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United Way of Southern
Chautauqua County



ANNUAL REPORT
2023-2024



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Chautauqua County

A LETTER TO OUR COMMUNITY



Friends,

As we reflect on another remarkable year at United Way of Southern Chautauqua County (UWSCC), we can't help but feel deep gratitude for our community's support. Our theme for this year was "Better Together: Because of United Way" – and this year's accomplishments certainly demonstrated that! In the words of one of our campaign-co chairs, Micki McCray: "One of the strengths of this organization is their ability to get everybody together and to work together. Not one person or organization can do it all – you need to be able to tap different areas of the community." The community came together under Rex and Micki McCray's leadership, and we raised \$1,412,916 – another record-setting year in fundraising for UWSCC. We are grateful for our volunteers, generous donors, top-notch staff, resilient non-profit agencies, and the many partners in this work. Bringing these partners together allowed us to accomplish the following:

- \$1,283,498 invested in community impact, including supporting 29 agencies running 42 programs.
- 29,703 positive impacts made by United Way Community partners.
- 1,313 households in Chautauqua County who received tax preparation services, resulting in more than \$1.9 million in refunds to working families and seniors. This saved families \$389,489 in tax preparation fees.
- 339 people volunteered a total of 1,916 hours for United Way.

And of course, much more! This included forming a merger task force facilitated by NYCON (New York Council on Non-profits) and both boards voting to affiliate. This year's annual meeting will include an historic vote by our membership to merge our two United Ways. We continue to foster collaboration and partnership in the community—bringing people and organizations across sectors to the table to work on community-wide problems that no one organization can solve alone. We are effectively and efficiently leveraging resources and strengthening the nonprofit sector. Our Board of Directors has done such strategic work this year, and with UWSCC on the cusp of a merger with our partners at United Way of Northern Chautauqua County... we truly believe we are BETTER TOGETHER.

Thank you for your support,

A blue ink signature of Amy Rohler.

Amy Rohler, Executive Director

A blue ink signature of Christine Tarbrake.

Christine Tarbrake, Board President

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 and Independence
Ready Workforce
Self-Sufficiency



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Total Raised
\$1,412,916

Campaign Co-Chairs: Rex and Micki McCray. Rex was the former CEO and owner of Weber Knapp, Micki owns Dot's Boutique on Third Street in Jamestown.

For its 2023 Fundraising Campaign, United Way of Southern Chautauqua County tapped longtime supporters Rex & Micki McCray to serve as Campaign Co-Chairs. Along with UWSCC staff, the McCrays set a "stretch goal" of \$1.4 million dollars for the campaign – which United Way raised due to the generosity of 1,894 donors from the community.

Together they tackled not only campaign presentations, cabinet meetings and brainstorming sessions, but also coordinated the first annual United Way Curling "Mix & Match" at Northwest Arena.

This year's campaign saw a 14% increase in new donors and UWSCC staff and volunteers held more than 86 presentations at local workplaces. Last year was a banner year for your United Way and we can't thank the generous donors of our community enough!

2023 IMPACT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Jordan Thomas – Winifred Crawford Dibert Boys & Girls Club of Jamestown
Rebekah "Becky" LaMountain – YWCA Jamestown

JORDAN: I'm grateful just for having the opportunity to be able to be here and to show the kids that they do have someone that has their back and that understands them, someone that listens to them. Because sometimes that's really all that kids need. And a lot of people don't even know that, they just want someone to listen to them and hear them and understand what they're going through.

BECKY: Because of the United Way, my children have had a safe, secure and a wonderful childhood. The United Way brings everybody together where we can essentially make a big difference.



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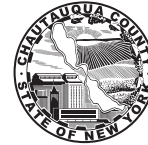
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“Small Business, Big Impact.”

In 2022, we introduced the 365 Small Business Circle to honor the contributions that small businesses make to our local community.

Small businesses are the backbone of our local economy, and an integral part of a thriving community. Here at UWSCC, we appreciate the support of these small businesses in Southern Chautauqua County who have stepped up to help improve the lives of local families who are struggling to make ends meet.

Becoming a member of the 365 Small Business Circle costs only \$1 a day each year.

