

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Must

**READ!**  
**TO SUCCEED!**

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# GET INVOLVED

Education is the work of an entire community—from reading with young children to encouraging high schoolers to graduate. You can have a hand in improving academic and career outcomes in central Iowa.

**GOAL: 90 percent of central Iowa third graders reading proficiently by 2020.**

## Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

### POWER READ

Using literacy materials developed by a team of experts, the volunteer meets with an elementary-age student at school each week, reads a book with the student and helps them complete a corresponding literacy-building activity. The student benefits from consistent and positive interactions with a caring adult. [unitedwaydm.org/power-read](http://unitedwaydm.org/power-read)

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### BOOK BUDDY

Volunteers meet weekly with preschool students in order to increase print literacy skills. Participating students are introduced to 25 books over the course of the year and have approximately 50 opportunities to read with a volunteer. [unitedwaydm.org/book-buddy](http://unitedwaydm.org/book-buddy)

## One-Day Opportunities



### STUFF THE BUS — May 3 2017

United Way of Central Iowa's Women's Leadership Connection and local businesses collect quality children's books during this annual book drive. The books are donated to central Iowa early childhood centers, as well as other nonprofits and home child care providers. [unitewaydm.org/stuff-the-bus](http://unitewaydm.org/stuff-the-bus)



### LITERACY SOLSTICE — June 20, 2017

1,000 central Iowans will join together at sites all across the area to build an unprecedented 4,000 literacy kits to be used by children in the classroom, in afterschool programs, in child care centers and for at-home libraries. [unitewaydm.org/literacy-solstice](http://unitewaydm.org/literacy-solstice)



### GRADUATION WALK — August 26, 2017

Volunteers visit the homes of middle and high school students at risk of dropping out or not attending school regularly. Over the past seven years, volunteers have connected with more than 4,000 students to engage them with school. [unitewaydm.org/graduation-walk](http://unitewaydm.org/graduation-walk)

### GIVE.

United Way of Central Iowa operates or funds education programs that impact more than 15,000 children. [unitedwaydm.org/give](http://unitedwaydm.org/give)

### ADVOCATE.

Contact your legislator to encourage state funding for summer reading programs. [unitedwaydm.org/advocate](http://unitedwaydm.org/advocate)

