

# You Create Change

Childhood poverty and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are linked to worse outcomes in nearly every aspect of life. ACEs, such as abuse, neglect, and unstable living conditions can be traumatic and hinder the ability of a child to grow and be successful. **In Stark County, children have more Adverse Childhood Experiences than those in other communities.\*\***

This, coupled with being deprived of resources at a young age due to circumstances beyond their control, creates a trajectory that is drastically diminished. Learning, living, and thriving is harder. Life overall is more difficult, and aspirations can become out of reach.



A child who starts behind, generally stays behind.



**47%<sup>^</sup>**

**Kindergarten Readiness  
(Language & Literacy)**

of students were ready for kindergarten. The range for school districts in Stark County is 27-73%.



**67%<sup>^</sup>**

**Third Grade Reading Proficiency**

passed the third-grade reading proficiency test. The range for districts in Stark County is 33-84%.

\*\*Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs): A strategic approach to prevent ACEs in Ohio.  
<sup>^</sup>Ohio School Report Cards 2021-2022.

**“There can be no keener revelation of a society’s soul than the way in which it treats its children.”**

**– Nelson Mandela**



## Inspiring Hope

ACEs are preventable! How can you help? You can give to United Way.

United Way is uniquely able to ensure your donation is given to community partners that will help children receive services to ensure safe, stable, and nurturing relationships and environments. For instance, your donation could provide child therapy services or parents may receive parenting support classes through Triple P - Positive Parenting Program, one of the most effective evidence-based parenting programs in the world, backed by more than 35 years of ongoing research.

Join United Way of Greater Stark County, your peers and neighbors in helping to reduce childhood poverty and Adverse Childhood Experiences. Your support is an investment into the future of our community.



Together, we can  
create a world  
where everyone has  
the opportunity to  
thrive. Inspiring  
hope starts with  
you.

## How to give:



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