“Member” Level \$365

Borsari Food Co., Dot's Gift Boutique, Elegant Edibles, Falconer Printing & Design, JB Liquor, Jenn's Lake Service, Kellogg Design, Lena's Pizza & Sub Shop, Pace's Pizzeria, Stanton's Garage, Toast Wine & Spirits,

“Leader” Level \$500+

AKS Sign Designs & Marketing, D&S Glass, Eckman Insurance Agency, Jamestown Awning, Lind Funeral Home, Rodgers Land Surveying, Quick Solutions, Stuart Tool & Die



ALLOCATIONS 2023

Allocation Volunteer Impact

Number of Volunteers: **43**
Total Volunteer Hours: **285**



ACADEMIC SUCCESS \$398,000

A Children's Place Childcare.....	\$12,000
A Children's Place	
After School Cub Scouts Program.....	\$11,000
Allegheny Highlands Council	
CASA.....	\$25,000
Court Appointed Special Advocates	
Vision Screening.....	\$7,500
CBA Vision Rehabilitation	
Early Childhood Program.....	\$18,000
Chautauqua Lake Child Care Center	
Mentoring & Social Emotional Learning.....	\$50,000
Chautauqua Striders	

On-Track Tutoring.....	\$8,000
Chautauqua Striders	
School-Based Social Work.....	\$60,000
Family Services of the Chautauqua Region	
After School Program.....	\$11,000
Girl Scouts of Western New York	
Camp Experience.....	\$5,000
Girl Scouts of Western New York	
Troop Program.....	\$8,000
Girl Scouts of Western New York	
Teenage Education And Motherhood & Community Based Parents As Teachers.....	\$32,000
Jamestown Community Learning Council	

Children & Family Outreach Program.....	\$23,000
Salvation Army	
Kidz Programming.....	\$10,500
The Relief Zone	
Power Scholars/LEAP.....	\$19,500
YMCA	
Latino After School Care.....	\$27,500
YMCA	
Teenage Education and Motherhood.....	\$17,000
YWCA	
Early Care & Education.....	\$53,000

HEALTH & INDEPENDENCE \$263,500

Disaster Cycle Services.....	\$51,000
American Red Cross of Western New York	
Vision Rehabilitation.....	\$16,000
CBA Vision Rehabilitation	
Adult Day Services Scholarship Fund.....	\$32,000
Chautauqua Adult Day Services	
Comprehensive Life Safety Program.....	\$10,000
Chautauqua Safety Village	
Membership Program Support.....	\$16,500
Community Connections @ Findley Lake	
Helping Families In Need.....	\$15,000
Community Helping Hands	
Farm to School.....	\$8,500
Jamestown Public Market	
Home Delivered Meal Program.....	\$20,000
Meals on Wheels	
ANEW.....	\$42,000
Salvation Army	
Comprehensive Financial Assistance.....	\$52,500
Salvation Army	

READY WORKFORCE \$217,000

4-H Youth Development Programming.....	\$3,500
Cornell Cooperative Extension	
Work & Career Readiness in Jamestown Public Schools.....	\$5,000
Junior Achievement of Western New York	
Universal Prevention.....	\$35,000
Prevention Works	
Ready for Work & Ready for Life.....	\$155,000
Winifred Crawford Dibert Boys & Girls Club of Jamestown	
Pathways to Paydays.....	\$18,500
YMCA	

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY IMPACT

211.....	\$9,500
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA).....	\$13,802
Non-Profit Capacity Building.....	\$3,500
Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative.....	\$76,203
Other Community Impact.....	\$118,098

SELF-SUFFICIENCY \$166,500

Asset Development.....	\$7,500
Chautauqua Opportunities	
Trauma Counseling.....	\$31,000
Child Advocacy Program of Chautauqua County	
Office Based Counseling.....	\$10,000
Family Services of the Chautauqua Region	
Parents As Teachers PLUS.....	\$11,000
Jamestown Community Learning Council	
Recovery/Peer Coaching.....	\$39,000
Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County	
Intervention Services & Parenting.....	\$15,000
Prevention Works	
Invest U.....	\$15,000
The Resource Center	
UCAN City Mission.....	\$20,000
UCAN City Mission	
Transitions Housing.....	\$18,000
YWCA	

