

SUCCESSFUL KIDS



MEET HAILEY AND MEGAN

“Did you have a good Thanksgiving break?” Megan asked one of her students, anticipating the one word answer common to her first graders.

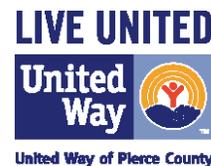
“Yes,” Hailey said, “but I missed school.”

“Really?” Megan replied, surprised. “Yes,” she said again. “I especially missed it here. I like it here with you. I like the books we read. It’s really fun!”

Megan is a volunteer for the Read2Me program, and just weeks before, her student Hailey had had no real preference which books were read, didn’t really pay attention to the content of the books, and in short, let her fear of reading get the better of her. But now, all that has changed.

Classroom teachers recognize that these students have changed their attitude about reading once they have been in the Read2Me program for a few sessions. Thanks to Read2Me, Hailey and many other students like her are gaining a love for reading at an early age.

Read2Meis just one of the many programs receiving funding from United Way of Pierce County. By focusing on programs that help young children and their families, we can remove the barriers preventing them from breaking the cycle of poverty.



Supporting students in the early grades so they have the skills to be successful in school and in life.

Why It Matters

One out of four students in Pierce County is not meeting the third grade reading standard.

Missing just one to two days each month, even as early as kindergarten, can significantly lower academic achievement.

Kids who don’t have access to books over the summer can lose **up to two months of learning**.