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United Way of York County invests \$2.12 million into the community

The value of contributing to the United Way Impact Fund is a message that is widely promoted during the annual campaign, as these gifts are dollars that stay in York County and impact lives where you live and work. It is the most effective and efficient way for donors to make an impact for our neighbors in the areas of Education, Health, and Economic Mobility.

For the 2021-22 funding year, [United Way of York County](https://www.unitedway-york.org) is pleased to allocate \$2.12 million raised through the Impact Fund to United Way of York County Education Initiatives, 64 programs at United Way's 34 valued Partner Agencies, and 2 programs through the Strategic Initiatives Fund.

Each year, through the Allocations process, funding decisions are made by nearly 80 trained volunteers representing the diverse interests of our community, each of whom is passionate about bringing about real, lasting change in the lives of those whom we serve.

"This year presented another challenge for our volunteers, led by our Panel Chairs and our dedicated Community Impact Division Chair, Bob Breighner, as they adapted to ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure programs receiving Impact Fund contributions still received through evaluations," said Shawn Smith, Vice President of Community Impact for United Way of York County. "Their commitment is critical to stewarding donor dollars and ensuring these programs are having the greatest impact possible in meeting our community's needs."

United Way Allocations volunteers serve on one or more of 15 panels that specialize in one of the United Way focus areas:

- Education panels focus on access to early education, ensuring that kids enter kindergarten ready to learn and have successful transitions throughout school.
- Health panels focus on ensuring that individuals in York County have access to health care and healthy activities, and older adults are able to maintain their independence.
- Economic Mobility panels focus on safeguarding county residents in times of disaster and financial crisis, as well as equipping people with skills to help them achieve financial security.

See a complete breakdown of United Way of York County's allocations from the Impact Fund, and hear success stories of funded programs at <https://www.unitedway-york.org/impact-fund>.

Learn more about the community-driven Allocations process and United Way's impact in York County over the past 100 years through our blog post at <https://www.unitedway-york.org/community-driven-united-way-allocations-process-ensures-impactful-investments>.

About United Way of York County

For 100 years, United Way of York County has worked in the York County community to improve people's lives. It began as The York Welfare Federation, an organization that raised funds on behalf of 17 member agencies. Today, as United Way of York County, the mission of raising community funds remains the same,

but the strategies have evolved in order to meet the growing and changing needs of people living in York County.

United Way has adapted over the years and now collaborates with other public and private organizations to engage the community in addressing the complex issues facing York County. By developing initiatives that get at the root causes of these issues, United Way and its partners find solutions and fund programs that improve the lives of nearly 60,000 people annually in York County. Through gifts to the Impact Fund, United Way is able to invest those dollars into 64 programs supported by 34 Partner Agencies. These programs address human services needs across three Focus Areas: Education, Health, and Economic Mobility. This enables United Way to tackle the immediate and continuing needs of York County families and individuals and to create real, lasting change that matters to you and our community.

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