

# UNITED WE RISE



Annual Report **2021-2022**



United Way  
of Southern Chautauqua County

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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERS

This is the second annual report that spans both a global pandemic and United Way of Southern Chautauqua County's centennial year, and we could not be prouder of how this organization has navigated both. As we sat down to look over this past year, we were amazed at the resiliency and creativity of our staff and volunteers – and gratified by how much we had accomplished. Through the efforts and generosity of many people, we not only met but exceeded our campaign goal, raising \$1,370,337!

Having 28 former campaign chairs come back to co-chair the 2020 campaign was absolutely critical to the surprising success of the year's fundraising efforts and also a way to acknowledge our 100th anniversary.

Everything was virtual this year. **Everything.** Our virtual campaign kickoff video where we passed a campaign sign across the county; our Zoom Leadership Circle Cocktail Hour; our Campaign Celebration in which we spent all day going Live on Facebook announcing team totals at various locations in the community; our allocation site visits; our board and campaign cabinet meetings. And while we are all a little tired of Zoom meetings and "virtual pivoting," these virtual events brought more people to these key activities than could ever have attended in person. They opened new ways of connecting to our community, and for that, we are grateful.

We are proud of all the community collaborative efforts that UWSCC was a part of this year, including the Chautauqua County Crisis Response Fund and larger initiatives dedicated to capacity building, racial equity and COVID-19 vaccine access. We are proud of our community partners, whose commitment to (and passion for) serving the most vulnerable among us was remarkably, beautifully apparent over this last year.

## United We Rise.

That was our theme for this year, and that's what we did. And we will continue to do so. Innovation, resiliency, collaboration and effectiveness have been the hallmarks of our organization this past year (and since 1920!). It is what will sustain us for another one hundred. Many thanks to our donors, our community partners, and our volunteers for being a part of the past and the future.



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### OUR MISSION

United Way of Southern Chautauqua County mobilizes the community to help every person and family improve their lives.

### OUR VISION

To be the recognized leader and problem solver in our community that assesses needs, develops strategies, invests resources and creates data-driven solutions to improve lives.

### STRATEGIC AREAS OF IMPACT

Academic Success  
Health & Independence  
Ready Workforce  
Self-Sufficiency



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# 2020 CAMPAIGN: CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

This year brought fundraising challenges that no one could have anticipated, including virtual campaign platforms, text-to-give, many emails and phone calls, and the uncertainty of the economic impact of COVID-19. Our success in raising more than \$1.37 million dollars was attributed to our **28 Campaign Chairs** who each previously served as a past campaign chair and remain vital to our ongoing mission. When each former chair was approached to fulfill this role, no one declined. They took on this challenge with charisma and focus.

**#UnitedWeRise.** Thank you to every 2020 campaign chair—you made this year memorable!

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2020 All of the Above

thank you





# \$1,370,337 RAISED - 2,019 DONORS



## THANK YOU CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEERS

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Pamela Noll - Allied Alarm Services  
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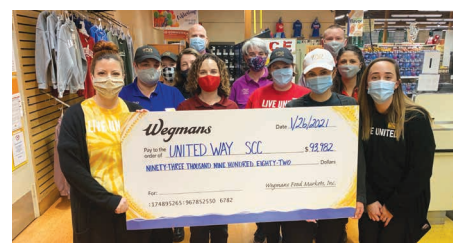
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# 100% OF YOUR INVESTMENT STAYS LOCAL



UNITED WE FIGHT.  
UNITED WE WIN.

your investment makes a difference

LIVE UNITED



**98%** of parents increased their knowledge of child development.

**4,727** impacts on children entering school ready to learn.



**94%** of students served graduated high school.

**1,042** individuals overcame barriers of daily living.



**344** attained stable housing.



**6,945** families basic and emergency needs were met.



**95%** of seniors remained in their home.

**5,111** students learned about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

**1,026** students completed a career exploration program.

**161** adults secured employment \*through ESPRI.



Last year United Way programs made a positive impact **23,016 times**



When I started attending CAP as a 12-year-old in the foster care system, I was disconnected with who I was. CAP helped me to realize that my trauma was the reason for my feelings and thoughts. The staff at CAP has supported and taught me ways to cope with my trauma. I learned how to express myself and recognize that my past does not need to define me but that it is part of who I am and how I will be in the future. The staff at CAP goes above and beyond and has helped transform relationships with my family, my success in school, and provided me resources in taking steps to fulfill my dreams of becoming a lawyer.”

