ADVANCING THE COMMON GOOD

Finney County United Way advances the common good. Our mission is to focus our community and resources to make the greatest difference in meeting identified human needs in Finney County. We meet these needs through our partner agencies in the community. Money donated to Finney County STAYS IN Finney County to improve lives and benefit all of our neighbors. We invite you to be part of the change.

GIVE

The workplace campaign is the easiest and most powerful way to invest in your community. You can direct your contribution to one of our partner agencies or to our community fund, where it will be invested to help meet the most pressing local needs.

ADVOCATE

Lend your voice to champion the cause. Write a letter to the editor. Tell your friends. Get informed. Finney County United Way needs people who are passionate about education, income and health to make some noise.

VOLUNTEER

Finney County United Way and our partner agencies work with volunteers and local non-profits to develop the best opportunities for youth, adults and seniors. Call the Finney County United Way office at 620-275-1425 to find your volunteer opportunity.

COMMUNITY IMPACT PROJECTS

- Stuff the Bus
- Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat
- Born Learning Trails
- Red Wagon Books for Kids
- GCCC SGA River Clean-up

CHANGE WON'T HAPPEN WITHOUT YOU

Pledge to become a volunteer reader, tutor or mentor

Together, we can make a real difference in our schools. Every day, partner agencies like Real Men Real Leaders rely on community volunteers who have stepped up to tutor students who need individual help, to read with kids in and after school and to mentor kids who need someone to believe in them. Your contribution goes a long way to ensure the continuation of programs like Real Men Real Leaders and all of our partner agencies.

Dave Sweley Volunteer Award

Doug Keller, 2017 Recipient

I am honored to be associated with Dave Sweley and Finney County United Way. Dave gave his time and talent energetically and enthusiastically because he understood that when everyone's needs are met, Finney County is stronger. In this spirit, I have supported United Way's efforts in various ways. I feel strongly that United Way agencies are vital to the overall health and wellness of this community. Collectively, FCUW agencies provide a community-wide safety net. From babies to the elderly, United Way agencies ensure that basic needs are met. We should never take for granted the important work done by the United Way. Our time and financial generosity are critical to keeping United Way agencies viable. Please join me and many others in making Finney County strong by contributing to the 2019 campaign.

GREAT THINGS HAPPEN WHEN WE LIVE UNITED
**EDUCATION**

Finney County United Way is working at critical points along the school spectrum to help children achieve their potential through education. We’re engaging the community to support youth by volunteering, mobilizing resources to improving access to quality, affordable child care and early learning opportunities, partnering with local schools and parents to improve graduation rates, and providing after-school and mentoring programs for at-risk youth.

**INCOME**

We’re helping families become stable and financially independent by supporting basic needs while increasing financial education, helping hardworking people obtain job training and family sustaining wages, and decreasing food insecurity for seniors and families.

**HEALTH**

We’re helping people in our community improve their health. We’re working to increase access to critical health services, reduce substance abuse, child abuse and domestic violence and increasing health education and preventative care.

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**PROTECTING CHILDREN & STRENGTHENING FAMILIES**

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Finney & Kearney Counties
- Building Blocks Project
- Community Day Care Center, Inc
- Communities in Schools
- Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland
- Kansas Children’s Service League
- Santa Fe Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America

**PROVIDING BASIC NEEDS & SECURITY**

- Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas
- Oasis of Peace
- Garden City Chapter American Red Cross
- Meals on Wheels
- Real Men Real Leaders
- The Salvation Army
- Seeds of Hope Jail Ministry
- Spirit of the Plains CASA, Inc

**FOSTERING HEALTH & PROMOTING INDEPENDENCE**

- Finney County Retired Senior Volunteer Program
- Garden City YMCA
- Family Crisis Services, Inc
- Miles of Smiles
- Russell Child Development Center
- Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation of Kansas
- Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center
- Finney County Community Health Coalition

*In 2019, United Way will partner with these agencies and community initiatives to make Finney County a better place to live and work.*