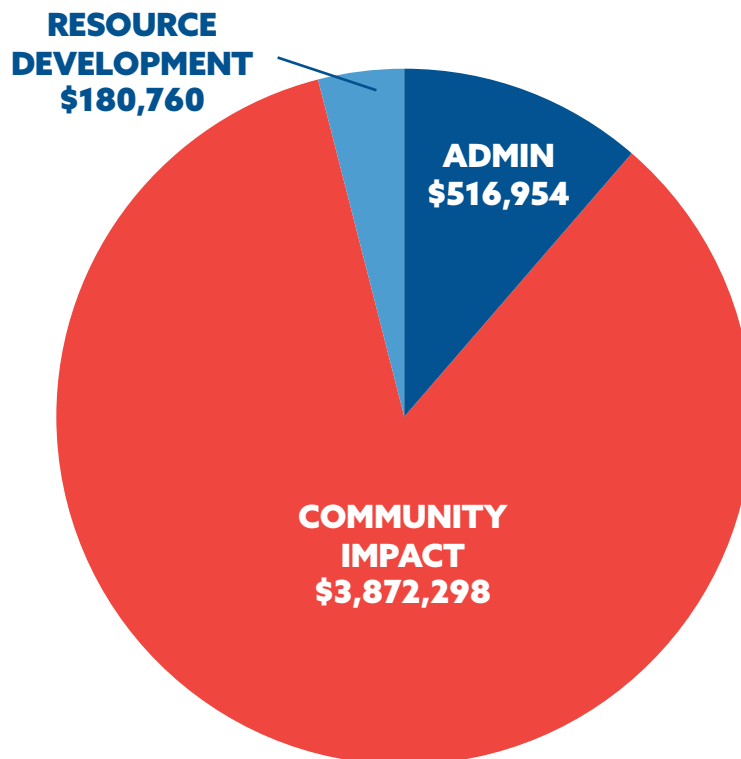


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**TOTAL REVENUE \$5,670,209**



**TOTAL EXPENSES \$4,570,012**





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