— Evei B.



# ALLOCATIONS 2020-2021: COMMUNITY DRIVEN DECISION MAKING

United Way of Southern Chautauqua County's supports 28 agencies and 43 programs in line with the four specific areas of focus; academic success, health and independence, ready workforce, and self-sufficiency. Last year, flexibility of funding was given to programs due to COVID-19 and the unprecedented challenges that emerged for all. This year, funds were allocated on a conditional renewal basis to programs at the same funding level as last year.

The Allocations process in 2021 was held virtually on Zoom with the support of 43 allocations volunteers representing different sectors throughout the community. Volunteers were divided up into eight panels and each panel was assigned to review a group of UWSCC funded programs. During site visits, community programs demonstrated their resiliency and dedication to serving the community along with overall program updates from the year.

## VOLUNTEERS

**Lisa Allenson** – Community Bank  
**Zach Altschuler** – City of Jamestown  
**Lelia Bell** – Weber Knapp  
**Regina Brackman** – Truck-Lite  
**Lisa Christ** – UPMC Chautauqua  
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**Gary Loll** – Community Member  
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**Micki McCray** – Community Member  
**Mark Nelson** – Alliance Advisory Group, Inc.  
**Karen Olson** – Community Member  
**Julie Poppleton** – Retired, Jamestown Public Schools  
**Alyssa Porter** – Chautauqua Institution  
**Julie Possai** – Retired, Falconer School Administration  
**Jennifer Puleo** – UPS  
**Cecil Rhodes** – Cummins  
**Victoria Rishell** – Jamestown Public Schools  
**Kristopher Sellstrom** – Jamestown BPU  
**Michael Shea** – UPS  
**Tim Smeal** – Community Member  
**Rob Smith** – Jamestown Fire Department  
**Blake Tarana** – Tim Hortons  
**Christine Tarbrake** – M&T Bank  
**Dave Walter** – Independent Consultant  
**Joelle Washer** – Northwest Savings Bank  
**David Wilkinson** – IBEW Local Union 106 JATC  
**Gary Yager** – Northwest Mutual  
**Katie Young** – Jamestown Community Learning Council / Chautauqua Leadership Network

## ACADEMIC SUCCESS

**\$521,000**

A Children's Place Day Care.....\$7,500 <b>A Children's Place</b>	Camp Experience .....\$5,000 <b>Girl Scouts</b>
Youth Scouting Programs .....\$16,000 <b>Allegheny Highlands Council Boy Scouts</b>	Troop Program .....\$8,000 <b>Girl Scouts</b>
CASA .....\$25,000 <b>CASA</b>	Parents as Teachers Community Program .....\$32,000 <b>Jamestown Community Learning Council</b>
Vision Screening .....\$4,600 <b>Chautauqua Blind Association</b>	Children & Family Outreach .....\$27,000 <b>Salvation Army</b>
Early Childhood Program.....\$18,500 <b>Chautauqua Lake Child Care</b>	Kidz Programming .....\$10,500 <b>The Relief Zone</b>
After School Program.....\$1,500 <b>Chautauqua Lake Child Care</b>	Great Futures.....\$116,000 <b>WCD Boys &amp; Girls Club</b>
Mentoring .....\$45,000 <b>Chautauqua Striders</b>	Power Scholars MS .....\$19,400 <b>YMCA</b>
Tutoring Main Site.....\$6,000 <b>Chautauqua Striders</b>	Latino/Eastside After School ..\$27,500 <b>YMCA</b>
School Based Social Work.....\$70,000 <b>Family Service</b>	TEAM .....\$17,000 <b>YWCA</b>
After School Program .....\$11,000 <b>Girl Scouts</b>	Early Childhood Education .....\$53,500 <b>YWCA</b>

## HEALTH & INDEPENDENCE

**\$274,000**

Helping Families In Need.....\$13,000 <b>Community Helping Hands</b>	Disaster Cycle Services .....\$65,000 <b>Red Cross</b>
Vision Rehabilitation .....\$16,000 <b>Chautauqua Blind Association</b>	Community Volunteers .....\$4,000 <b>RSVP</b>
Adult Day Care Scholarship.....\$32,000 <b>Chautauqua Adult Day Services</b>	Comprehensive Financial Assistance.....\$52,500 <b>Salvation Army</b>
Membership Program Support \$12,000 <b>Comm Connect @ Findley Lake</b>	ANew .....\$42,000 <b>Salvation Army</b>
Meals on Wheels.....\$20,000 <b>Meals on Wheels</b>	City Mission .....\$17,500 <b>UCAN</b>