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COMMUNITY IMPACT

7,374

Total Served through 17 programs

- 100% of students served by a mentor are on track to graduate and are career/college ready
- 818 Students are reading at grade level and 803 are performing math at grade level
- 89% of youth served increased their social, emotional and mental health skills

8,547

Total Served through 6 programs

- 280 youth participated in job skills training to increase employability
- 4,900 youth can identify the dangers of alcohol and drugs
- 2,776 youth gained access to workforce education opportunities

Academic Success

Workforce Readiness



Health and Independence

Self-Sufficiency

29,703 Positive Impacts

This represents a 21% increase from last year.

11,243

Total Served through 9 programs

- 807 individuals gained increased access to community resources
- 3,971 families had their basic needs met (food, clothing, shelter)
- 223 individuals served by domestic violence programs

2,539

Total Served through 9 programs

- 991 individuals participated in counseling and were given case management services
- 435 households received services that allowed them to eliminate barriers leading to a better life
- 70% of individuals served reduced the impact and trauma of substance abuse and mental illness

ALICE

(ASSET LIMITED, INCOME CONSTRAINED, EMPLOYED)

ALICE is a United Way acronym which stands for "Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed."

The term represents the increasing number of individuals and families who work, but are unable to meet their basic needs, including: food, child care, housing, health care and transportation.

To build knowledge and empathy for this often-invisible population in our community, United Way staff developed "The ALICE Experience," an engagement tool which challenges participants' understanding of financial hardship and helps reveal important insights about the needs of so many in our community.

Whether a business, municipal board, community agency or other group, this interactive experience helps participants to more fully understand the needs of those working to make ends meet.

In 2022, more than 14,300 of Chautauqua County's 126,027 individuals were ALICE. When combining



those county residents who are ALICE with those below the federal poverty level, it means that a total of 44% of households in Chautauqua County experience financial hardship.



Thanks to the many generous donations of baby items and monetary gifts made, our annual Community Baby Shower was a great success this past year. Held to benefit local mothers and their newborns, the 2023-2024 Community Baby Shower received items worth a total value of \$3,067 as well as \$1,375 in cash, check and Give Big CHQ donations. In total, UWSCC dispersed \$4,442 worth of goods to local families!

In addition to donations made by individuals, a number of businesses, community groups and other agencies held mini baby shower events to benefit our collection. The collection drive was sponsored by UPMC Chautauqua, Southern Tier Family Dentistry, Century 21 Turner Brokers, Lane Women's Health Group, and Jamestown Prendergast Library. Donation drop off sites were generously offered by M&T Bank and Northwest Arena. In office baby showers were also held by staff at Northwest Arena, The National Comedy Center and Chautauqua Patrons Insurance Company.

Items collected during the Community Baby Shower were distributed to agencies and programs such as Baby Café, Chautauqua County Department of Maternal & Infant Health, Catholic Charities (WIC), Community Helping Hands, CRECHE, Jamestown Community Learning Council, Jamestown Public Schools, Mental Health Association, Salvation Army ANEW Center, SPREE (Jamestown Community College), TEAM (YWCA Jamestown) and Transitions Housing (YWCA Jamestown).

Through the generosity of the community, UWSCC is able to provide these local agencies with items which go to help mothers here in southern Chautauqua County give their babies a healthy start in life!



VICKYE JAMES BLUEPRINT FUND

Vickye James was a member of the Board of Directors of United Way for seven years and served as Board President from 2008-2010. She was one of only five female presidents during the 123-year history of United Way, and the only African American to ever serve as president. She was passionate about serving her community, empowering youth, and giving voice to historically marginalized people in the city of Jamestown. The recipients in 2023-2024 include:

- **Faith and Blue Initiative**
- **Juneteenth Committee (Emmanuel Baptist Church)**

211 OF WESTERN NEW YORK

In the last year from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, 211 WNY received 2,778 calls for assistance from callers Chautauqua County. It's more than a three-digit phone number. It's a helpline. It's a community resource. It's a free and confidential link to health and human services. It's a guaranteed person to speak with. It's a number worth remembering.

