

# ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY MATTERS.

- › NEARLY TWO THIRDS OF ALL JOBS IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA REQUIRE WORKERS TO HAVE SOME POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION. IN CHICAGO, 46% OF YOUTH DO NOT EVEN COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL.
- › THE TYPICAL ILLINOIS FAMILY MUST PAY 25% OF ITS INCOME FOR EARLY EDUCATION AT A LICENSED DAYCARE CENTER— FOR JUST ONE CHILD.
- › 1/3 OF ILLINOIS CHILDREN ARE GROWING UP IN LOW-INCOME FAMILIES THAT EARN LESS THAN \$30,438 FOR A FAMILY OF THREE IN 2004.



what matters.

Economic self-sufficiency is a serious issue in our region but, together with United Way, we're addressing it. By supporting United Way, we're providing counseling, job placement and job retention education. We're providing transportation assistance and subsidized daycare for working parents earning minimum wages. We're providing specialized job training, English-as-a-Second-Language classes and GED programs to help adults secure jobs that pay a living wage—and so much more. Together, we're giving people the support they need to overcome life's challenges and lead self-sufficient lives.