

# EDUCATION: Thank you for making a difference!



## Your contribution will provide:

- Pre-schoolers with books
- Kids ready for school (with school supplies when they get there)
- Youth with tutors and mentors
- Young people learning to be leaders
- A community mobilized to provide ways for youth to keep away from and out of gangs

Together  
we prepare  
children  
for school  
and  
youth  
for success.

## Our partners in Education:

- Boys and Girls Club of Rochester
- Byron Community Education
- Child Care Resource and Referral
- Civic League Day Nursery
- Community Gang Initiative
- Family and Children's Center
- Friends of Quarry Hill Nature Center
- Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys
- Good News Children's Center
- Imagination Library
- Rochester Area Family Y
- The Reading Center
- Running Start for School
- Tri Valley Opportunity Council

From pre-schoolers to high school students, United Way of Olmsted County is working to ensure that the next generation is equipped with the skills to succeed in school and in life.

Our work is designed to intervene early to prevent the kinds of problems that cause children to fail and to provide the resources necessary to encourage our youth to remain productive and engaged.

We are working to maximize early learning so our children enter kindergarten prepared for school and we are working to make sure more of our youth are well-prepared for their future.

Our future workforce is in the making—to remain competitive our children must perform at or above the level of minimum proficiency.

Investing \$1 in a child's success early on saves \$17 down the road with tangible results measured in lower crime, fewer single parents and higher individual earnings and education levels.

Investing in youth early provides greater long-term returns and is less costly than interventions later in life.

2015 Goal	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Report	Note
By 2015, 75% of Olmsted County children achieve developmental milestones and pass kindergarten assessment.	54% of Olmsted County achieved development milestones and passed kindergarten assessment.	85.3% children who are part of the partner programs achieved developmental milestones and passed a kindergarten assessment. The question: how do we now take this result to scale for community-wide success?
By 2015, 3,330 low-income youth connect to caring adult and community.	2,356 low-income youth connected to caring adult.	The capacity of youth serving organizations needs to be increased to meet this community-wide issue.
By 2015, 3,330 low-income youth demonstrate leadership in the community.	660 low-income youth demonstrated leadership in the community.	
By 2015, Imagination Library books are delivered to 75% of eligible children.	This year: Imagination Library books are delivered to 60% of eligible children.	This initiative contributes to kindergarten readiness.
2,408 free or reduced lunch (eligible) students pick up school supplies.	2,613 free or reduced lunch (eligible) students pick up school supplies.	This initiative contributes to youth success in school.