



EARLY EDUCATION BUILDS THE FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN

Tiffany and Eddie live in Maple Grove, Minnesota with their young son and daughter. Education is important to them because they feel like in order to be successful, you need to have some form of education.

“I feel like early education builds the foundation for children. And so I believe once they have that solid foundation, it really helps them to be successful in the rest of their life. So when they do go to different school environments, they’re able to thrive because they’ve had that foundation of early childhood education.”

Greater Twin Cities United Way is committed to improving early childhood education through ongoing collaboration with the community. We convene stakeholders to share learnings, advocate for policy change and provide funding through multi-year grants to nonprofits working in this space. For instance, research shows 80% of brain development happens by age three. Innovation initiatives like, 80x3: Resilient from the Start, enable us to work with parents, care givers and educators to ensure that every child in our state has high quality care during these critical early years.

“When our children see themselves in their educational environment, it empowers them to learn freely.”

Partnering with Greater Twin Cities United Way is a great opportunity to bring people together to discuss important issues and changes to our education system.

In 2021, with support from people like you we addressed student learning and community food system needs exacerbated by COVID-19 and awarded grants to 126 nonprofits to provide our neighbors with better access to housing, food, education and the workforce.