

Your United Way in Action

What does United Way do?

United Way of York County is a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization that unites donors, companies, volunteers, partner agencies, and other organizations to improve the quality of life for everyone. For 90 years, United Way's annual fundraising campaign has supported the work of partner agencies and other community organizations and initiatives dedicated to making our community stronger.

United Way achieves this by:

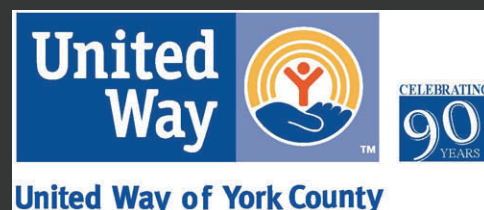
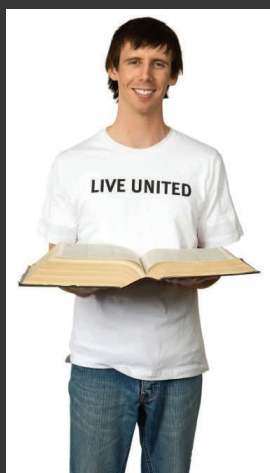
- Providing ongoing support to more than 70 essential local programs that help people in need, support children and youth and promote healthy lifestyles and community safety.
- Working collaboratively with other community partners to impact the underlying causes that make it difficult for youth to succeed in school, for families to maintain financial stability and for individuals to stay healthy and safe.
- Developing local priorities with measurable outcomes to ensure that the programs United Way funds positively impact individuals and the community at large.

Since 1921, United Way has brought together community leaders to identify and address the local issues that take everyone to solve. Those issues cross lines of race, gender, geography, faith and economic status. Your contribution is combined with those made by others to impact our community in ways no single organization or individual can.

Where does the money go?

United Way of York County works to promote lasting change in the areas of Education, Income and Health. We recognize that there are basic things people need for a good life: a quality education that leads to a stable job, income that can support a family through retirement and good health. United Way dollars support partner agency programs and community initiatives that promote our priorities.

Designations to Partner Agencies	\$2,942,948
Education	\$1,380,452
Income	\$1,121,888
Health	\$1,296,858
TOTAL	\$6,742,146



Mission Statement:

To improve peoples lives by building a strong community through cultivating financial generosity, volunteerism and civic engagement.

Education: Helping Children and Youth Achieve Their Potential

What is the issue?

York County dropouts earn, on average, \$8,000 less per year than a high school graduate. 41% of the prisoners in York County do not have a high school diploma. It costs three times more per year to incarcerate a person in York County prison than for a year of schooling. PSSA scores indicate that 21% of York County's third graders are not proficient in reading, a strong predictor for academic failure.

How does the United Way of York County help?

- **Promote high quality early childhood education.** In York County, 23 programs (18%) are nationally accredited, compared to 7% of programs nationally.
- **Support youth development programs.** United Way partner agencies provide homework assistance and mentoring services to ensure that elementary school children are prepared to succeed.
- **Work to combat truancy and ensure that students graduate high school.** The United Way's Truancy Prevention Initiative works with a community partners to provide support to families and students.

What did your contributions do?

- Provided nationally accredited early childhood education programs to 1,254 children, 94% of whom met developmental milestones.
- Provided afterschool programs and homework assistance to 2,170 students and 76% improved their grades.



Education Programs Funded by United Way:

Early Childhood Education	\$492,033
After School Programs	\$213,820
Youth Development Programs	\$300,989
Mentoring Programs	\$41,325
Drop-Out Prevention	\$105,930

United Way Special Initiatives:

Focus On Our Future – Early Childhood Education	\$105,000
Truancy Prevention Initiative	\$91,355
SecureCorps – Youth Volunteer Initiative	\$20,000
Leadership York – Board and Staff Development	\$10,000

TOTAL: \$1,380,452

Jeremy's Story:

Jeremy was a seventh grader who did not like to read. He had a difficult time reading aloud and felt embarrassed and ashamed when he was called upon. He worked with the staff at Crispus Attucks' Rising STARS program, to improve his reading skills. As the year progressed, Jeremy began to ask if he could help the elementary school age children read on the days he did not have homework. On Dr. Martin Luther King Day, he was featured as a reader of Dr. King's speeches.

Income: Promoting Financial Stability and Independence

What is the issue?

Many hard working families in York County do not earn enough to pay for basic needs, such as housing, food and health care. A recent study calculated that a family in York County consisting of two adults, one preschool and one school age child needs an income of \$48,408 to pay for the basics. In York County, 8% of families (York City – 32%), live in poverty. For example, the income for a family of four is less than \$22,350. In effect, these families earn less than half of the income needed to live in York County.

How does the United Way help?

- **Provide basic needs.** The United Way supports partner agencies that provide food, clothing, shelter and emergency assistance to families.
- **Promote financial stability.** United Way partner agencies help families learn financial literacy skills.

What did your contributions do?

- Provided basic needs, such to more than 95,000 individuals and case management services to 6,394 families.
- Provided financial literacy programs to 450 individuals.
- Provided free tax preparations for approximately 3,500 individuals resulting in over \$5 million in returns.

Income programs funded by United Way

Financial Stability	\$157,593
Basic and Emergency Needs	\$580,870

United Way Special Initiatives:

Junior Achievement - Financial Literacy	\$10,000
Information and Referral Services	\$92,070
Emergency Food and Shelter Program	\$268,425

TOTAL: 1,108,958



Martha and Jane's Story:

Martha and Jane never had to worry about money or sticking to a budget. Their lives changed when Martha was widowed and Jane was divorced and severely injured in a car accident. Now things are tight. The friends participated in New Hope's financial stability class where they learned to track every dollar they spend and how to make a budget. They save money by running errands together and instead of going out to eat, share home cooked meals. Jane said, "New Hope has been wonderful. They helped us learn to better manage our money and provide us with ongoing support".

Health: Improving People's Health

What are the Issues?

Many York County adults lack access to primary health care. More than 65% are overweight. Adults and youth need support to avoid risky behaviors such as smoking. Almost 30% of York County women do not have access to care in the first trimester of pregnancy, leading to premature births and low birth weight babies. A healthy community also needs to be safe from violence and prepared for disasters.

How Does United Way Help?

- **Promote healthy adults and children.**
Support programs promoting wellness, physical fitness and violence prevention.
- **Support independence for adults and children with special needs.**
Fund programs to help people reach their full potential.
- **Partner with community organizations to promote safety and disaster preparedness.**
Work with agencies that teach health and safety practices.

What did your contributions do?

- Provided services to autistic children, 93% of whom decreased challenging behaviors.
- Promoted a healthy lifestyle. Over 320 clients enrolled in a low-cost health and fitness plan.
- Provided CPR, first aid and water safety classes to over 10,000 people.

Health Programs Funded by United Way

Healthy Adults and Children	\$529,430
Independent Adults and Children	\$258,588
Preparedness and Violence Prevention	\$229,650
United Way Special Initiatives:	
YMCA Latino Services	\$30,000
SecureCorps – Disaster Preparedness	\$249,190
TOTAL: \$1,296,858	



Olivia's Story:

Olivia was a high school student who became pregnant. She enrolled in the Nurse Family Partnership program at Family First Health and was matched with a nurse who provided prenatal care and helped her set goals so that she and her baby would have a bright future. With support and encouragement, Olivia stayed in school and graduated. She delivered a healthy baby, who is monitored by the nurse who also teaches Olivia about child development and how to be a good parent. Olivia found a job and attends community college with help from the baby's father who works and helps take care of the baby. The family has a bright future.