

# The Way Southeast Arkansas Cares.

Through its initiatives and for over 75+ years, the United Way Of Southeast Arkansas instills a sense of empowerment and resilience in the community. It offers a platform for individuals to volunteer their time, skills, and resources, enabling them to make a tangible difference in the lives of their neighbors. The organization also mobilizes community support and charitable giving, facilitating the redistribution of resources to address the most critical needs effectively. Overall, the United Way of Southeast Arkansas represents a symbol of compassion, unity, and progress for the community. It serves as a driving force, empowering individuals and organizations to come together, creating lasting change, and building a brighter future for everyone.

## Impact Team Members, 2025-2026

### They make sure your gift is used the right way.

The United Way Impact Teams play a vital role in driving meaningful change and making a lasting impact within the community. These teams, comprised of passionate volunteers, experts, and community leaders, come together to assess the most pressing needs, develop strategic initiatives, and implement innovative solutions. By leveraging their collective knowledge, skills, and resources, Impact Teams have the power to address complex social issues, foster collaboration, and drive sustainable change

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**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY MID-SOUTH DIVISION, ARKANSAS** | [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) | 1-800-ACS-2345 The American Cancer Society promotes the prevention and treatment of cancer, provides services and information to cancer patients and their families, and supports major cancer research programs.

**AR KIDS READ** | [www.arkidsread.org](http://www.arkidsread.org) | 501-244-2661 AR Kids Read is a literacy-focused organization that operates in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, as part of its broader mission to promote reading proficiency among children in the state. This program offers year-round services by providing in-school, afterschool, and summer programs.

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS** | [www.aasea.org](http://www.aasea.org) | 870-543-6300 The Area Agency on Aging of Southeast Arkansas helps people of all ages, with a special emphasis on older people. Services include in-home nursing and skilled care, transportation, housing, case management, and senior center services. Each day, approximately 450 hot meals are served at 15 senior centers, and over 1,250 meals are delivered to the homes of the elderly.

**ARKANSAS BAPTIST CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES** | [www.abcfm.org](http://www.abcfm.org) | 501-410-1567 Arkansas Baptist Children & Family Ministries (ABCFM) exists to build, strengthen, and restore children and families through Christ-centered services. With six ministries, ABCFM provides foster care, adoption, family stability programs, sibling foster homes, professional mental health counseling, and early childhood education designed to offer hope and healing across Arkansas.

**ARKANSAS FOODBANK NETWORK** | [www.arkansasfoodbank.org](http://www.arkansasfoodbank.org) | 501-565-8121 Arkansas Foodbank creates new and innovative programming, focused on serving hungry Arkansans with more healthy and nutritious food. Programs like food for kids, food for families, and food for seniors provide food and other resources for more than 450 food pantries, soup kitchens, schools, and more.

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF JEFFERSON COUNTY** | [www.boysandgirlsclubjc.org](http://www.boysandgirlsclubjc.org) | 870-850-7500 The Boys and Girls Club is a community-based organization, serving youth ages 5 - 18. Its mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need it most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. They provide a safe place to learn and grow, ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals, character development experiences, hope, and opportunities.

**CASA, INC. (WOMEN'S SHELTER)** | [www.domesticshelters.org](http://www.domesticshelters.org) | 870-535-0287 The CASA Women's Shelter provides services to women and children who have been physically or emotionally abused. CASA is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and provides shelter, counseling, advocacy, educational programs, support groups, and safety planning for victims of domestic violence.

**CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS** | [www.cacofseark.org](http://www.cacofseark.org) | 870-850-7105 The Children's Advocacy Center of Southeast Arkansas provides essential services to child victims of abuse and their non-offending family members at no cost. Their key services include advocacy support throughout the investigation and legal proceedings, forensic interviews conducted in a legally sound and neutral manner, specialized medical evaluations and treatment, trauma-focused mental health services, and therapy to help the child victim and family on their journey to healing.

**COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT COUNCIL, INC.** | [www.cecemp.org](http://www.cecemp.org) | 870-534-2047 Community Empowerment Council, Inc. is dedicated to uplifting underserved communities through education, advocacy, and sustainable programs that promote health, equity, and personal growth. We strive to empower individuals and families by providing the tools, resources, and support needed to build stronger, more resilient communities.

**DELTA NETWORK, INC.** | 870-536-2424 Delta Network is a food bank fighting hunger in Southeast Arkansas. This agency believes that together, we can make a difference for families in our community.

**DEPAUL OPPORTUNITY HOUSE** | [www.depaulusa.org/programs/pine-bluff](http://www.depaulusa.org/programs/pine-bluff) | 870-569-3130 The Opportunity House in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, is a newly established homeless center aimed at addressing the needs of the local community. The center provides essential services to individuals experiencing homelessness, including meals, laundry facilities, shower access, and case management services to help clients navigate their situations and work towards self-sufficiency.

**HELPING HANDS** | [www.uwseark.org/helping-hands-volunteer-program](http://www.uwseark.org/helping-hands-volunteer-program) | 870-534-2156 Volunteer opportunities for people aged 55 and older to share their experiences, abilities, and skills through community service. The purpose of this program is to meet critical community needs and provide a high-quality experience that will enrich the lives of the volunteers.

**HOME AGAIN PINE BLUFF** | [www.homeagainpinebluff.org](http://www.homeagainpinebluff.org) | 501-352-3465 Home Again Pine Bluff is a nonprofit organization dedicated to revitalizing neighborhoods in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, by restoring and renovating homes. The program primarily serves low-income families and individuals striving for homeownership and financial independence. Tenants are engaged in financial literacy, homeownership, and personal growth classes. After two years, they have the opportunity to purchase the property for half its appraised value, promoting long-term stability and financial freedom.