## READY WORKFORCE

**\$109,500**

4-H Enrollment Scholarship....\$4,500 <b>Cornell Cooperative Ext.</b>	Prevention Education.....\$35,000 <b>Prevention Works (CASAC)</b>
INSTILL .....\$3,500 <b>Infinity</b>	Ready for Work-Ready For Life..\$40,000 <b>WCD Boys and Girls Club</b>
JA at JHS.....\$8,000 <b>Junior Achievement</b>	Teen Center/Pathways to Pay Days.....\$18,500 <b>YMCA</b>

## SELF- SUFFICIENCY

**\$129,500**

Trauma Counseling.....\$28,000 <b>Child Advocacy Program</b>	Intervention Services .....\$10,000 <b>Prevention Works (CASAC)</b>
Office Based Counseling .....\$15,000 <b>Family Service</b>	Invest U .....\$10,000 <b>The Resource Center</b>
PAT PLUS.....\$9,000 <b>Jamestown Community Learning Council</b>	Transitions.....\$20,000 <b>YWCA</b>
Recovery Coaching .....\$37,500 <b>Mental Health Association</b>	

# 2020-2021 COMMUNITY IMPACT

## VITA PROGRAM

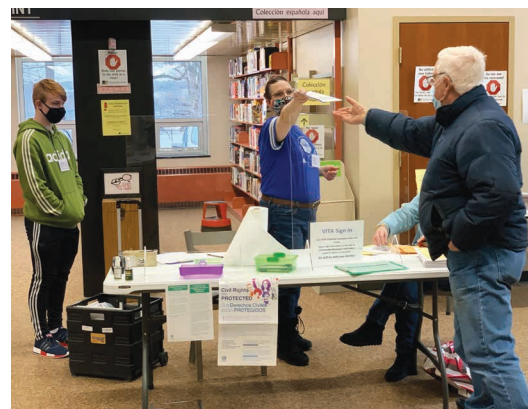
### (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)

VITA files free taxes for individuals and working families who make \$57,000 or less per year. In 2020 our VITA program faced many challenges--including the extension of the tax season and the new addition of unemployment income for many households. Due to the pandemic, VITA went virtual in 2020 to safely protect both clients and volunteers. United Way's VITA volunteers rose to the challenge, helping to prepare and file income taxes for more than 466 households, generating \$648,239 in

refunds. The average gross income for a household who received this service was only \$23,565. In addition, volunteers helped households obtain the Economic Impact Payments available through the CARES Act.



Julie Dahlin, VITA Coordinator



## Emergency Food & Shelter Program

United Way of Southern Chautauqua County administers and coordinates FEMA's EFSP funds throughout the county. Last year, Chautauqua County received \$56,199 to support local emergency food and shelter programs. More than 9 local organizations are impacted annually by these federal funds, including Salvation Army of Jamestown and Dunkirk, PathStone Corporation, St. Susan's Center, Dunkirk Meals on Wheels, Jamestown Area Meals on Wheels, FeedMore WNY, YWCA of Jamestown, and UCAN City Mission.

## 2021 Joseph H. Mason Award - Steve Skidmore (CSEA 6300)

Skidmore's early volunteer activities in the community include being a volunteer softball and soccer coach and a treasurer for the East Randolph Fire Department. He is also very active in the Elks Club, which includes volunteering to work at an annual holiday party for more than 300 clients of ASPIRE and the Resource Center. He has volunteered at the Special Olympics Flag Days through the Elks Club, as well as volunteering for several activities involving veterans groups. In addition, his family has been a host family for Babe Ruth World Series. He is the past recipient of the George Ritzer Award. Skidmore was the longtime treasurer of the Labor Council. He has previously been an organizer and the president of District 65 IAM, as well as the president local IAM 2111. He has been the delegate for AFSCME (American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees). Annually United Way partners with organized labor to recognize the community service of one of its members. **Thank You Steve!**



A parent shared with us that the support and communication strategies from Prevention Works has given her family opportunity to bond and become closer in ways that they never have before. They now have a greater understanding of each other and how to better support each other as a family."

