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**The City of Newport  
LIVES UNITED for Lincoln County**

From February 15 to March 15, the City of Newport is running a campaign to raise funds and awareness for Lincoln County's United Way. Jim Voetberg, Newport City Manager and Mayor Mark McConnell initiated the campaign across all city departments. All city employees have an opportunity to participate with payroll deduction available. Lincoln County's United Way is a local, volunteer-led, nonprofit organization that works to advance the common good by focusing on the basic things everyone needs for a good life: education, income, and health. Its goal is to create long-lasting changes that prevent problems from happening in the first place.

Often, people require help for several different issues and no one agency can do it all. United Way works with community leaders and service providers to identify and prioritize needs, leverage contributions, and achieve measurable results. The grants program identifies partners and projects that promote collaborations, efficiency, innovation, and results. Local volunteers review funding requests and decide how to allocate limited resources to do the most good.

During the last granting cycle, more than \$25,000 was granted to six agency programs providing services such as court advocacy for abused children, community health interpreters, and snackpaks for local school-age children to help with nutrition. In addition, United Way invests in resources like 2-1-1, a one-stop referral service that provides a direct route to health and community services to callers, and FamilyWize, a discount prescription drug program.

All money raised in Lincoln County stays in Lincoln County—dollars will go far, but not far away. People are encouraged to think with the whole community in mind—and invest their gift to help the most people possible. More can be done together than one person standing alone, which is why United Way's motto is to LIVE UNITED.

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