2-1-1 Western New York is a free and valuable service for all citizens of Chautauqua County, made possible through the partnership and support of United Way. This free resource is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and can be accessed via phone, text, email and internet. To access the free resources of 211, simply call by dialing 2-1-1 or 888-696-9211, visit 211wny.org, or text your zip code to 898-211.





GIRLS IN SPORTS

Each year, UWSCC partners with WNY Girls In Sports and United Way of Buffalo and Erie County to facilitate a local day of sports for girls ages 9-12. WNY Girls In Sports was established by Mary Wilson for the purpose of promoting sports and fitness to girls in that age group. On Saturday, March 9 68 local girls came to Jefferson Middle School for the day-long sampling of sports and athleticism! Girls enjoyed a lunch as part of the event and received a free swag bag. They participated in stations that allowed them to experience golf, volleyball and running. In addition to the student attendees, there were 21 community volunteers, 22 student athletes, and 4 staff from United Way of Southern Chautauqua County and United Way of Buffalo & Erie County.

VITA PROGRAM (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)

Each year, United Ways of Chautauqua County jointly administer the federal Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) program, training volunteers to prepare income tax returns as a free service to residents. Volunteers work to get residents the largest refund for which they qualify, with a focus on tax credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Through the VITA program, free tax preparation is provided for individuals and working families who make \$73,000 or less each year, as well as persons with disabilities, limited-English taxpayers and persons 60 years of age and older.

United Way of Northern Chautauqua County and United Way of Southern Chautauqua County share a VITA Program Administrator who coordinates the tax preparation sites and provides support to the volunteers preparing taxes. Volunteers assist with intake information, site coordination



and tax preparation – logging thousands of hours of service to the community. This year, VITA volunteers prepared a total of 1,313 federal tax returns and 1,387 state returns – with the average federal refund being \$1,204. More than \$1.9 million in refunds were returned to the community at no cost to the taxpayer.

EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM

United Way of Southern Chautauqua County administers and coordinates FEMA's ESFP funds throughout the county. Last year, Chautauqua County received \$66,763 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs. More than ten local organizations are impacted annually by these federal funds, including Catholic Charities, Salvation

Army of Jamestown and Dunkirk, PathStone Corporation, St. Susan's Center, Dunkirk-Fredonia Meals on Wheels, Jamestown Area Meals on Wheels, FeedMore WNY, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, YWCA Jamestown, and the UCAN City Mission.



IMPACT TOURS & DAYS OF CARING

Every year, UWSCC coordinates Days of Caring and Impact Tours for local businesses and organizations. These are opportunities for individuals to volunteer as part of an employer team. They can also learn more about the issues affecting our community and how local nonprofits, supported by funding from United Way, are making an impact every day. United Way staff coordinates the site visits and volunteer projects at multiple agencies, and the day ends with a group reflection to discuss what was learned. Both the Impact Tours and Days of Caring show the value and importance of ongoing United Way funding for community partner agencies. They are also a great tool for team building and giving back to the community in a “hands-on” way.

2023 JOSEPH H. MASON AWARD



Jamestown School Board President Paul Abbott was selected as the recipient of the 2023 Joseph H. Mason Award by United Way of Southern Chautauqua County's Labor Committee. Paul is a member of CSEA Deputy Sheriffs Unit 6322 Local 807 and has had a long career

in law enforcement, first with the Jamestown Police Department and currently with the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Department.

Paul's long history of volunteering began in 2000 when he began coaching soccer, which led to 16 years of coaching soccer, as well as Jamestown Boys and Girls Club Softball.

Paul was first elected to the Jamestown School Board in 2008 as a way of making sure all students were getting the best possible education. He very much enjoys being an advocate for the students of Jamestown. In addition to being a board member, he has served as President for the last 7 years.

