



Working Families' Friend

GRATITUDE REPORT 2022



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We believe that by providing emergency assistance before a family is forced into economic hardship, starting a financial downward spiral, we can help maintain a healthy and productive workforce that continues to support a healthy and productive community.

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OUR MISSION

To gather community resources in order to enable employed and recently unemployed individuals to sustain and maintain quality of life through assistance, training, advocacy and financial support.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Valued Friends and Supporters,

As we journeyed through 2022, many of us considered the trials and tribulations of the Pandemic mostly behind us. Although this was true for many, there were more unexpected challenges that would affect all of us.

Unfortunately, one of the big stories of 2022 for our country, our community and our agency was inflation. You'll read in this year's Gratitude Report more about the affect of record-breaking inflation rates on every day, average working people.

Fortunately, thanks to support from people like you, Working Families' Friend was able to be here for so many families who had previously found a way to make ends meet, but now were feeling the crushing blows of inflation. Over 600 families turned to Working Families' Friend in 2022. Each of their stories were different, some more tragic than others. When each family found nowhere else to turn, we were here to answer the call, thanks to you.

As Working Families' Friend continues to grow, we stay true to our original mission and goals of providing Emergency Assistance to hard-working people who are experiencing a one-time crisis and don't qualify for traditional social services. We also remain in gratitude for the support we receive from individuals, corporations, local unions, local government and community organizations who value the work that we do and the lives that, together, we change. On behalf of all those who you have helped us help, **THANK YOU.**

In Gratitude,



Joan E. Putthoff
President



HELP WAS THERE, THANKS TO YOU!

Tragedy struck Daryl and Shawna

when their first child was still-born. They were, obviously, devastated. This was far worse than any “rainy day” they could have imagined. They used every penny they had to pay medical bills and bury their precious child. Regular financial obligations that they were working hard to meet kept coming, and they fell behind on their rent. Confronted with the possibility of eviction, they were in dire need of assistance. They needed to come up with the amount they owed within one week and were out of options. One of Working Families’ Friend’s (WFF) Community Counselors contacted us. We were able to connect with their landlord, negotiate the amount that they owed, and pay their back-rent. This enabled them to stay in their home and continue their grieving process without having to worry about their housing security. Thanks to all the friends and supporters of WFF, Daryl and Shawna had somewhere to turn during their darkest days.



After Barbara was helped this year, she sent a heartwarming thank you letter... to **YOU!**



“I can’t begin to express how great the relief you gifted me turned out to be. I’m shocked I could receive any help with my utility bill, much less the entire balance. I was staggered. Honestly, I didn’t expect to get assistance because I do have a job and have been employed my entire life. I’ve never had to ask for help and have usually managed to scrape by, but I couldn’t this time and had no idea where to turn. I don’t live extravagantly. I don’t drink, or have a home full of beautiful furniture, or take vacations. I live very simply. It just took a couple of dominos to begin to fall before I found myself facing shut-off notices for my basic utilities. It doesn’t take much in an economy like this one to really do some damage and get a person deep into a well they can’t get out of.

Words just aren’t enough to express how deeply I appreciate the help! I can confidently say that my charitable contribution through the United Way campaign at work will be going directly to Working Families’ Friend. Then I can rest assured someone as wonderful as you will be on the other end of the line helping the next despairing person in the same generous, empathetic fashion that you helped me.

I wish I could thank all the generous people who support your agency and the wonderful work that you do. If I could, I would hug each and every one of them!”



Consider yourself hugged!

THE HARDEST HIT COULD AFFORD IT THE LEAST

Everyone felt the effects of inflation during 2022. Rates were the highest in 40 years, with a peak rate of over 9% and average of 8% for the year. The impacts were widespread, and no one felt it more than those individuals living paycheck to paycheck. As the cost of goods and services went up, families were often robbed of their ability to afford necessities like housing, utilities, and medical treatments. Unfortunately, wages did not increase in step with prices, and too many families were left wondering why they could no longer meet their monthly obligations.



