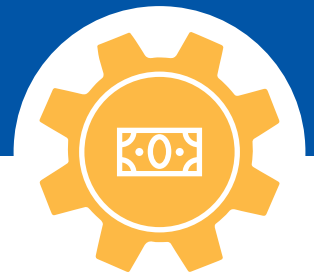


# BUILDING

## ECONOMIC MOBILITY



When we build **economic mobility** in a community, we focus on two key concerns, housing and workforce development. When individuals and families have the foundation of safe and affordable housing, their path to stability in our other focus areas (fostering childhood success and improving access to healthcare) is clear.

## QUALITY & AFFORDABLE HOUSING

### WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

Did you know that Iowa ranks #9 in the country for oldest homes? Homes built before 1970 are likely to have lead, asbestos, and lack energy efficiency. In addition to older homes, housing can also be very expensive. In Linn County, 41% of renters struggle to pay their rent with over 30% of their income being spent on housing.

### HOW IS UWECI ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE?

With your support, we are working collaboratively with key community partners by being part of a community group called the Alliance for Equitable Housing, to develop solutions for affordable and quality housing.

### YOUR IMPACT



3,500

individuals impacted



41 HOMES

improved quality through your investment

## QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING ECONOMIC MOBILITY NONPROFIT PARTNERS

**\$571,290 INVESTMENT FROM UWECI**

**Affordable Housing Network** – Tenant Relations/Support

**Catherine McAuley Center** – Supportive Housing for Women

**Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP)** – Housing Services

**Hope Community Development Association** – On-the-Job Construction Training

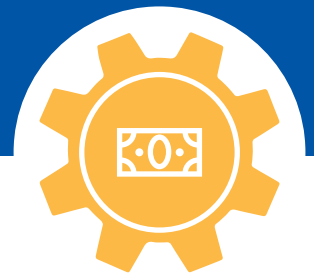
**Iowa Legal Aid** – Legal Assistance Project

**Matthew 25** – Transform Housing Program

**Willis Dady Emergency Shelter** – Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)



United Way  
of East Central Iowa



## CURRENT WORKFORCE

### WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

An average of 37% of households in Iowa are at or below the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) threshold. These are households that are working, but do not earn enough to meet the costs of a basic household budget.

### HOW IS UWECI ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE?

With your support, we are working within our community to create opportunities for employment and economic stability, ensuring that resources are available. This is done through programs, such as our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, and our collaborative work with The Opportunity Center.

### YOUR IMPACT



**3,181**

individuals supported  
through VITA



**\$2.6 MILLION+**

brought back into our community  
through state and federal tax returns

### WORKFORCE ECONOMIC MOBILITY NONPROFIT PARTNERS

**\$172,126 INVESTMENT FROM UWECI**

**Catherine McAuley Center** – Refugee and Immigrant Education Services

**Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, Iowa** – Immigration Legal Services

**Goodwill Industries of the Heartland** – Employment Training and Placement Program

**Horizons: A Family Service Alliance** – Financial Wellness Center

**The Arc of East Central Iowa** – Home & Community Services and Supports

**United We March Forward** – Drivers Education for Immigrants (DEFI)