*Melanie Witkowski, Prevention Works Executive Director*



# 2020-2021 COMMUNITY IMPACT

## Community Baby Shower

The annual community baby shower continued this year through the collection of baby items and monetary gifts from throughout the community. Community members also have the opportunity to host their own baby shower to collect baby supplies. Items collected are distributed among local agencies who provide direct services and support to babies in Chautauqua County.



A YMCA student struggled adjusting to the new learning format and keeping up with schoolwork. She needed stability to effectively learn and support the continuous changes in her life and school. With support from YMCA and the Spanish speaking staff, she now effectively engages in school and keeps up with work.”

*John Barber, YMCA Operations Director*

## Coalition of Women and Girls

For eight years, the Coalition of Chautauqua County Women and Girls mission to help women and girls build a better future has been successful in providing ongoing support and development opportunities for women throughout the county. Development opportunities in coaching, finance, and leadership are inclusive in supporting all women to thrive and build a better future. The United Way of Southern Chautauqua County is the fiscal agent for the Coalition.



One of our mentees was struggling in school because she did not have internet. She would walk around her neighborhood in search of a wireless signal to access schoolwork, even during the winter months. Striders connected this student with a mentor who assisted her with securing internet along with new shoes and winter gear.”

*Jen Swan-Leuze, Chautauqua Striders Executive Director*

# 2020-2021 COMMUNITY IMPACT

**2-1-1 WNY** is a free and valuable service for all citizens of Chautauqua county. It is made possible through the partnership and support of the United Way and VIA. This free resource service is available 24/7 365 days a year and can be accessed via phone, text and internet. Although this service has been available for many years, it has proven to be a tremendous resource during the COVID-19 pandemic, as many residents have had to look for help and resources for the very first time. 2,708 calls were made to 211 for our area last year.

*To access the free resources of 211 of WNY and find help you may not even have known existed. Call 211 or 888-696-9211 or visit [www.211wny.org](http://www.211wny.org), - text your zip code to 898-211 twenty-four hours a day, 7 days a week.*



## Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative

ESPRI continued in its fourth year of funding, with the purpose of helping Jamestown City residents overcome barriers to employment and education success through collaborative and innovative programs. UWSCC administers this New York State Grant which supports programs at the Resource Center, Jamestown Community Learning Council, YWCA, Mental Health Association, Community Helping Hands, Jamestown Community College and Chautauqua Works. From May 2018 through December 2020 \$1,087,779 has been invested impacting 451 Jamestown households.

This Impact includes:

- 161 individuals secured employment.
- 101 individuals enrolled in education and/or certification programs.
- 356 individuals engaged with a coach, mentor or support.
- 14 local employers with ESPRI supported employees.
- More than \$69,104 in assistance was given to support 202 households in the areas of childcare, transportation, housing assistance, and cell phone minutes, **keeping them employed.**



The Relief Zone, with support of UWSCC funding, was able to support a single mother juggling work and caring for her young child. At TRZ, the child received care and academic support before and after school. Through interaction with staff and other students, the child developed positive relationships and heightened self-esteem. TRZ allowed the mother to continue to work with the assurance that her child was not only safe and well cared for, but loved, encouraged, and challenged to be the best person they could be.

*Lisa Lyon, The Relief Zone Executive Director*



# CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY CRISIS RESPONSE FUND: COVID-19



## \$1,046,843.47 Raised\*

### 202 Grants for 126 agencies

Childcare - \$26,400

Food Security - \$145,822

Vulnerable Families Overcome Barriers to Accessing Essential Resources - \$92,500

WNY COVID-19 Community Response Micro Grants - \$78,500

Open Safe Micro Grants to Help Non-Profits Prepare to Re-Open and Adapt Services - \$30,024

Phase 2 - Non Profit Operational Support - \$605,661

School Supports for Students and Families - \$66,500

United Way of Southern Chautauqua County was the Fiscal Agent for the Chautauqua County Crisis Response Fund—formed as coalition of philanthropy, government, and business partners to create a centralized funding pool that rapidly deployed resources. Funds were raised and granted in Chautauqua County over two fiscal years. In addition to fundraising and grantmaking, UWSCC's response to the COVID-19 crisis included much-needed coordination and communication.

