



UNITED WAY
Greater Knoxville

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
**FALL IMPACT
REPORT
2024**



UNITED WE CAN
BUILD BRIGHTER FUTURES

Real change happens when we **UNITE.**

Join our growing number of partners that support the Community Schools initiative. Whether you donate your time, dollars, goods, or services, you are making a lasting impact on local kids, families, and neighborhoods.

OUR 2024 COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

- Beaumont Magnet Academy
- Belle Morris Elementary
- Christenberry Elementary
- Dogwood Elementary
- Green Magnet Academy
- Lonsdale Elementary
- Maynard Elementary
- New Hopewell Elementary
- Norwood Elementary
- Pond Gap Elementary
- Sarah Moore Greene Magnet Academy
- South Knoxville Elementary
- Spring Hill Elementary
- Vine Middle Magnet
- West View Elementary
- Whittle Springs Middle



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ABOUT SUPPORTING
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

TURNING SCHOOLS INTO HUBS FOR COMMUNITY

United Way of Greater Knoxville's (UWGK) Community Schools support **6,240 students and their families** alongside partners, donors, volunteers, and friends. Together, we create opportunities for children to succeed, families to access support, and neighborhoods to connect.

Community Schools maximizes its impact by operating in **16 schools** located strategically in underserved areas of Knox County, uplifting families who need it most. Each school has a dedicated coordinator, focused on filling the unique and pressing needs of that specific school and community.

Your support fuels our work. It enables us to provide meals for families, enrichment opportunities for children, support for educators, engaging events for communities, and more.

THE PILLARS OF COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Our Community Schools work focuses on four crucial pillars to create holistic support for students, educators, caregivers, families, and communities—shared collaborative leadership and practice, active family and community engagement, enhanced learning opportunities, and integrated systems of support.

2024 HIGHLIGHTS

CONNECTED
278 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

LEVERAGED
\$389K IN-KIND DOLLARS

ADDED OUR
16TH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

SUPPORTED
6,240 STUDENTS



SHARED
COLLABORATIVE
LEADERSHIP
AND PRACTICE



ACTIVE FAMILY
AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT



ENHANCED
LEARNING
OPPORTUNITIES



INTEGRATED
SYSTEMS OF
SUPPORT

SHARED COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP AND PRACTICE

Parents, students, teachers, principals, and community members work together to understand and address needs. Working with the community and creating collaborative solutions helps ensure lasting success.

Removing Barriers to Technology

In partnership with the Knoxville Chamber, Maynard Elementary School hosted a community computer class to help people learn valuable skills such as email, app usage, resume building, and more. **Ten parents, educators, and community members** attended the course and purchased a Chromebook for only \$50 upon completion. By making technology accessible, we created opportunities for expanded education and learning, economic growth, and improved quality of life.



We surveyed **1,501 caregivers** to better understand the community's needs and priorities.

ACTIVE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Bringing people together is a crucial aspect of the Community Schools model. We create opportunities for people to connect and take an active role in education and community.

Uniting Community with the Week of Caring

UWKG launched our first-ever Week of Caring. The five-day event connected local companies to our Community Schools to meet immediate needs, learn more about our work, and create a community impact. **Twenty companies** brought together over **100 volunteers** to complete **ten service projects**, collect over **\$2,000 worth of classroom supplies**, and assemble **125 wellness kits** for teachers.



We engaged **14,717** people through **137** family and community engagement events.

ENHANCED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Working in underserved areas, there are often less resources readily available for students. We work with partners to provide additional academic support, after-school programming, enrichment opportunities, and more for students.

Bringing Science to Life for Students

Community Schools had the exciting opportunity to partner with Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) through their traveling science fair. ORNL set up in the Island Home Airport and invited Community Schools students to explore the interactive trailers. **Fifth Graders from seven schools** enjoyed hands-on activities and heard from professionals working in STEM. Students got to explore quantum computers, gravity experiments, microscopic fidget spinners, and more.



We coordinated **111 enrichment opportunities** for **972 students**.

INTEGRATED SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT

Uplifting students, families, and schools requires support inside and outside the classroom. Our team connects families to affordable healthcare opportunities, provides basic needs support, and removes learning barriers for students.

Distributing Farm Healthy Foods to Families

Community Schools partnered with CAC Beardsley Community Farm to provide fresh produce to **279 families** each week. These farm fresh foods help ease weekend grocery budgets and improve access to nutritious meals for children. With distribution support from the Rotary Club, volunteers, and churches, we serve families across **six Community Schools** each week, and we are seeking ways to expand this program to support even more families.



We connected **2,661 students** with additional resources to eliminate barriers to learning.

Presented in part by:



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OUR MISSION

Uniting people and resources to strengthen communities and solve systemic issues.

OUR VISION

Creating an equitable community through partnerships, impact, and commitment to transformation.

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