This year's BASIC NEEDS INITIATIVE was able to help our local shelter expand their capacity to include families, providing individuals & families a safe, warm or cool place to stay in our community. We also were able to help ensure that healthy, home-delivered meals were available to seniors in our local communities.

With the expansion of serving families, & their hours, the shelter has tripled the number of clients they have served this year

105,257 Meals were delivered to seniors in Stephenson, Jo Daviess & Carroll Counties

Approximately 37% of seniors in our region received meal services this year

(37%)

This year's **FINANCIAL STABILITY INITIATIVE** provided programming to enhance the essential financial literacy & vocational opportunities for students, which increased their job readiness skill & opportunities for job placement with the goal of being financially stable & independent.

100% of the students who participated in the Teens in Transition program focused on positively impacting their academic achievement, classroom engagement, & future life & career success

100%



This year's **EDUCATION INITIATIVE** conitinued to focus on ensuring that families had access to high quality, safe learning enviornments & to quality literacy based programs to help ready them for kindergarten.

81%

81% of children enrolled in Early Childhood programs utilizing Teaching Strategies Gold have met or are exceeding the skills necessary be ready for Kindergarten

2,659 Children Enrolled in UWNWIL's Dolly Parton Imagination Library

92%

92% of Parents say that their child's interest in books & reading has increased with their participation in the DPIL program

The **HEALTH INITIATIVE** brought together local community agencies to bring awareness & education to the prevention of violence & abuse against vulnerable populations, specifically seniors, children & adults with disabilities. Programming also all allowed at-risk girls to develop life & leadership skills.

94%

94% of clients served by the partners of the Domestic & Sexual Violence Safety Collaborative received counseling & other essential services that provided safety & stabilization

(81%)

81% of participants in Program Opportunity developed the skills necessary to form healthy relationships & become confident leaders



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