



Our June Impact



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Your Voice Matters

United Way of Henry County and Martinsville is gathering community input to help shape future priorities and strengthen its impact across the region. Your feedback will play an important role in informing the organization's strategic planning process and future direction.

The survey should take approximately 7–10 minutes to complete. All responses will be kept confidential unless you choose to provide your contact information at the end of the survey.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and experiences. Please use the link below to access.

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MHC Partners for Children

In June, our [MHC Partners for Children](#), in collaboration with our community partners, celebrated our annual Week of Reading across Martinsville and Henry County. This year's event generated an outstanding level of engagement

and excitement with twenty-two childcare sites, summer camps and programs participating, along with 30 volunteers from local organizations, businesses, and community partners, dedicating time to read with children throughout the week. The joy and enthusiasm shared between volunteers and children made this one of our most memorable Weeks of Reading yet!

Our MHCP Family Navigator, [Diane Smith](#), and Director, [Melanie McLarty](#), co-facilitated our Circle of Parents Cohort 1 program, culminating in a celebration on June 17 at [Grandma's Place](#) in Collinsville. Families and children enjoyed play-to-learn time, peer support, a shared lunch, and received certificates of participation. In this cohort, 8 parents and 14 children met twice a month to build connections, share ideas, celebrate successes, and address parenting challenges. The next round of sessions will begin on July 29.

Our Early Literacy Coordinator, [Erica James](#), has launched family engagement meetings with families of the children enrolled in the participating childcare sites to discuss the assessment results from the Virginia Kindergarten Readiness Program (VKRP) and the Virginia Language and Literacy Screening Systems (VALLSS). These conversations aim to assist families to better understand their child's progress and provide support for continued growth in early learning.



Healthy Community

Our [Healthy Hearts Learning Collaborative](#) have been busy working in the Community Gardens throughout Martinsville and Henry County this growing season!

For more information on this program, please contact [Christa](#) or [Loleader](#) at [276-403-3516](tel:276-403-3516).



Getting Ahead

Cohort 18 of the Getting Ahead in a "Just-Gettin'-By" World workshop series began June 9. Our investigators have been busy learning about and co-investigating resources, gaining a better understanding of the environments of poverty, the middle class, wealth, as well as the driving forces behind different socioeconomic classes. This group is also learning to differentiate the range of causes of poverty, from personal to systemic, and how to apply this information to their lives within the community.

For more information on this program, please contact [Brandy Lawless](#) or visit our [website](#).

Campaign Update

Day of Action is September 18. Pacesetters wanted! Businesses who pledge a [corporate gift](#) or initiate a [workplace campaign](#) by September 4, 2026, will be recognized as Pacesetters during this year's Day of Action.

Day of Action Project Requests are now open! The deadline to submit is July 31. You may access the form [HERE](#).

Our **Eastman Golf Tournament** is scheduled for [September 26](#) and is now accepting Sponsorships! [CLICK HERE](#) for more details.

If you are interested in hosting a special event or summer fundraiser for UWHCM, please contact [Rebecca](#) for more information.

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