United Way of Greater Rochester
2015-16 Community Fund Programs

Community Fund donations help thousands of people in the Greater Rochester community. Every Community Fund donation is invested in community solutions to help people meet their basic needs, give babies the best start, prepare students for success, and support elders and their caregivers. The following organizations and programs partner with United Way to provide services that the Community Fund supports.

Meeting Basic Needs
Whether it's homelessness, domestic violence, financial distress or resources for loved ones with disabilities, Community Fund-supported agencies receive nearly 168,000 calls from people in our community who need help meeting their basic needs.

American Red Cross
The Emergency Services program assists families who have been victims of disaster, connects service members and their families during major life events, and recruits and trains volunteers for blood-collecting efforts.

Arc of Monroe County
The Community Resource Connection program provides support to people with developmental or cognitive disabilities who need help meeting their basic needs.

Center for Youth
The Crisis and Homeless Services program provides emergency shelter, prevention counseling and transitional living to homeless youth. The program aims to reunite families when possible or provide connections to stable housing.

Emergency Services and Family Stabilization Network (Baden Street Settlement, Catholic Family Center, Charles Settlement House, Community Place of Greater Rochester, Ibero-American Action League, Legal Assistance of Western New York and SouthWest Area Neighborhood Association)
The Emergency Services and Family Stabilization Network provides food and other basics to thousands of families in need, while connecting these families to resources that will help create a foundation to resolve challenges, increase stability and reduce the likelihood of future crises.

Empire Justice Center
Creating Assets, Savings and Hope (C.A.S.H.) provides free tax preparation services to more than 10,000 low-income workers who may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit, and offers financial literacy education and access to other financial benefits to promote effective financial decision-making and positive financial habits.

The Foreclosure Prevention program provides legal assistance to homeowners who are at risk of foreclosure to help them maintain home ownership and stabilize their families.

Epilepsy-Pralid
The Disability Resource Connections program uses person-centered short-term services and training to assist people with neurological disabilities who are struggling to meet their basic needs by connecting them to specialized community supports and services.

Foodlink
The Monroe County Anti-Hunger Network (MCAN) provides food, services and resources to a network of more than 80 local food pantries, soup kitchens and emergency service agencies that together ensure thousands of people have increased access to safe, nutritional food.

Goodwill of the Finger Lakes – 2-1-1/LIFE LINE
2-1-1/LIFE LINE is a free, confidential, multilingual crisis, information and referral service that connects more than 125,000 people each year with local human service agencies and programs.
Hillside Children’s Center
The Alternatives for Independent Youth & Emergency Services (AIYES) program helps runaway and homeless youth with crisis counseling, emergency shelter, case management, supportive independent living, street outreach and drop-in services. These services not only help to meet immediate survival and safe housing needs, but also help youth to begin on a path toward independence.

Housing Council at Pathstone
The Foreclosure Prevention program helps local households with budgeting, plans of action and access to resources to help them avoid mortgage foreclosure.

Legal Aid Society
The Civil Legal Services Program helps individuals and families in crisis with legal support and advocacy services to help with immediate needs, such as domestic violence support or homelessness.

Mental Health Association
The Disability Resources Connections Program provides support to adults with mental health challenges with referrals to benefits and other services that address their basic needs.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Upstate New York Chapter
The MS Navigators program helps individuals with multiple sclerosis and their families connect with community resources and programs in an effort to meet their basic needs and improve their quality of life.

Rochester Rehabilitation
Through the Learning to Achieve Self-Reliance (LASR) program, people with disabilities get help meeting their basic needs including connections to public benefits, health insurance and affordable housing.

Salvation Army
The Emergency and Family Services program provides basic needs and short-term case management services to people lacking sufficient income to meet their immediate needs. Some of the services provided include food, shelter, clothing, transportation and life-sustaining medical prescriptions.

Genesis House is a short-term residential program that helps runaway and homeless kids connect with critical resources to help them find safe and stable housing while providing for their immediate needs of shelter, food, clothing and safety.