At the beginning of the crisis, the critical need to bring countywide agencies together to discuss all services related to the non-profit sector quickly became apparent. United Way of Southern Chautauqua County stepped into the role of Resource HUB and community collaborator. We partnered with United Way of Northern Chautauqua County and organized weekly county-wide Zoom meetings, where non-profit agencies were brought together with representatives from state and local

government to better understand the many tasks, needs, resources, and ever changing legislation that impacted agency operations. In addition to the weekly meetings, individual sectors began to meet to discuss unique challenges that COVID-19 brought to the areas of behavioral health, childcare, food systems, housing and education. A community resource guide and food resource guide were developed, updated weekly and dispersed throughout the county to help agencies and individuals quickly access any emergency resources or services.

UWSCC also created an online volunteer registration system where volunteers could go and easily sign up to help at agencies in need of extra support. UWSCC promoted volunteer needs via social media, the website and made outreach phone calls helping to ensure volunteer coverage when and wherever it was needed. Overall we coordinated 220 volunteer hours to support our local agencies!

\* Fiscal year 19-20: \$970,379. Fiscal year 20-21: \$76,484



During the pandemic, UWSCC connected Eastside YMCA and the Salvation Army to make emergency food deliveries within the community. An individual in this collaboration stated, "I feel blessed to be part of this collaboration in our community. It has opened my eyes to the local need prior to the pandemic and most likely after. It has shown the relevancy of the need of meeting people where they are and making sure their basic needs are met. This has truly been a humbling and heart touching experience and I hope we are able to continue to provide and meet these needs in our community."

# Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2021

<b>Asset</b>		
Cash	\$	602,578
* Century Society Endowment held at CRCF		113,010
John A. & Oscar Johnson Memorial Fund		2,593,164
Total Cash & Investments	\$	3,308,752
Total Receivables - Grants, 2019, 2020 & 2021 Campaign		215,594
Century Society Endowment Funds Receivable		10,826
Prepaid Expenses		3,788
Fixed Assets		63,331
Total Assets	\$	3,602,292

<b>Liabilities</b>		
**Accounts Payable, Accruals, and Deferred Liabilities	\$	55,518

<b>Fund Balance</b>		
Permanently Restricted Century Society Endowment	\$	123,836
Allocations & Donor Designations to Agencies		1,041,583
Temporarily Restricted (Community Impact)		117,909
Temporarily Restricted (Administrative)		333,369
Temporarily Restricted (Technology)		9,830
Fixed Assets, Board Designated, Restricted, & Unrestricted Total Fund Balance		1,920,247
Total Fund Balance	\$	3,546,774
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$	3,602,292

**.89 cents**  
of every **\$1**  
goes directly into  
programming



For the sixth consecutive year, United Way of Southern Chautauqua County has earned top distinction for their strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency, earning a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator. [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org). UWAYSCC also is a nationally recognized charity through Guide Star, and BBB's Wise Giving Alliance.

## Summary of Financial Results For Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Year to Date Amount	Budget Amount	2020-21 Budget Variance
Revenues	\$ 1,177,034	\$ 1,003,162	\$ 173,872
Chautauqua County Crisis Response Fund Revenue	\$ 75,964	—	\$ 75,964
Unrealized Gain/Loss	\$ 695,944	—	\$ 695,944
***ESPRI Revenues	\$ 102,750	—	\$ 102,750
Distribution from Johnson Memorial Fund	\$ 91,287	\$ 93,000	\$ (1,713)
Total Revenues	\$ 2,142,979	\$ 1,096,162	\$ 1,046,817
Expenses (includes Depreciation)	\$ 1,367,380	\$ 1,520,066	\$ (152,686)
Chautauqua County Crisis Response Fund Grants	\$ 75,964	—	\$ 75,964
***ESPRI Expenses	\$ 102,750	—	\$ 102,750
Total Expenses	\$ 1,546,094	\$ 1,520,066	\$ 26,028
Revenue Over (Under) Expenses	\$ 596,885	\$ (423,904)	\$ 1,020,789

\*UWSCC made a \$100,000 contribution to the Century Society Endowment Fund, all other funds are contributions from other donors

\*\* Accounts payable includes a \$42,141 PPP loan that was forgiven as of July 9, 2021

\*\*\*ESPRI is the Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative administered by United Way of Southern Chautauqua County

### Unaudited Statement

The last financial report for UWSCC filed with the NYS Office of the Attorney General may be found at [www.charitiesnys.com](http://www.charitiesnys.com) or by calling 212-416-8401



# LOOKING BACK & GROWING FORWARD

For an entire century, the United Way of Southern Chautauqua County has worked to improve the lives of every person and family in our community.



