



United Way of Greater Warren County

PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: *Monmouth, Illinois* – United Way of Greater Warren County (UWGWC) celebrated their new support of the Mercer County Community by recently presenting a check for \$5,000 to support Mercer County Better Together's Literacy Programming at Aledo's Rhubarb Festival. UWGWC and its board of directors voted to expand UWGWC's service area to include Mercer and Henderson Counties last year, with cooperation from United Way Worldwide. Upon being approved for expansion, UWGWC received a grant from the Moline Foundation to extend its allocations granting to Mercer County prior to the first formal fundraiser, also expanded to Mercer County and scheduled for Fall of 2023. The remainder of this grant will be used to install a Born Learning Trail in Aledo, IL. In addition to raising funds for the local Mercer County Community, both UWGWC in partnership with the Moline Foundation will be active in determining unmet needs in the region --- working closely with local community leaders like Mercer County Better Together, as well as donors and potential donors willing to support their home.

UWGWC was established in 1972, as a small nonprofit supporting Monmouth agencies and programs serving the marginalized. Since that time, the organization has expanded their regional support, funding 29 agencies serving the three-county area. UWGWC's board of directors already includes regional members and intends to work with communities to determine where support is needed. For more information on UWGWC and the programs/organizations we support, visit www.wcunitedway.org. For more information on the Moline Foundation, visit their website at www.molinefoundation.org. For more information on Mercer County Better Together, visit them at <https://www.mcbettertogether.org>.

attached photo: Ron Wheeler, UWGWC board treasurer (left) and Kyle McEwen, Mercer County Better together executive director

* For more information on Born Learning Trails, visit <https://bornlearning.org>.

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