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River Valley United Way Awards Community Impact Partnership Grants totaling \$183,000 to Local Organizations

[Russellville, AR] – [03/01/2025] – River Valley United Way (RVUW) is proud to announce the recipients of its 2025 Community Impact Partnership Grants, awarding funding to local nonprofit organizations dedicated to making a difference in the community. Thanks to the generosity of local donors, RVUW is investing in programs that address critical needs, from food insecurity and housing to advocacy, education, and crisis intervention.

This year, RVUW has awarded grants to the following organizations:

Age to Age – \$1,000 to support their mission of mentoring children, providing academic support, and offering enriching experiences such as tutoring, service projects, and summer camp adventures.

CASA of the 5th Judicial District – \$23,010 to advocate for children in foster care.

Community Service Inc. – \$12,000 to provide youth services, including mental health support.

Forrester-Davis Development Center – \$5,885 to provide educational and habilitative services for developmentally disabled individuals.

Johnson County Helping Hands – \$13,500 to assist with utilities, food, clothing, and domestic violence support.

Ozark Rape Crisis Center – \$15,000 to support survivors of sexual violence through advocacy and education.

Pope County Imagination Library – \$3,600 to provide free, high-quality books to children from birth to age five to foster early literacy.

River Valley Food 4 Kids – \$30,000 to support efforts to combat childhood hunger.

River Valley Shelter for Battered Women & Children, Inc. – \$9,000 to provide confidential, secure shelter for survivors of domestic violence.

River Valley Christian Clinic - \$10,000 to provide essential medications to those in need.

The Russ Bus – \$30,000 to help individuals experiencing homelessness move toward stability.

Yell County Imagination Library – \$3,000 to provide free, high-quality books to children from birth to age five to foster early literacy.

“We are honored to support these organizations, each of which plays a vital role in strengthening our community,” Kristy Williams, Executive Director of River Valley United Way. “These are local dollars from local donors, invested in local programs serving Pope, Johnson, and Yell County residents.”

RVUW’s Community Impact Partnership Grants are awarded annually to organizations aligning with its mission to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities to advance the common good. River Valley United Way envisions a community where every person is thriving. From strengthening local resilience to advancing health, youth opportunity, and financial security, we’re working towards a future where every person in every community can reach their full potential.

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