

United Way Fights for Youth Opportunities

At the beginning of each school year, children in public and community school kindergarten programs are assessed using Ohio's Kindergarten Readiness Assessment. This assessment includes ways for teachers to measure a child's readiness for engaging with instruction aligned to the kindergarten standards. Less than half of the children in Lake County enter kindergarten with enough skills, knowledge, and abilities to engage in kindergarten-level instruction. That means 57% of Lake County children may never catch up and risk being left behind throughout school.

Source: <https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/download>

| Kindergarten Readiness Scores | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 2023-2024 School Year | Demonstrating (270-298) | Approaching (258-269) | Emerging (202-257) |
| Willoughby/Eastlake | 40% | 32.4% | 27.6% |

Eastlake residents directly benefited from these *Education* based United Way funded services this past year:

| Agency | Program | Services |
|-------------------------------------|--|----------|
| Lifeline | Dolly Parton Imagination Library | 502 |
| Crossroads Health | Crossroads Health Ohio Early Intervention | 45 |
| Starting Point | Lake County Devereux (DECA) Program | 18 |
| Starting Point | Child Care Provider Training | 2 |
| Torchlight Youth Mentoring Alliance | Traditional Community Based Mentor Program | 1 |
| Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers Inc | Residential Child Care Worker | 1 |

United Way Fights for Financial Stability

At United Way of Lake County, we work to remove barriers to self-sufficiency, including: transportation, adult education, stable housing, emergency services, banked with savings, basic life skills, food insecurity and safety. Our goal involves giving the hard-working residents of our community the ability to prosper by ensuring every individual and family has access to education, training, services, and resources.

2023 Poverty/ALICE* Data for City of Eastlake

Households: 8,083

- Percentage of Poverty Households= 7%
- Percentage of ALICE Households= 34%

Source: <https://www.unitedforalice.org/ohio>

*-ALICE, an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed, is a new way of defining and understanding the struggles of households that earn above the Federal Poverty Level, but not enough to afford a bare-bones household budget.

More on the other side!



Eastlake residents directly benefited from these *Financial Stability* based United Way funded services last year:

| AGENCY | PROGRAM | SERVICES |
|---|------------------------------------|----------|
| Eastlake City School District | Family Resource Center of Eastlake | 1,708 |
| Lifeline | 2-1-1 Lake County | 966 |
| Lake County YMCA | Financial Assistance | 268 |
| LGBTQ LAKE COUNTY | Safe Spaces Training | 26 |
| The Salvation Army Corps Community Center | Emergency Services | 18 |

United Way Fights for Healthy Communities

Too many individuals in Lake County live in distress from being uninsured or under-insured. When it comes to accessing health services, a person's zip code, standing in life and job and financial status can serve as a harsh barrier to quality healthcare.

Eastlake residents directly benefited from these Health based United Way funded services last year:

Top 5 services only

| AGENCY | PROGRAM | SERVICES |
|------------------------------|--|----------|
| Nami of lake county | Ending the Silence | 552 |
| Lake county free clinic | Providing Vital Medical Care in Lake County | 50 |
| Birthingright Lake Inc | Baby Formula | 22 |
| Lake County Free Clinic | Case Management for Continuous Improvement | 16 |
| Cleveland Rape Crisis Center | Services for Survivors of Rape and Sexual Abuse in Lake County | 11 |

In addition to funding great programs to help Eastlake, Timberlake, and Lakeline residents, United Way regularly provides food to the following food pantries as part of our **Feed Lake County** program:

- Willow Praise Church
- Eastlake Kiwanis Food Pantry
- Willowick Food Pantry
- St. Mary Magdalene Church