Starbridge Services
This program helps people with cognitive disabilities acquire skills and connections to community resources to meet and maintain their basic needs.

Trillium Health
The Meeting Basic Needs program helps those facing crisis with food, housing and transportation. The program helps people overcome their crisis so they can focus on their health and well-being.

Volunteer Legal Services Project
The Family Law Legal Services program provides free legal services, donated by local lawyers, to help low-income families resolve legal issues such as domestic violence, divorce, child support, spousal support and child custody.

Willow Domestic Violence Center
The Safe Families: Emergency Residential Services Project helps victims of domestic violence and their children find immediate shelter, safety planning, counseling, support groups and assistance securing safe housing.

Giving Babies the Best Start
It’s critical to focus on nurturing and development during a baby’s early years to give them the best start possible. Because of the Community Fund, 4,000 babies each year participate in evidence-based home visitation and early intervention programs to help them get a strong start in life.

Children’s Institute
The Behavioral Consultation program helps children aged 2-4 who are in need of social and emotional care. It provides screening and referrals to intervention programs, improving the likelihood that they are prepared for learning.

Primary Project helps young children who demonstrate social and emotional difficulties by using early intervention to enhance their behavioral skills, helping them better adapt to school and future learning.
Hillside Children’s Center
The Parents as Teachers Right from the Start is an evidence-based home visitation program that provides information on child development and offers learning opportunities that help new families have healthy births, healthy children, safe homes, effective parenting and fewer cases of child maltreatment.

Mary Cariola Children’s Center
The Early Childhood Support Services program helps children with disabilities under age five enhance developmental skills and increase their readiness to learn.

Mt. Hope Family Center
The Building Healthy Children program helps new families improve their parenting practices and build the relationship between mothers and their babies. The program does this through evidence-based home visitation that provides parenting education and depression treatment. It also strengthens parent-child attachment through social work and outreach support to promote strong families and prevent child maltreatment.

Rochester Hearing and Speech Center
The Early Screening and Intervention program identifies and addresses issues with hearing and speech in young children, giving them a strong foundation for positive development.

Visiting Nurse Signature Care
Nurse-Family Partnership provides evidence-based nurse home visitation services during the early stages of pregnancy through the first two years of a child’s life. This program helps moms and children remain healthy, enhance positive parenting practices, and reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect.

YWCA
The Parents as Teachers (PAT) Plus program provides support services to families through an evidence-based home visitation program that increases parents’ knowledge of child development and helps families have healthy births, safe homes, effective parenting and less child maltreatment.

Preparing Kids for Success
Kids need a caring adult in their lives, and for some, that means a mentor who can cheer them on, guide them through school and help them in a variety of simple, yet powerful, ways. Others thrive in after-school and summer programs that provide homework help and so much more. This year, 8,000 local kids will be prepared for success thanks to these Community Fund-supported programs.

After-school learning and enrichment programs help nearly 2,000 students channel their out-of-school time toward productive and positive activities.

After-School Learning and Enrichment programs supported by the Community Fund follow an after-school model to ensure students attending the programs participate in activities that will help them attend more days of school. The programs offer fun and engaging activities focused on literacy, science, and physical and emotional wellness. United Way’s program partners include:

- Baden Street Settlement
- Boys and Girls Club
- Center for Youth
- Charles Settlement House
- Community Place of Greater Rochester
- SouthWest Area Neighborhood Association
- Urban League
- Volunteers of America
- YMCA
Summer learning and enrichment programs help nearly 4,000 students reduce summer learning loss and improve their academic achievement.

Summer Learning and Enrichment programs supported by the Community Fund provide a safe, structured environment for kids during the summer. Each program includes healthy snacks and meals, physical activity and fun and engaging activities designed to prevent summer learning loss.