When working people had to choose between buying groceries for their family and paying their electric bill, Working Families' Friend was grateful to be there as a safety net. No other agency is better positioned to provide this kind of assistance to working families in the community. With YOUR help, we were able to ensure hundreds of families could maintain a quality of life and bridge the gap until prices began to normalize. These were families that had never needed help before, and were incredibly grateful to find support in their unfamiliar time of crisis.

Thank you for helping us HELP OTHERS.

YOUR GENEROSITY HAS A REAL, TANGIBLE IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY

A NEW DAY AT UNITED WAY



The United Way of Greater Kansas City recently announced a new approach to their annual giving campaign. All donors who elect to give through the United Way campaign have the option to designate which charity they would prefer to support. The “new” part of this option is that the selected charity will receive 100% of the individual donor’s contribution with **NO** administrative fee being withheld by United Way. Payroll deduction makes this a very easy way for all employees to support their favorite causes.

This year, United Way launched their **Impact 100**, a group of 100 community partner agencies that they believe are addressing the most vital health and human service needs in our community. Working Families’ Friend is one of those chosen 100. This is a testament to the **UNDUPLICATED** service that we provide to the community.

WFF relies on United Way funding, as well as support from companies, labor organizations, and individuals to ensure that we can continue to serve deserving working people in greater Kansas City and surrounding areas.

- If you are a United Way donor and have not elected to designate WFF, please reconsider and select WFF during this year’s campaign
- If you are currently conducting a United Way campaign, you’re encouraged to make your employees aware of this new, convenient way for them to support WFF or their favorite agency

These changes at United Way have motivated some companies that have never run a campaign to do so, and others who had discontinued campaigns to begin running one again. For example, Ford Motor Company / UAW Local #249 reengaged with a United Way campaign in 2022. We want to thank all the members of UAW Local #249 who made that happen and who designated their United Way pledges to WFF.

For a full list of United Way’s Impact 100 agencies or to learn more about giving or conducting a United Way campaign at your workplace, go to www.unitedwaygkc.org. Whatever cause or organization you want to support, United Way can help you do it. When you make a gift to United Way, you can designate to any eligible 501(c)(3) organization, and 100% of your gift will go directly to that community partner.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? MANY WAYS TO GET INVOLVED



DONATE TO WORKING FAMILIES' FRIEND

Write a check - Automatic Withdrawal from your Account (ACH) - Visit our website wffriend.org to use a credit card or PayPal – you can now make a RECURRING monthly gift

SET UP PAYROLL DEDUCTION

United Way of Greater KC - Combined Federal Campaign – Employee Charitable Campaign for State of MO or KCMO City employees

EVENTS AND MORE

Attend or sponsor our fundraising events or host an event to benefit WFF - Set-Up a Facebook Birthday Fundraiser selecting WFF as your Charity of Choice – Donate on Giving Tuesday - Memorial Gifts to honor the passing of a loved one



SCAN TO MAKE A DONATION

THE WFF FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN 2022 RAISED MORE THAN EVER

These 3 events raised over \$204,000 to help provide emergency assistance to working people at a time of unexpected need.

THANKS TO ALL WHO WERE ABLE TO ATTEND THESE EVENTS OR PROVIDE SPONSORSHIPS TO HELP US MEET OUR GOALS

PENNY PER HOUR PROGRAM

Organizations can elect to donate one penny per hour worked by their members or employees.

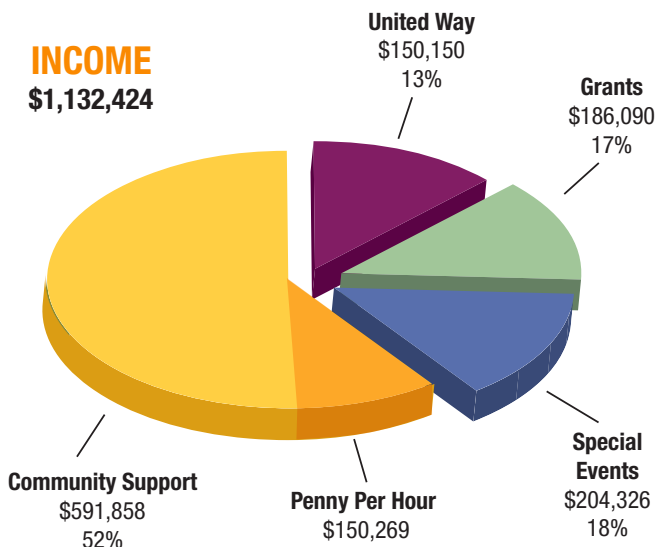
This equates to about \$20.80 per employee per year. We extend our great appreciation to each participant for their commitment to support our mission.

