

# Health Issues and Challenges Grant Success Story

United Way of St. Joseph County



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## Overview

The [Health Issues and Challenges Grant](#) provided by the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH), Health Innovation Partnerships and Programs Team (HIPPT), aims to help local and statewide service providers and planning organizations fund programs to improve health outcomes for Hoosiers. [United Way of St. Joseph County](#) (UWSJC) uses funding from the grant to build a new neighborhood center designed to bring social, health, youth and senior services to their community.



## Challenge

After the grand opening of the new neighborhood center, the UWSJC faced challenges with increasing awareness of the facility, and attracting visitors who could benefit from the center's numerous resources.

## Looking Forward

The UWSJC partnered with local community members and organizations to brainstorm ways the facility could attract and best serve the community. By engaging local high school students in regular meetings at the facility, the group identified ways to improve outreach efforts while recognizing the importance of building trust and offering mentorship for older and younger generations in the community.



The UWSJC has also partnered with the VA Chicago Healthcare System to host events at UWSJC's neighborhood facility. Through this partnership, 70 local veterans have been identified who can benefit from these events and receive access to local, veteran-specific resources. These efforts will provide positive impact on the program and to the people that they seek to serve. Through these innovative community partnerships, UWSJC will continue to increase their community's access to these services.

More information on the Health Issues and Challenges Grant:

[in.gov/health/grant-opportunities/healthissuesandchallengesgrant/](https://www.in.gov/health/grant-opportunities/healthissuesandchallengesgrant/)

