

PARTNERING for a
STRONGER
TOMORROW

UNITED WAY
COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS



**2026 United Way
of Erie County
*Workplace Campaign***



**Real students
from our
Community
Schools**

Local dollars.

Local impact.

Local future.

The Big Idea

A ***stronger tomorrow*** starts with strong students and stable families.

When students have what they need, they can focus on learning.

When families are stable, students are stronger.

When our community works together, ***schools become hubs of support.***



What Are Community Schools?

United Way Community Schools bring resources into school buildings to remove non-academic barriers to learning.



The Heart of the Work

Community Schools are the heart of your local United Way's work.

The largest portion of our energy, effort, and funding is focused on United Way Community Schools.

Because when barriers are removed, students have a better chance to succeed in school and in life.

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Your Gift in Action: Community Schools

17

**United Way
Community Schools**

4

**School
Districts**

11,200+

**Students
Served**

20

**Community School Directors
embedded in schools**

A Day Made Stronger

Every school day, students walk in with more weight on their shoulders than just a backpack.



A student comes to school hungry.



A child cannot see the board.



A family needs help with rent or utilities, so they call the **211 Helpline**.



A parent wants to be involved but does not know where to start.



A student needs a safe place to belong after the final bell.

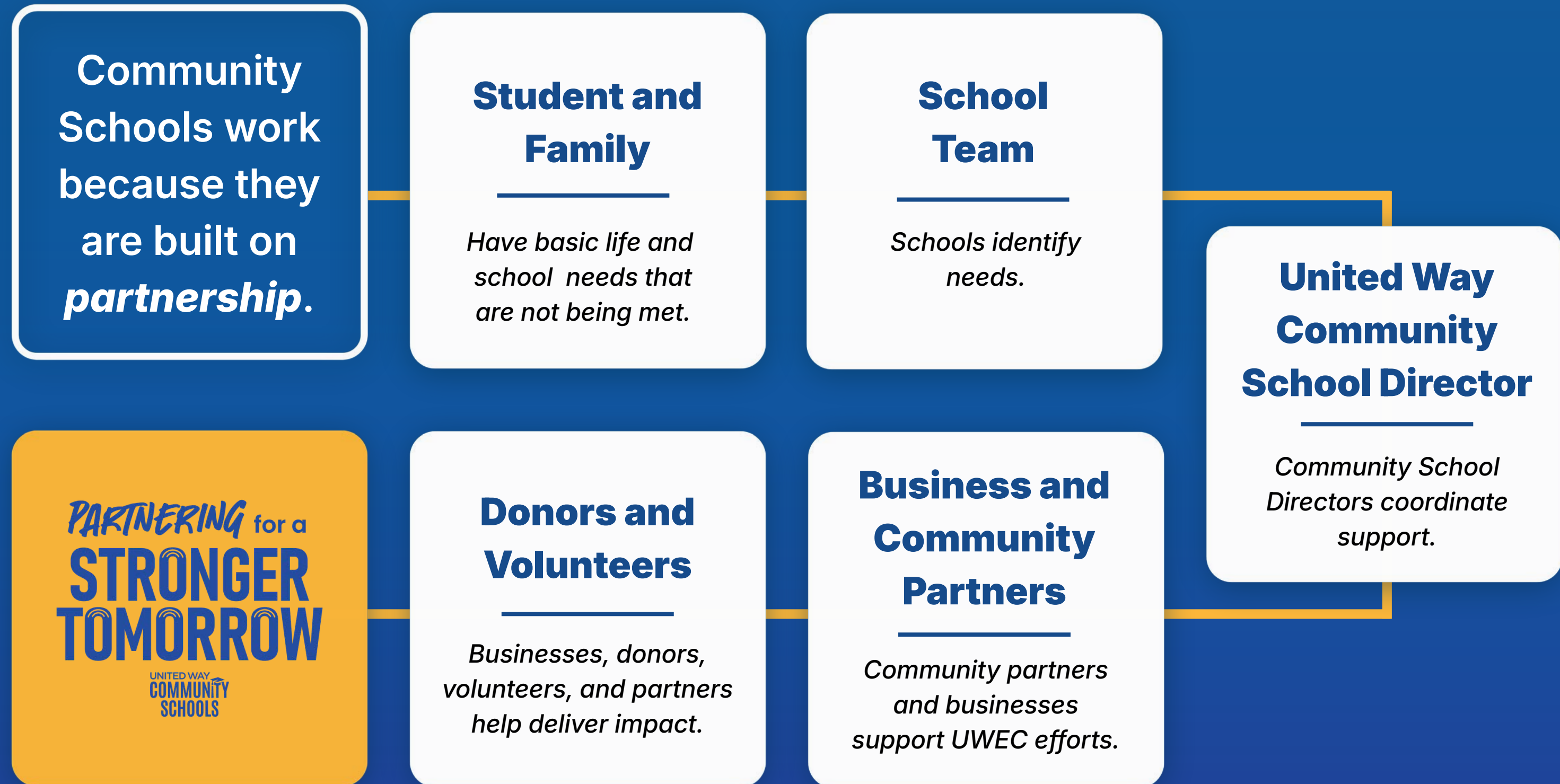
United Way
helps schools
say *yes*.



