

A photograph of a community event in front of a blue house. Two women are hula hooping with large, colorful hula hoops. Other people are visible in the background, some standing and some sitting at tables. The scene is outdoors on a paved area with trees and a clear sky.

# STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS ELM HOUSE

*Strong Families. Stronger Community.*

# WELCOME!

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## Welcome Home!

*Strong Neighborhoods-Elm House  
591 S Elm Ave Kankakee, IL 60901*





## WHAT IS THE STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS HOUSE?

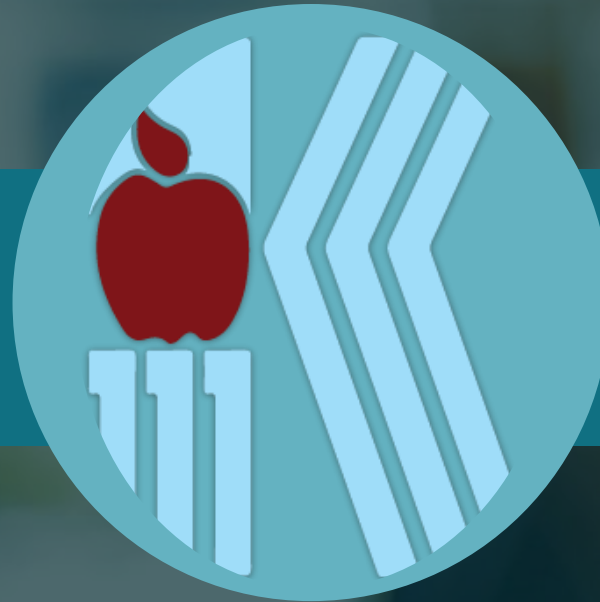
*This is more than a program. This a collective community effort to unite and provide the resources needed for our residents and families to thrive.*

# STAKEHOLDERS

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City of Kankakee



Kankakee School District



United Way of Kankakee  
& Iroquois Counties

# STEERING COMMITTEE TEAM

Andrea  
Short

Samantha  
Rocknowski

Jessica  
Andrade

Makenzie  
Flores

Mary  
Archie

Mike  
O'Brien

Rosalia  
Pizano

# WELCOME CENTER



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# LIVING ROOM

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# Partnership Office (Theraplay Room)



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# Agencies Shared Office (Theraplay Room)



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# Laundry Room



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# Storage/Basement



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### Strong Neighborhoods - Elm House

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-  **Visitors**  
By default, people who haven't joined can post. [>](#)
-  **New Tools**  
There are now more ways to keep your group safe. [>](#)

# Block Party 2020



# Hop The Block 2021



**Strong Neighborhoods** PRESENTS

## HOP THE BLOCK

POWERED BY **meijer**

A door-to-door outreach opportunity to personally invite residents to the Strong Neighborhoods Fall Fest event!

**SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2021**  
**8:30AM-12PM**  
**591 SOUTH ELM KANKAKEE, IL 60901**

We need your help building authentic relationships with our neighbors in the 2nd & 6th wards!  
For more information email:  
[neighborhoods@myunitedway.org](mailto:neighborhoods@myunitedway.org)



# Fall Fest Outreach 2021



# Fall Fest Outreach 2022



# THANK YOU!

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 *Fiana Smith- United Way*

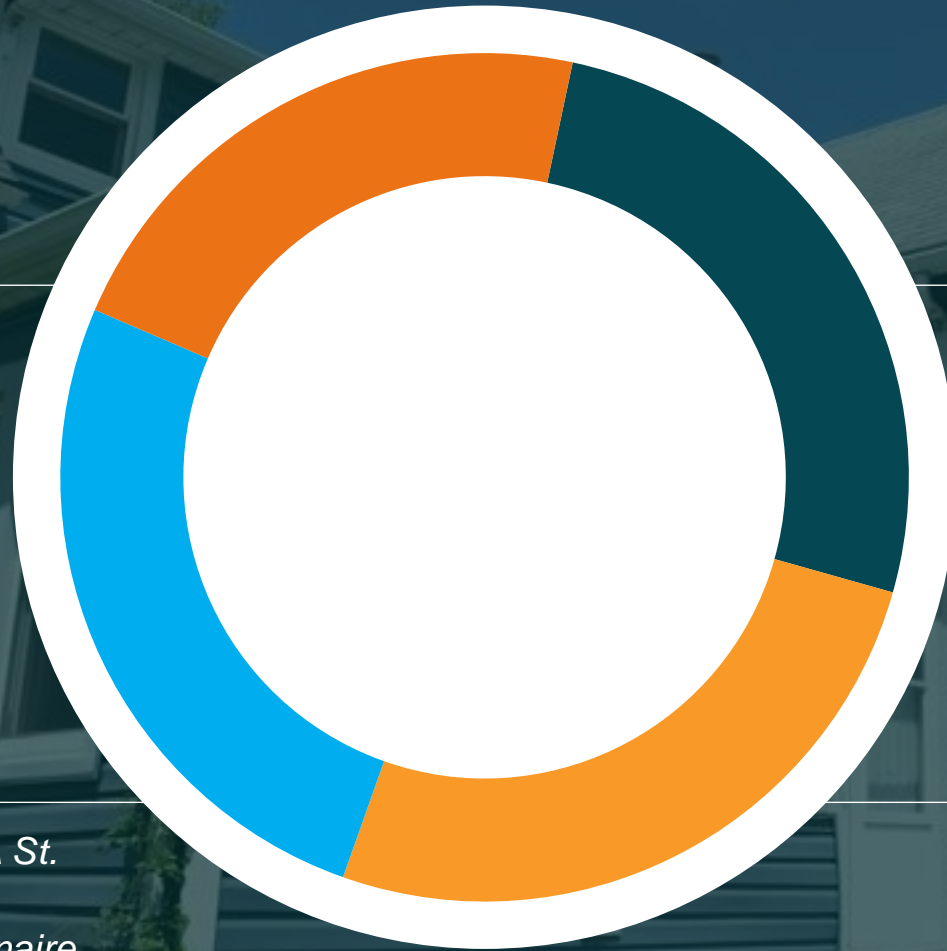
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# Strong Neighborhoods 2021 Highlights



## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

*Piloted Opening Elm House  
Applied for CDBG Grant  
Convene Steering Committee*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

*Piloted Operation Celebration  
Highlighted Elm House Barriers  
Revisited Mission & Vision  
Applied for First Financial Grant  
Alderman Dave Baron hosted  
neighborhoods meeting at house*

## 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

*Elm House was inspected by Options  
CIL & Kankakee Fire Department  
Launched Amazon Registry  
ONU Hearts for Missions service project*

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

*Launched "Hop The Block" Outreach  
Fall Fest Outreach Event  
Applied for CDBG Grant Round 2  
Received \$1,000 sponsorship from AMITA St.  
Mary's  
Launched Community Outreach Questionnaire  
Designed Phase 1 of Communication Directory*