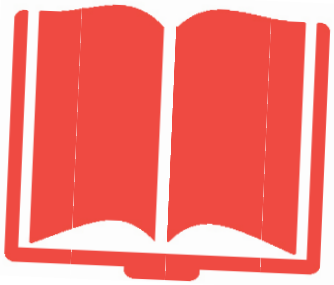
EDUCATION

United Way improves educational and life outcomes for children, youth and young adults from **Birth to Career**, by advancing equity and excellence in education. Every step in a child's life lays the foundation for future success. Together with our partners, we're working on a variety of education programs and initiatives.

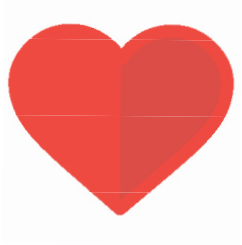
Cradle to Career (C2C) is a partnership of leaders from both the education and business sectors in Pima County who are using data to improve educational outcomes. **The Family Support Alliance** provides at-risk families the parenting resources they need to raise healthy and engaged children. **The Great Expectations Program** offers free professional development to early childhood educators. **Read On Tucson** provides support to seven local school districts to improve third grade reading scores. **The Quality First Redesign** program aims to increase the access of high quality programs to families with children birth to age 5.

1,372
OPPORTUNITY YOUTH CONNECTED BACK
TO EDUCATION & CAREER PATHWAYS THROUGH RE-ENGAGEMENT SERVICES

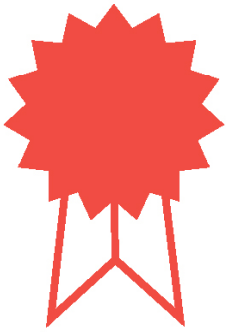
188,884
BOOKS



GIVEN TO CHILDREN TO BUILD THEIR PERSONAL LIBRARIES



995 FAMILIES
RECEIVED GUIDANCE FOR RAISING AND NURTURING THEIR CHILD AT HOME



1,502
ADULTS ATTENDED CLASSES
TO BECOME BETTER PARENTS

780
INDIVIDUALS LEARNED

NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION & FAMILY SUPPORT BUILDING SKILLS

MEET IZZY

United Way supports several programs aimed at making sure children are ready to be successful in school and beyond. These programs help tens of thousands of children each year in Southern Arizona stay involved with learning and educational goals, including 10 year old Izzy.

When Izzy first started reading in school she had difficulty following her classmates and reaching a comprehensive reading level. She had low confidence with her ability to read out loud and that made her want to quit reading altogether. Izzy's parents knew they needed help keep her engaged and excited about reading. My Summer Reading Program helped keep Izzy engaged and reading over the summer. Through the program, she was able to self-select twelve free books that she found personally engaging to keep and read over the Summer and beyond. The ability to read books she chose allowed her to slowly build her reading comprehension and confidence levels. Now, at ten, Izzy will be the first to tell you how much she loves to read and has even gained the confidence to read out loud in class. Izzy told us that when she grows up she wants to be a special education teacher so she can help other kids gain confidence in their learning abilities. We asked Izzy how she felt about United Way and she responded, "I know that United Way helps people in need and educates the community on how to help and keep helping, I hope Tucson continues to be a community of helpers."

Learn More about United Way of Tucson's Education Programs at:
www.UnitedWayTucson.org/Education