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| Carpenters Local #315 | IAFF Local #3112 | Plasterers & Cement Masons Local #518 |
| Construction and General Laborers Local #264 | IAFF Local #3808 | Plumbers & Gasfitters Local #8 |
| Construction & General Laborers Local #1290 | Painters Local #2012 | Security Police Fire Professionals of America |
| Floor Layers Local #1310 | Painters Local #2015 | *Sheet Metal Workers Local #2 |
| IAFF Local #42 | Pipefitters Local #533 | Teamsters Local #541 |

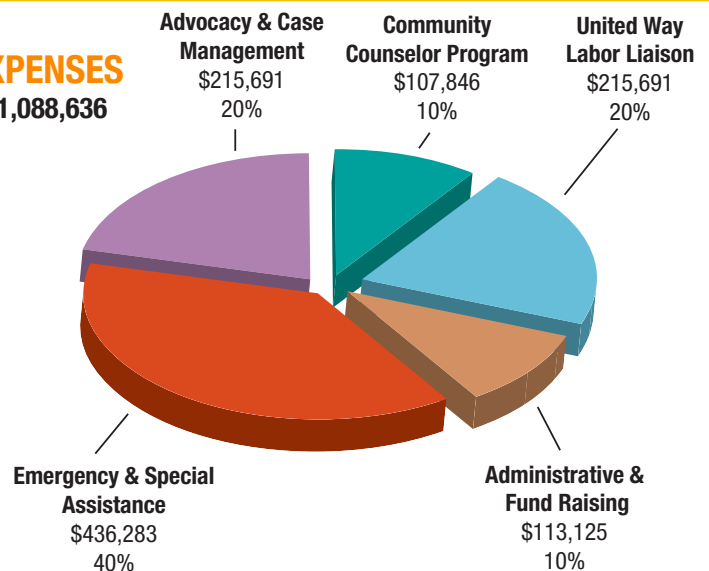
*Special thanks to Sheet Metal Workers Local #2 for leading the way by being first to reach the 2 cents per hour level of giving!

FINANCIAL REPORTS

INCOME \$1,132,424



EXPENSES \$1,088,636



WORKING FAMILIES' FRIEND 2022 DONOR PARTNERS

**BECAUSE OF YOU – WE ARE HERE FOR YOU, YOUR FAMILIES AND OTHERS
THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING US AS WORTHY STEWARDS OF YOUR GIFT**

We are grateful to all who support Working Families' Friend. Our incredibly generous partners believe in our mission. There is no better community of support than the individuals, corporations and organizations listed here. We make every effort to ensure this list is accurate and complete. If you contributed to Working Families' Friend in 2022 and are not listed, please accept our deepest apology and contact us immediately to correct our records. Again, we **THANK YOU** for your generous support! Your recent gift has life-changing effects and has already been put to work assisting working people at a time of need.

\$20,000 & ABOVE

Argosy Casino Hotel & Spa
Carpenters Local #315
Frontstream
Greater KC AFL-CIO
Greater KC Community Foundation
IAFF Local #42
IBEW Local #124
Jackson County
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Pipefitters Local #533
Plumbers & Gasfitters Local #8
Price Brothers Charitable Foundation
Sheet Metal Workers Local #2
Teamsters Joint Council #56
Teamsters Local #41
UAW Local #249
UAW Region 4 Midwest States CAP Council
United Way of Greater Kansas City
UPS Foundation

\$10,000 - \$19,999

Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local #15
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Iron Workers Local #10
Laborers Local #264
Operating Engineers Local #101
Roofers Local #20
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