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**One Student.
One Barrier Removed.
One Day Changed.**

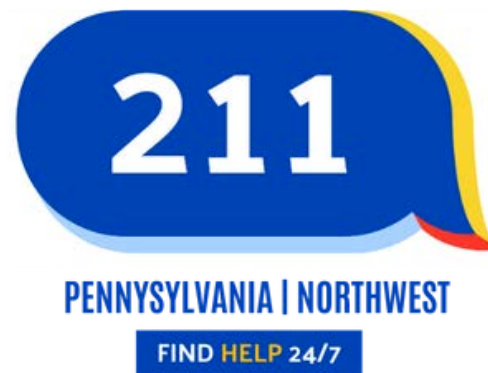
The Support System Behind the Student



That is what ***Partnering for a Stronger Tomorrow*** looks like.

More Ways United Way Strengthens Families

United Way also supports families before, during, and beyond the school day.



Connects individuals and families to help when they need it most. Over 4,400 calls were made last year to the 211 Helpline.

IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Sends free, high-quality books to children from birth to age five.
1,363,411+ books have been distributed through the Imagination Library! **100% funded by United Way of Erie County.**

Together, these programs *strengthen family stability and early learning* across Erie County.



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**When a Family
Gets Support,
a Student Gets Stronger.**

Your Investment

Local dollars responsibly invested back into Erie County.

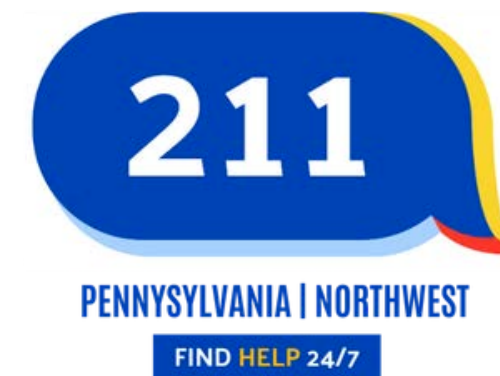
In 2025-2026, United Way invested **more than \$4.1 million** into programs that strengthen students, families, and our local future.



\$3,723,725



\$318,372

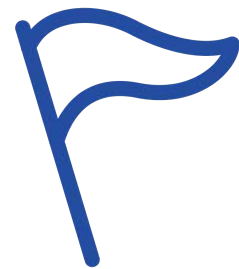


\$114,500

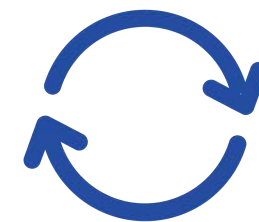
Meaningful support. Responsible investment. ***Stronger tomorrow.***

Choose Your Impact

There is a place for *everyone* in this work.



Start a gift.



Continue your gift.



Increase your gift.

