



# What is Learn United?

Learn United is United Way of Allen County's education initiative and is focused on engaging the community to support children's success in school and life.

## History

United Way of Allen County's volunteers and donors believe education is a top priority for a viable, thriving community. Since 2008, Learn United efforts have concentrated on increasing the number of local children who read at grade level by the end of third grade. United Way established two specific programs, School Buddies and Real Men Read, to address third grade reading levels by connecting volunteers with elementary students in local public school districts.

## Today

Learn United has built on this work and expanded to include a partnership of 11 non-profit agencies that serve area youth. These Learn United Partners are working together to help everyone find their spot to help a child succeed from cradle to career. The Learn United Partners provide opportunities for the public to volunteer with programs that provide mentoring, tutoring, literacy enrichment, homework help and after-school activities.

## Learn United Partners

- The Allen County Public Library
- Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne
- Fort Wayne Community Schools Study Connection
- Fort Wayne Urban League
- Neighborhood Action Center
- Science Central
- United Way of Allen County
- Wellspring Interfaith Social Services
- Renaissance Pointe YMCA



More Information visit [www.LearnUnited.org](http://www.LearnUnited.org) or [www.facebook.com/LearnUnited](https://www.facebook.com/LearnUnited)

## Volunteer to Help a Local Child Succeed in School

United Way of Allen County's education initiative, Learn United, works to engage the community in supporting children's success in school. To find your spot in Learn United, visit [www.LearnUnited.org](http://www.LearnUnited.org) or for more information call the numbers listed below.



**The Allen County Public Library** needs volunteers to support Paws to Read, a program that improves the literacy skills of children by having them read to an animal. Call 260-421-1233 for more information.



**Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County** needs volunteers for their Rising Stars program to work with children in the public schools as mentors, tutors and reading assistants. Rising Stars specializes in connecting faith-based communities and organizations to public schools. Call 260-422-3528 x104 for more information.



**Big Brothers Big Sisters**

**Big Brothers Big Sisters** of Northeast Indiana offers many opportunities for volunteers to support a child, including becoming a Big Sister or Big Brother. Call 260-456-1600 for more information.



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF FORT WAYNE**

**Boys and Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne** needs volunteers to mentor and tutor youth ages 6-18 years old at any of the three locations across the city. Call 260-744-0998 x18 for more information.



**Fort Wayne Urban League**

**The Fort Wayne Urban League** needs volunteers to support the Urban League After School Academy, which provides homework help and academic enrichment activities for K-12 students. Call 260-745-3100 for more information.



**Neighborhood Action Center**

**The Neighborhood Action Center** needs volunteers to support students in southeast Fort Wayne, many of whom are Burmese, on the journey to improving their academic and life success skills. Call 260-447-6016 for more information.



**SCIENCE CENTRAL**

**Science Central** needs volunteers to support the educational programs and inspire fun, hands-on science and creative literacy learning for students from across the region. Call 260-424-2400 x421 for more information.



**STUDY CONNECTION**

**Study Connection** needs volunteers, and particularly businesses, to expand the number of sites where Fort Wayne Community Schools students are paired with well-prepared tutors to help them achieve academic success. Call 260-467-8810 for more information.



**Wellspring**

**Wellspring Interfaith Social Services** needs volunteers to support learning in both the Youth After School and Summer Day Camp programs. Volunteers work on a one-to-one basis or in a small group with youth, helping with homework and also carrying out Wellspring's learning and youth development goals as directed by the staff of the agency. Call 260-422-6618 for more information.



**the Renaissance Pointe YMCA**

**Renaissance Pointe YMCA** needs volunteers to support children's success in school through a range of after-school opportunities. Call 260-755-4881 for more information.



**United Way of Allen County**



**Big Brothers Big Sisters**

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana** and **United Way of Allen County** have many volunteer opportunities with options ranging from one hour a month (Real Men Read) to one hour a week (School Buddies). Both programs are school-based and focus on improving elementary students' literacy skills. Call Big Brothers Big Sisters at 260-456-1600 for more information.



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For more information visit:

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