Every Year, United Way of Southern Chautauqua County partners with organized labor to select one of its own to receive the Joseph H. Mason Award. The award honors the memory of Mr. Mason and his service in our community, and it is open to any union member who has provided outstanding volunteer service.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

In June, UWSCC honored 21 volunteers nominated by our community partners for their work in our community. The theme for this year's event was “Volunteers: The Essential Piece” and volunteers honored included: Karen Gould (A Children's Place Daycare), Sharon Weiler (American Red Cross WNY), Tammy Raimondo (Chautauqua Adult Day Services), JCC OTA (CBA Vision Rehabilitation), Doug Fricke (Chautauqua Safety Village), Janet Card (Chautauqua Striders), Cheryl Gray (CASA: Court Appointed Special Advocates For Children), Vicky Bardo and Wendy Wilcox (Jamestown Area Meals on Wheels), Danielle Thor (Girl Scouts of WNY), Jose Sanchez (Jamestown Area YMCA), Catherine Willard (Jamestown Community Learning Council), Brian Kearney (Grow Jamestown at St. Luke's), Alexandra Schosek (Junior Achievement), Gordy Frederes and Blaine “Buddy” Carlson (Mental Health Association), Kyle Hellman (Prevention Works), Donna Haenggi (The Resource Center), Roxanne Geranmayeh (WCD Boys & Girls Club) Sandy Schifano (YWCA of Jamestown), and Frank “Wally” York (Allegheny Highlands Council, BSA).



VOLUNTEERS PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE
IN UNITED WAY FUNDED PROGRAMS

1,204 volunteers



JAMESTOWN YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

In the years since its relaunch, the Jamestown Young Professionals (JYP) local networking group has seen tremendous growth as well as increased focus and clarity in its mission.

With leadership and coordination from United Way of Southern Chautauqua County, JYP is working to connect existing stakeholders in the region with the next generation

I.D.E.A. COALITION (INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND ACCESS)

Formed in 2020, United Way of Southern Chautauqua County served as the backbone agency for the I.D.E.A. Coalition (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility) -- which now includes 48 members. The mission of the I.D.E.A. Coalition is to make Chautauqua County a place where everyone belongs and has opportunities to thrive, especially those who have been historically marginalized.



The previous year's work included townhall meetings and listening sessions with Black/African-American and Latino/Hispanic community members in Dunkirk and Jamestown. Three priorities emerged out of this process: Education, Business/Employment, and Community/Social Activities. Three solution teams were formed to address barriers for historically marginalized communities in each of the priority areas; the teams were made of up of both coalition members and community members who were recruited to join the teams and paid a small stipend for their participation. In March 2024, UWSCC transitioned the backbone agency role to the YWCA Jamestown – an agency whose mission includes ending Racism and whose programs and services provided closer contact with those that would be directly impacted by the coalition's work. Solution teams began meeting in May 2024.

who will be the future stewards for Chautauqua County. The group welcomes professionals of all ages from throughout Chautauqua County who are interested in both networking as well as leveraging personal and professional connections for the betterment of Chautauqua County. JYP is seeking a diverse group of voices from all walks of life and who represent the many industries and small businesses in our community.

THE CAPACITY LAB



Since its inception in 2018, the United Ways of Chautauqua County have had an active role in the work done by The Capacity Lab.

The mission of The Capacity Lab is to align resources and develop collaborative strategies which strengthen the nonprofit sector in Chautauqua County.

This year's accomplishments have included two mini-conferences - the first was on nonprofit shared services and the second was on strategic thinking, monthly networking events, and providing leadership cohort opportunities.

In addition to the United Ways of Chautauqua County, partners include the Ralph C. Wilson Foundation, the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation, the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, and the Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation. For more information, visit www.thecapacitylab.org.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of June 30, 2024



For the ninth 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 UWAYSCC also is a nationally recognized charity through Guide Star, and BBB's Wise Giving Alliance.

Assets

Cash	\$	559,990	
Century Society Endowment held at CRCF		165,178	
John A. & Oscar Johnson Memorial Fund		2,247,676	
Total Cash & Investments		2,972,844	
Total Receivables - Grants, 2023 & 2024 Campaign, Shared Services		265,368	
Century Society Endowment Funds Receivable		32,638	
Prepaid Expenses		4,837	
Fixed Assets Net of Depreciation		38,234	
Total Assets	\$	3,313,921	



United Way
2023 Membership
Requirements
Completed

Liabilities

Accounts Payable, Accruals, and Deferred Liabilities	\$	50,882
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Fund Balance