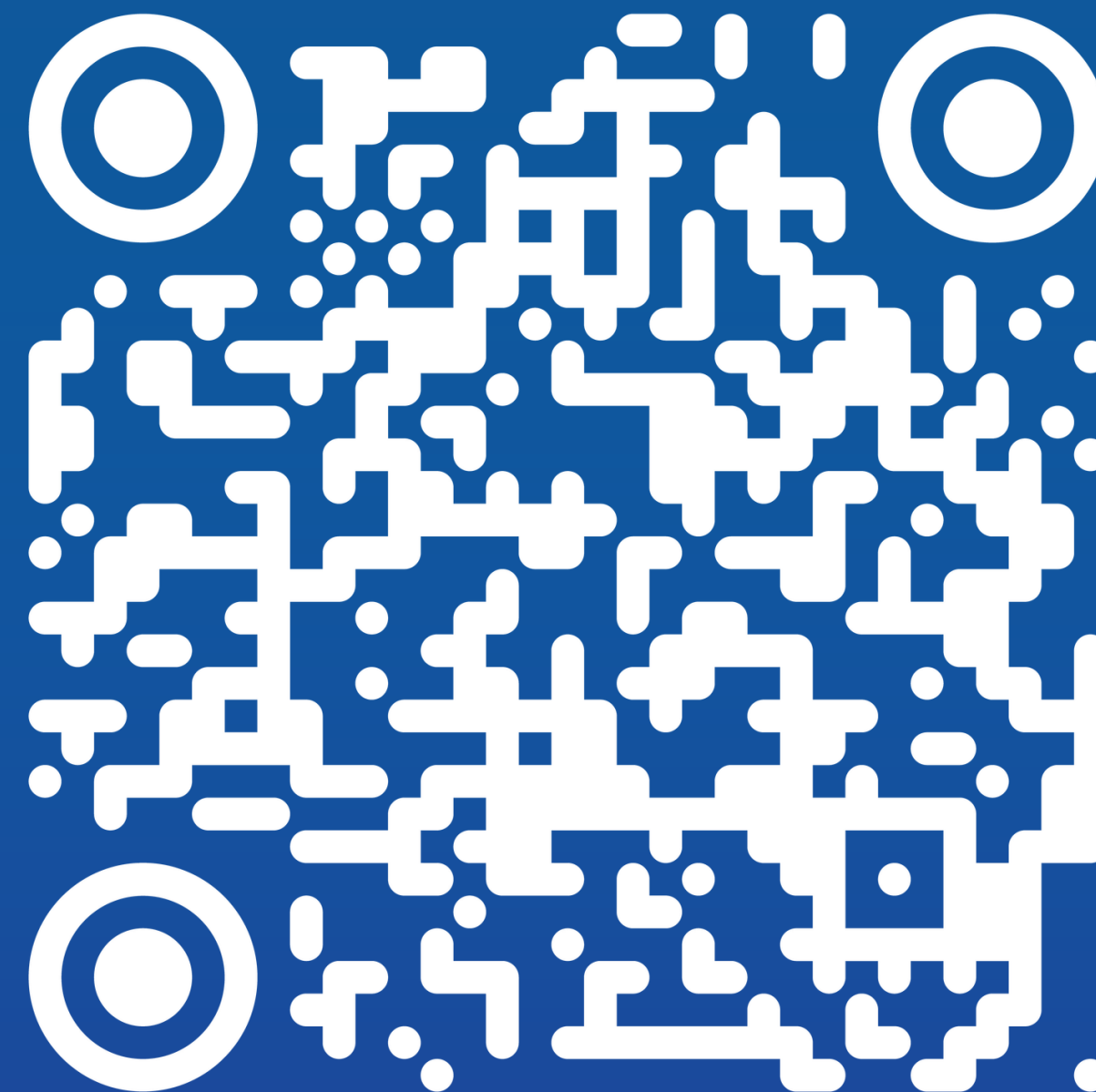


**Invite a coworker
to join you.**



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Together, we are
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THANK YOU!



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