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Children Living In Poverty Grant Funded Programs Stability Today

Expanded Advocacy Services – Emergency Meal Care Kits for Children & Families through the Children’s Advocacy Center: Over 3,000 visits are made to the Children’s Advocacy Center each year for victims of child abuse. To provide hunger relief, this program will expand the services for families in emergency situations by distributing more substantial meal kits. These kits will include facts on nutrition and food pantry resources

A Voice Out of Poverty through CASA of Northwest Arkansas: This program will build a pathway out of poverty for children in foster care through advocacy that stabilizes children’s lives, promotes their healthy development, and assists their transitions to safe and permanent, loving homes. Committed and compassionate Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers will be empowered to stand up for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the court system.

Child Poverty Law Project through Legal Aid: The Child Poverty Law program provides legal interventions to improve child well-being and increase family stability. Through community education, direct legal representation, and strategic partnerships, Legal Aid of Arkansas helps families overcome barriers to accessing legal protections, benefits, services, employment, and housing to help lift them out of poverty.

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Animal-Assisted Interaction through Restoration Village

This program provides coordinated services for the family that addresses individual needs while supporting the family unit. Children will be able to connect to needed services, such as mental health support, and expanded therapeutic resources. The therapeutic resources will include animal-assisted interactions with horses, canines and felines.

Farm to Table Cooking Classes through Apple Seeds

The Farm to Table Cooking Class series is a farm-based culinary education program that actively connects students with healthy food by improving cooking skills and food choices. Proper nourishment is critical to child development and is a form of preventative healthcare. The goal is for food-insecure children to consume the healthy foods that they need to thrive in school and in the work force in order to step out of poverty

Domestic Violence Intervention: Creating Safe Zones in School through the Northwest Arkansas Women's Shelter: "Creating Safe Zones in School" provides intervention support through peer groups and teacher training in the Rogers School District. It utilizes a community-based, child-focused model to improve behaviors and academic performance. Training teachers, counselors and social workers creates a network for children witnessing domestic violence and gives professionals the tools to support children in their classrooms.

Children's Emergency Services through Peace at Home Family Shelter: Children's Emergency Services provides safe shelter for children escaping domestic violence. Residential advocates work with the children and families to identify and address long-term barriers and provide better support through parent education; referrals for identified developmental, emotional, or educational barriers to success; and child-focused advocacy.

SnackPacks for Kids through the Samaritan Community Center: SnackPacks for Kids (SFK) will expand and diversify the food items included in SnackPacks to better meet the nutritional needs of the participating children, including fresh fruit during summer months. SFK also seeks to expand informational and educational resources provided with the SnackPacks from other organizations, especially those within the United Way network.

Behavioral and Mental Health Support through the Sunshine School & Development Center: This program will provide behavioral and mental health support to children with special needs through play therapy, child behavior management, case management and resource mobilization. Parents and classroom staff will be better equipped to support the child's social-emotional growth and stability. This program will also serve as a training ground for future social workers to provide high quality mental health services

Providing Access to No-Cost Medical and Dental Care to Uninsured Children from Low-income Households through WelcomeHealth: WelcomeHealth is the only free health clinic in Northwest Arkansas and will expand its health and dental care to uninsured low-income children. Poor health often results in school absenteeism and low academic achievement. Services will include check-ups, physicals, immunizations, dental exams and cleanings.

Havenwood Youth Homelessness Program through Havenwood: The Havenwood Youth Homelessness Program will focus on the needs of the homeless youth. Youth will obtain housing and access resources such as holistic case management, counseling, and mentoring that is tailored around their needs. Participating youth will also gain the knowledge, support and financial stability to become self-sufficient through the help of mentors, case managers, counselors and community support.

TEEN THRIVE through the Teen Action and Support Center (TASC): TEEN THRIVE provides a hub for teens with housing insecurity and/or homelessness to be connected to needed physical and emotional resources, housing assistance, clothing, school supplies, mentorship and case management. The program will empower them to choose a path of healthy choices for a successful life.

The Zion Project through Youth Bridge: The Zion Project centralizes three residential homes to better equip homeless youth with the life skills to transition from homelessness/poverty to financial stability. The program builds a pathway to self-sufficiency through: permanent connections, education and employment, social/emotional well-being and stable environments and financial stability/literacy.