Baden Street Settlement
Boy Scouts
Boys and Girls Club
Charles Settlement House
Community Place of Greater Rochester
EnCompass Resources for Learning
Girl Scouts
Holy Childhood
Horizons at Harley, Horizons at MCC and Horizons at Warner – U of R
Urban League
YMCA
Young Women's College Prep

Mentoring programs help increase school attendance; reduce substance abuse, violence and criminal behaviors; and strengthen relationships with parents and peers for more than 3,000 kids each year.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Rochester
The Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring Program is an evidence-based program that matches local students with a trained and monitored adult to build a one-on-one relationship that provides support and nurturing through weekly activities to help youth grow both socially and emotionally.

Compeer Rochester
The Compeer Youth and Family Mentoring program uses evidence-based protocols to recruit, screen, train and monitor one-to-one adult mentors to match with youth who suffer from mental illness to help them improve their behavior and school success.

Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection
The Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection helps at-risk youth graduate from high school with the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue post-secondary education or employment. Mentors support kids through tutoring, year-round enrichment, college planning and job training and placement.

Ibero-American Action League
The Bry Achievement Mentoring Program connects professional mentors with youth at risk of dropping out due to poor grades, attendance and behavior issues. Mentors monitor school attendance and performance, communicate with parents and teachers and provide after-school activities to increase engagement, attendance and grades.

Urban League
Through the Bry Achievement Mentoring Program, students who are at risk of being suspended or dropping out get the focused support needed to get them back on a positive path. Professional mentors help youth identify and work toward goals, monitor school attendance and performance and provide engagement after school to improve attendance and grades.
Supporting Elders and Caregivers

Our parents and grandparents have given us love and a foundation for success in life. Now we can give back by providing the resources they need to maintain health, wellness and independence as they age. The following programs support more than 31,000 elders and their caregivers by providing information, guidance and care coordination, and adult resource centers.

Alzheimer's Association
The Caregiver Support and Education Services program provides support to caregivers of family members with dementia, including information and referral, support groups and care planning so that caregivers can better support their loved ones and themselves.

ABVI-Goodwill
The Vision Rehabilitation for Seniors program helps older adults with low vision learn new skills, train on adaptive equipment and receive individualized instruction to increase their ability to remain safe and independent.

Catholic Family Center
The Support to Aged Residents (STAR) program provides supportive services including transportation, shopping and errand assistance, friendly visits and home maintenance coordination to frail older adults in our community.

The Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly (EISEP) program provides an array of case management, home care, and support services to frail older adults so that they can remain safe and independent in their own homes.

Community Place of Greater Rochester
The Senior Companion program matches vulnerable older adults with long-term volunteers who provide transportation, shopping assistance, respite, meal preparation and socialization so that elders are able to remain independent in their home.

Jewish Family Service
This Aging Services program provides comprehensive care coordination to help older adults connect to vital services so that they can remain safe and independent as they age in their home.

Lifespan
Lifespan Care Management Services provides information, guidance, and care coordination for a wide range of services, including elder abuse prevention and financial guidance to elders and their caregivers. Support from these services can help older adults in our community remain independent.

Lifespan and YMCA
United Way's three Multipurpose Adult Resource Centers incorporate evidence-based wellness programs, opportunities for life-long learning and volunteerism, caregiver support, care coordination for local older adults and social, recreational and wellness services. Visits to the centers at the Maplewood, Westside and Eastside YMCAs can help combat isolation, maintain health and increase connections to supportive programs.

Medical Motor Service
The Transportation Services program provides transportation to health and personal appointments, allowing elders to continue living a safe, happy and independent life.

Rochester Hearing and Speech
The Audiology Services program helps older adults by identifying, treating and managing hearing loss. It also helps to overcome the isolation and other negative effects of untreated hearing loss.

Visiting Nurse Service
The Meals on Wheels program promotes the health and well-being of homebound older adults by providing nutritionally balanced, home-delivered meals and a friendly check-in to help vulnerable individuals remain healthy and independent.