Permanently Restricted Century Society Endowment	151,752	
Allocations & Donor Designations to Agencies	1,058,383	
Temporarily Restricted (Community Impact)	226,742	
Temporarily Restricted (Administrative)	501,952	
Temporarily Restricted (Technology)	6,803	
Fixed Assets, Board Designated, Restricted, & Unrestricted Total Fund Balance	1,317,407	
Total Fund Balance	3,263,039	
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$	3,313,921

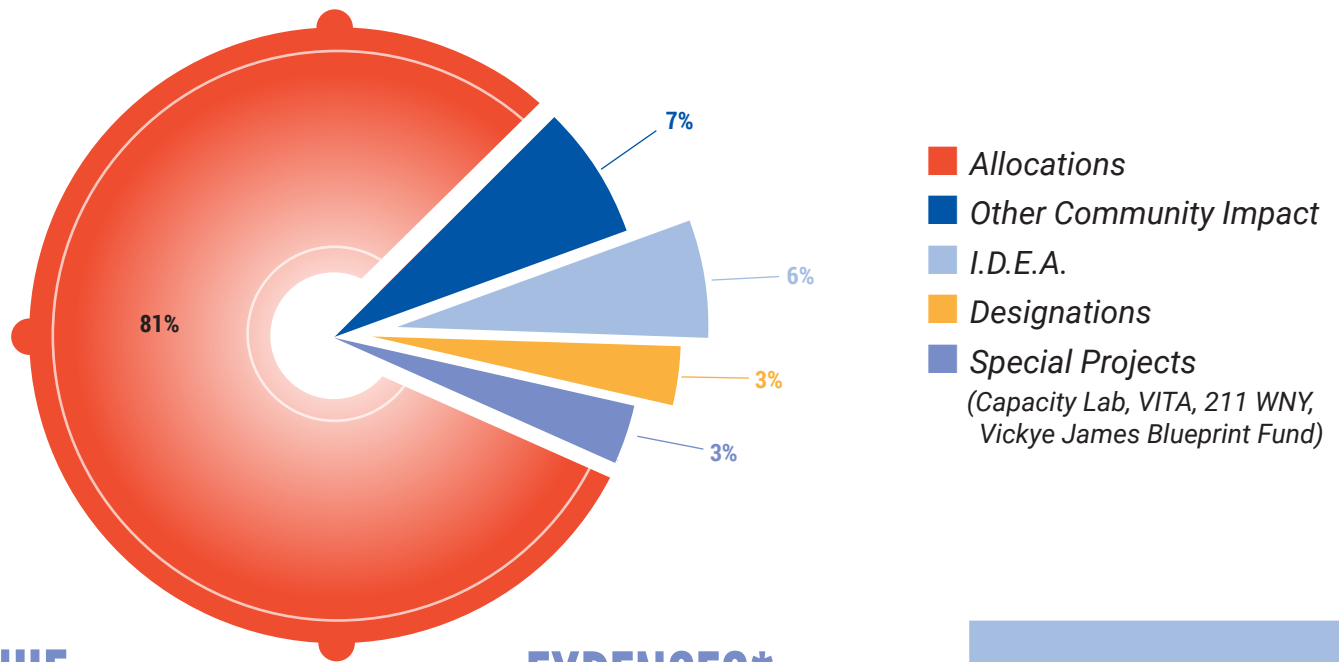


Summary of Financial Results for Year ending June 30, 2024

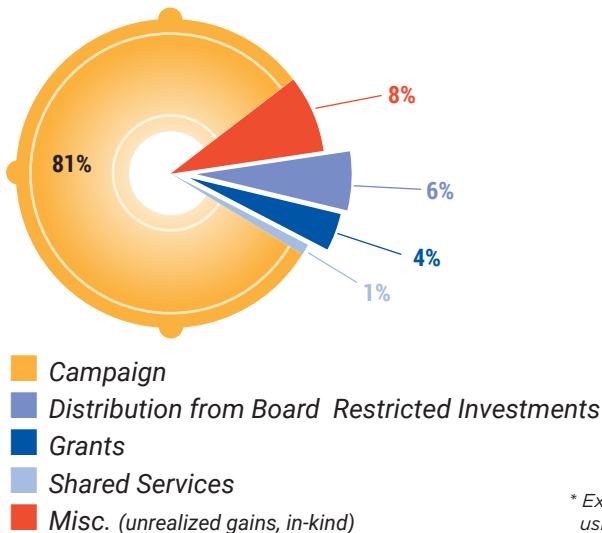
	Year to Date Amount	Budgeted Amount	2023-24 Budget Variance
Revenues	\$ 1,395,039	\$ 1,297,778	\$ 97,261
Unrealized Gain on Investments	247,222	-	247,222
Distribution from John A. & Oscar Johnson Memorial Fund	100,840	100,620	220
Total Revenues	1,743,101	1,398,398	344,703
Expenses (includes Depreciation & Shared Services offset)	1,656,091	1,644,381	11,710
Revenue Over Expenses	\$ 87,010	\$ (245,983)	\$ 332,993

UNAUDITED STATEMENT - The last financial report for UWSCC filed with the NYS Office of the Attorney General may be found at www.charitiesnys.com or by calling 212-416-8401.

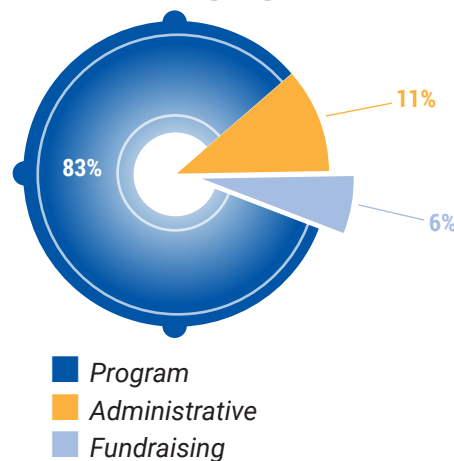
COMMUNITY IMPACT



REVENUE



EXPENSES*



* Expenses and program efficiency ratio calculated using audited financial statements from 2022-2023.

100% of your donations stay in Chautauqua County. Over **\$1 million** invested in **42** local programs at **29** agencies.

Prospective Merger with United Way of Northern Chautauqua County

For many years, the two United Ways of Chautauqua County have been partnering to be more effective in community impact and fundraising. These collaborations included shared workplace campaigns for county-wide employers, a pandemic-era initiative facilitating a monthly call with local/regional non-profit agencies and county department leaders, a county-wide VITA program with a shared coordinator, and a shared services agreement with their Finance & Administration manager. In August 2023, a more intentional conversation began about the possibility of merging the two United Ways. This led to the formation