The YWCA Empowerment Center appreciates the funding received from the United Way of Clinton County, Iowa. The United Way of Clinton County, Iowa funds are paramount to meeting the needs of numerous people in the local area.  These dollars are essential in meeting the housing needs of individuals and families.

Many people in Clinton County struggle to make ends meet.  Often, they become homeless due to an unexpected expense; job loss or illness.  One in 3 people in Clinton, are at, or just above, the poverty line for income.   The YWCA Empowerment Center relies on funds from the United Way of Clinton County to fill the gap for these individuals and families; allowing them to remain in their home. With the monies received, the YWCA Empowerment Center can provide for overdue utility payments or rent shortfalls.

For those who are homeless, the Empowerment Center follows a Housing First Model.  Housing First is an approach to quickly and successfully connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness into permanent housing without preconditions and barriers. This approach allows us to first, locate housing, and then, focus on other needs the people may face.

Beyond housing assistance, the YWCA Empowerment Center also provides case management services, budgeting assistance, a listening ear and a helping hand. The YWCA Empowerment Center additionally collaborates with, and depends on many service providers in the area, such as: employment services, addiction needs, mental health care, food, and utility assistance.

YWCA Empowerment Center is truly grateful for our partnership with the United Way of Clinton County, Iowa!

Sincerely,

Laura Burget

YWCA Empowerment Center Director