Every day, people in our communities struggle with education problems that may seem impossible to solve. Children starting school without the skills necessary to succeed. Kids who can barely read by third grade, and who are far more likely to quit school later. Youth who don’t go on to college or vocational training.

These are tough problems that threaten the future of individuals and communities. But United Way is fighting to improve education for everyone—everywhere. Across a global network of nearly 1,800 United Ways, we’re engaging employees as reading volunteers. We’re mobilizing communities to reach out to teenagers on the verge of dropping out. We’re providing books, teaching support and training to underfunded schools near and far.

We are more than the fundraisers. We are the problem solvers, the hand raisers. We are the game changers. We surround a community’s most critical problems—and we fight. With our partners—including 60,000+ companies across the globe—we’re offering hope and help where it’s needed the most. In the last year alone, United Way impacted 61 million people, including:

- 2,596 children who participated in high-quality early literacy programs
- 426,770 families who were given educational resources and training
- 2 million youth who got—or stayed—on track in school with after-school programs

We are strengthening communities from the inside out, but there’s still so much more to do. Around the world and in our own backyard, we’re fighting to build a better tomorrow today.

United Way fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in every community. We have one life. To live better, we must LIVE UNITED.