of a merger taskforce, made up of three board members from each United Way in December 2023. This merger taskforce developed a values proposition for a merger and engaged NYCON (New York Council on Non Profits) to facilitate the merger and provide expertise in the legal and fiscal process. They also secured a grant from the Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation to cover any expenses related to the process of merging. The taskforce met monthly to develop the practical details of such a merger, and their activities included hosting conversations with key stakeholders to get feedback from donors, community partners, government agencies and other supporters. In June 2024, both boards approved entering into a parent-subsidary affiliation and bringing the prospect of a merger to a vote at the 2024 annual meeting. This year's annual meeting will vote on the plan of merger, as well as changes to the bylaws and approving new board members from United Way of Northern Chautauqua County.

MAKE AN IMPACT IN THE NEXT 100 YEARS

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

The Century Society

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.

Your legacy gift will help impact lives and solve problems in this community tomorrow that we cannot even imagine today.

You can partner with United Way to do the following:

Drive innovation and efficient community impacts
Expand service delivery capacity
Provide meaningful benefit to you and your family

FOUNDING MEMBERS

David and Lisa Painter
Peter and Holly Sullivan

Jessie Smith Darrah Fund
Lenna Foundation

2023-2024

Carol Hay

Join the Century Society and Leave a Legacy, No Matter How You Give

While your charitable contribution and estate planning is a thoughtful and personal process, certain gifting vehicles can help make the process easier. There is a variety of planned giving options, each with its own advantages. Please see your financial professional or attorney to discuss how you can make meaningful and personal impact that will help shape the future of United Way of Southern Chautauqua County.



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