

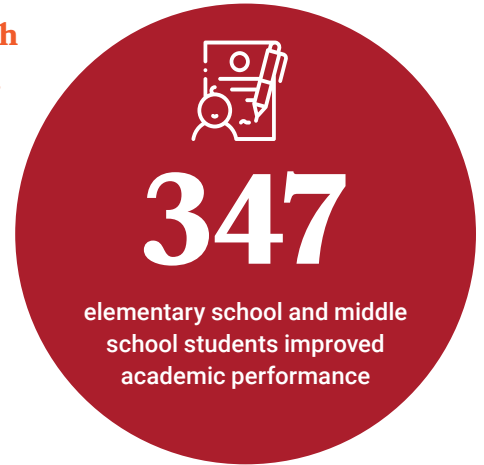


Education

Goal: All students succeed academically and graduate high school prepared for higher education, career and community.

Individuals who finish high school are more likely to have the skills required to be successful in postsecondary education, an increasingly complicated job market and society. And adults with higher education levels are more likely to gain employment with family-sustaining wages. At United Way, we invest in nonprofits and programs that help prepare youth for the classroom and life beyond through mentorship, tutoring and social-emotional learning.

Measure: Graduation rate in Dane County.

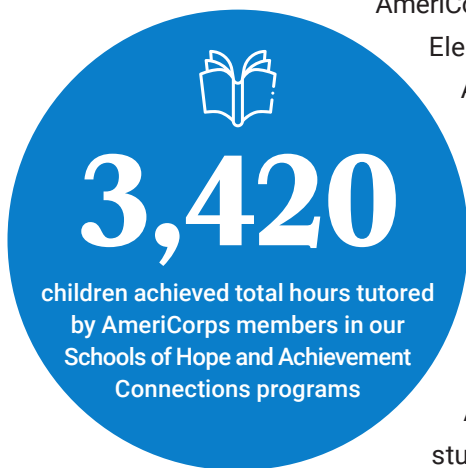


Schools of Hope (Elementary Reading) and Achievement Connections (High School Math)

The Elementary Schools of Hope and Achievement Connections AmeriCorps Programs are dynamic community partnerships which have developed an evidence-based model of tutoring intervention fueled by impassioned AmeriCorps members and committed community volunteers. Both are unique collaborations.

Elementary Schools of Hope is a collaboration with United Way of Dane County, AmeriCorps and the Madison Metropolitan School District. Achievement Connections is a partnership between United Way of Dane County, the Madison Metropolitan School District, the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District and the UW-Madison Morgridge Center for Public Service.

Elementary Schools of Hope’s mission is to provide literacy tutoring support to improve the academic achievement of kindergarten through fifth grade students. While Achievement Connections mobilizes AmeriCorps members and the community to support student achievement in Algebra and Geometry.



For the first time since the pandemic, AmeriCorps members and volunteers were back in school buildings in 2023! And **303 elementary students were tutored by nine AmeriCorps members and 20 community volunteers in the 2023 school year.** Additionally, **257 high school students were tutored by five AmeriCorps members and 111 community volunteers in the 2023 school year** through the Achievement Connections program.



From Struggling Reader to Published Writer:

When Camila, a second-language English speaker, first joined our partners at Simpson Street Free Press (SSFP), she struggled with reading and writing. Shy about her lack of school-day success, she never asked for help. SSFP's literary specialists assessed Camila's reading comprehension and used Science of Reading principles and 1:1 tutoring to help build her skills – and her confidence along the way. Over the course of just a couple of years, Camila went from struggling reader to published writer! The Cap Times recently ran a piece she wrote about the "I Have a Dream" scholarship event hosted by Women in Focus last year.



6,125 *Dane County Neighbors Supported in 2023*

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Partnering with United Way has allowed the Middleton Youth Center to serve more students in our free after school and summer programs. The Youth Center is an important place of connection, belonging, and opportunity for our students. We are so grateful that now, more students have access to the support and activities that allow them to thrive.

– Gabrielle Hinahara, Director of Middleton Youth Center

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