

# IMPROVING

# ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE



Improving **access to healthcare** is crucial for the well-being of Eastern Iowa. Ensuring access to healthcare means making sure both physical and mental healthcare are available and affordable for those in need. By addressing barriers such as cost, transportation, and language, we can start making a positive impact on the overall health and well-being of Eastern Iowans.

## WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

Iowa faces significant challenges in healthcare provider availability, with only one provider for every 804 residents. Additionally, 37% of Iowans struggle to afford the basic cost of living, and unexpected medical expenses can lead to financial hardships. Access to quality healthcare is further complicated by disparities, such as the maternal mortality rate, which is 2.9 times higher for Black women compared to white women.

## HOW IS UWECI ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE?

One of the significant challenges individuals encounter when accessing healthcare is transportation. With your help, we aim to grow our volunteer-driven transportation programs for individuals aged 55 and better in two of our rural counties, Jones and Benton counties. In addition, Women United, a leadership society, continues to advocate for women's health and well-being in our community.

## YOUR IMPACT



**10,000**

individuals impacted with 94% reporting improved access to healthcare



**2,835**

women reached with 92% reporting improved access to healthcare

## ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE NONPROFIT PARTNERS

**\$485,000 INVESTMENT FROM UWECI**

**Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC)** – Treating and Supporting Recovery

**Cedar County Public Health** – Access to Healthcare

**Rural Employment Alternative** – Improved Functioning and Social Connectedness

**UnityPoint-St. Lukes Healthcare Foundation** – Dental Health Center, Aging Services

**Volunteer Services of Cedar County** – Assisted Transportation

**Youthport** – School Based Mental Health Services

## WOMEN UNITED FUND

**\$203,533 INVESTMENT FROM UWECI**

**Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC)** – Treating and Supporting Recovery

**Community Health Free Clinic** – Women's Health Funding

**Eastern Iowa Health Center** – Women's Unmet Needs

**Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP)** – Maternal Health



**United Way  
of East Central Iowa**