1920

**1920** Jamestown Community Chest is founded by the Rotary Club  
• Raises \$92,186 for 12 agencies



1950

**1956** Community Chest and Red Cross campaigns are combined  
Campaign exceeds \$250,000



1960

**1965** United Fund and Council of Southern Chautauqua County formed  
• Improved quality standards  
• Social work education at Jamestown Community College



1970

**1974** Campaign exceeds \$500,000



1976

**1976** Renamed United Way of Southern Chautauqua County



1978

**1978** UW establishes Project DIAL information and referral service



1981

**1981** Joseph H. Mason Award established to recognize organized labor



1982

**1982** Campaign exceeds \$750,000  
• Arewide needs assessment conducted  
• Volunteer Service Bureau established



1987

**1987** Campaign raises \$1 million



1989

**1989** Gebbie Foundation restores the Tew Mansion and gifts it to UW for its offices



1990

**1990** UW Leadership Circle established with 14 members  
• Volunteer of the Year recognitions begin



1994

**1994** UW Union Peer Counseling program



1996

**1996** Success By 6 initiative established by the Gebbie Foundation and United Way  
• Expanded child care and improved standards  
• Expanded Universal Pre-Kindergarten  
• University at Buffalo Pediatric Dental Van

**1997** UW Committee for African-American and Spanish-Speaking Communities

**1998** UW leads the development of mental health collaborations between Family Service and 6 public school districts

2000

**2002** Campaign raises nearly \$1.5 million  
• Project Blueprint for board development

**2004** UW establishes VITA Earned Income Tax Credit program  
First Call For Help I&R with United Ways in Dunkirk and Olean

**2006** UW publishes Community Report Card

**2007** First Call For Help joins startup of 211 Western New York (a region of New York State 211 system)

**2009** Service Navigator Project with the Spanish-Speaking Community

**2013** UW publishes updated Community Status Report

**2014** UW establishes Women 2 Women adult mentoring project, Community Baby Showers, and 12 Months of Caring

**2016** UW leads ESPRI (Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative)

**2018** UW offices move from the Tew Mansion to 208 Pine Street

**2020** UW's 100th Anniversary; COVID-19 Impact



## Grow a Legacy for the next 100 Years

In celebration of our 100th anniversary, we're looking ahead and working to build a strong foundation for the future with this opportunity to make a one time gift or bequest. **The Century Society** will ensure that UWSCC can maximize dollars available to support our mission for years to come.

Your \$10,000 gift today is expected to grow to \$20,000 in 25 years. **This lifetime gift will:**

- Drive innovation
- Build capacity
- Increase efficiency
- Increase funds available for investment in key community programs

## Century Society Advance Gifts

Jessie Smith Darrah Fund **\$5,000**

Lenna Foundation **\$25,000**

David Painter **\$15,000**

Peter and Holly Sullivan **\$10,000**

## CENTENNIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

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“A society grows great when we plant trees whose shade we know we shall never sit in.” – *Greek Proverb*

## 100 Years 100 Stories



### **You Never Know If What You're Supporting Today Will Be What You Need Tomorrow ...**

United Way makes a huge difference in our community through the many programs it supports. Look at the “Community Partners” on the UW website. I’m certain you benefit from at least one of those organizations, if not more! I challenge you to find your own way to support the United Way so it can continue to do its work in bettering our community.

*Mary Cook, Teacher – Abraham Lincoln Elementary School*



### **Leadership Matters**

Having confidence that donations are thoughtfully allocated as we work to improve our community is of the utmost importance for a charitable organization with United Way’s mission. Strong leadership has been a pillar of our United Way and should inspire confidence that dollars donated will have a lasting and positive impact, now and into the future.

*Hans Auer, Senior Vice President  
Wright-Auer Group - UBS*



### **There's Value in Volunteering for the Giving and the Receiving...**

Volunteering with United Way has provided a lot more clarity how United Way of Southern Chautauqua County connects and collaborates with many different people, all walks of life, generating enough money to reach the annual goal. So much work is being done, yet there is so many of us that it does not seem like a lot of work. I guess you can say that is where the term ‘many hands make light work’ comes to play.

*Theresa Meger - Wegmans*

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