**IMAGINATION LIBRARY |**  
[www.arkansasimaginationlibrary.org](http://www.arkansasimaginationlibrary.org) |  
**870-534-8251** The Imagination Library of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, is part of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program, which aims to foster a love of reading and improve literacy among young children. The program provides free, age-appropriate books to children from birth to age five, mailed directly to their homes every month. By offering these books, the Imagination Library promotes early literacy skills and helps prepare children for success in school. The initiative ensures that all young children in Pine Bluff have access to quality books, regardless of their families' income.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY 4-H |**  
[www.uaex.uada.edu/counties/jefferson](http://www.uaex.uada.edu/counties/jefferson) |  
**870-534-1033** The Jefferson County 4-H Club provides a comprehensive youth development program aimed at fostering leadership, citizenship, and life skills among young people aged 5-18. The club offers a variety of activities and projects that cater to diverse interests, including livestock, dairy, small animals, shooting sports, and STEM-related projects like Lego Robotics. Members participate in monthly club meetings, community service projects, and educational events, and they have opportunities to exhibit their work at county fairs.

**JENKINS MEMORIAL CENTER & INDUSTRIES, INC. |** [www.jenkinsmc.org](http://www.jenkinsmc.org) |  
**870-534-2035** Our mission is to provide services to individuals and their families. These services are designed to enable individuals to live as independently and as sufficiently as possible. Through education, therapy, and service provision, we work to ensure successful assimilation into society for those we serve, regardless of their disability, and through their strengths and capabilities.

**NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR |**  
[www.facebook.com/N2NJeffCo](http://www.facebook.com/N2NJeffCo) | **870-534-2883** Neighbor to Neighbor operates a food pantry that distributes monthly groceries to individuals and families facing food insecurity. The agency provides a hot meal at no charge Monday through Friday from 12-1. Other services include free clothing and emergency funds for medications and utility bills. Neighbor to Neighbor has served Jefferson County since 1984.

**PINE BLUFF INTERESTED CITIZENS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION, INC. |**  
[www.pbicvrpenorpencil.com](http://www.pbicvrpenorpencil.com) | **870-730-1131** PBICVR, a partner of United Way, collaborates with the NAFJ PEN OR PENCIL Mentoring Movement, the Woodson Center, and NAFJ Pastors on Patrol. PBICVR's mission is to reduce violence, promote positive behavior, and emphasize education in the Pine Bluff and White Hall school districts. To achieve this, PBICVR uses the Woodson Center and the PEN OR PENCIL Curricula to provide students with an inclusive understanding of lesser-known African American and all historical figures through school assemblies and classroom discussions. Additionally, the PBICVR VITA Center offers free income tax preparation services for low-income families in Pine Bluff and Jefferson County.

**SCOUTING AMERICA NATURAL STATE COUNCIL, INC. |**  
[www.naturalstatecouncil.org/saracen](http://www.naturalstatecouncil.org/saracen) |  
**501-664-4780** The Natural State Council of Scouting America serves youth and adults throughout Arkansas, providing a comprehensive program focused on character development, citizenship, and leadership training, outdoor.

**SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM |** [www.sabhs.org](http://www.sabhs.org) |  
**870-534-1834 OR 1-800-272-2008** SABHS provides comprehensive mental health services and substance use disorder treatment to individuals aged 5 years and up in Southeast Arkansas. This agency offers a wide range of behavioral health services, including therapy, counseling, and psychiatric care, tailored to meet the needs of its clients.

**TRINITY VILLAGE - ADOPT A NEED |**  
[www.trinityvillageretirement.com](http://www.trinityvillageretirement.com) | **870-879-3113** Contributing to the overall well-being of the mature community.

**VOICES FOR CHILDREN/COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES |**  
[www.vfcadvocates.org](http://www.vfcadvocates.org) | **870-536-5922** Voices for Children recruits, trains, and supports community volunteers who serve as Court Appointed Special Advocates for foster children in Jefferson and Lincoln counties. These advocates represent the best interests of abused and neglected children while in the foster care system, ensuring their voices are heard in court proceedings. The organization works to ensure that each child in the foster care system receives the necessary services and support to thrive.

**VOLUNTEERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS |** The mission is to enrich students' learning experiences by freeing classroom teachers from non-instructional duties, allowing them to focus more fully on academic instruction. The program provides a range of services, from developing educational materials to coordinating volunteers who support learning in the classroom.

## Ode to Southeast Arkansas

In the gentle cradle of Southeast Arkansas,  
Where delta rivers sing and green fields sprawl,  
A tapestry of people, stories, and resolve—  
Here, the community weaves hope for one and all.

United Way, a beacon through the mist,  
Lifting burdens heavy, silent, unseen.  
Essential services—food, shelter, care—  
Brought to doorsteps by compassion's keen.

A child's laughter, once muffled by despair,  
Now rings brighter for a meal received.  
An elder, alone, finds warmth and prayer,  
Loneliness softened, relief conceived.

Each dollar gifted—a ripple in the stream,  
Turns hunger to hope, and worry to rest.  
A neighbor's kindness, a stranger's dream,  
United, we answer Southeast Arkansas's quest.

So let your gift be the torch that guides,  
A light through hardship, a bridge through storm.  
For every donation, another future abides—  
A life made whole, a spirit reborn.

Together, we rise, hearts open and true—  
Southeast Arkansas, united by you.

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