

# United Way of Kosciusko County

## *Impact Initiatives*

### CHILDREN

- **Kindergarten Countdown**  
This summer Pre-K program gets at-risk children ready for kindergarten by developing early reading and social-emotional skills.
- **Launchpad**  
Dedicated to increasing access to child care and early learning opportunities for children birth to age five.

### VOLUNTEERING

- **Days of Caring**  
Each August, hundreds of volunteers engage in service projects to improve the community.
- **Read United**  
Each fall & spring, teams of volunteers are matched with elementary classrooms to read aloud for four weeks
- **VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)**  
IRS-certified volunteers provide free income tax return preparation to eligible individuals and families

### ADVOCACY

- **United Way 2-1-1**  
2-1-1 is a free and confidential service that helps people find the local resources they need; 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- **Veterans Stand Down**  
This annual event provides services to local veterans, such as employment assistance, health screenings and benefits counseling.



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