

United Way is Proud of our 2011- 2012 Partners who Make Community Change Possible

United Way has a unique model of bringing together volunteers, nonprofits, elected officials, and corporations to assess community needs and solve pressing issues in our shared community.

When you donate to United Way's Community Impact Fund, you are not just supporting our partner nonprofits; you are building a collaboration of talents, passions, expertise and resources needed to make Westchester and Putnam a better place to live and work.

EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Thrive By Five Partners

Child Care Council of Westchester, Family Services of Westchester, Hendrick Hudson Free Library, The Guidance Center, Westchester Children's Association

SmartStart Partners

Boys and Girls Club of Northern Westchester, Nepperhan Community Center, Student Advocacy, Urban League of Westchester, Westchester Jewish Community Services

Participate to Graduate Partners

Family Services of Westchester, Westhab, Inc.

Intergenerational Programs Partners

JCY-Westchester Community Partners, New Rochelle Council of Community Services, The Preservation Company

INCOME INITIATIVES

Teach Me to Fish... Work Skills for Life Partners

CAREERS for People with Disabilities, Family Service Society of Yonkers, Today's Students, Tomorrow's Teachers, Urban League of Westchester

Homeward Bound Partners

Housing Action Council, Westchester Disabled on the Move

Financial Education Program Partners

Green Path Debt Solutions, The Volunteer Center of United Way, Chase Bank, KeyBank, Citizens Bank, Webster Bank, The Financial Planning Association of Greater Hudson Valley, WCC-Center for Financial and Economic Education

Emergency Basic Needs Partners (2011 only)

ARCS Food Pantry, Catholic Charities Counseling Service, Children's Village – Sanctuary, Community Center of Northern Westchester, Cortlandt Emergency Food Bank, Family Resource Center of Peekskill/Harvest Time, Family YMCA of Yonkers, Grace Church Community Center, Inc./Project Trust, H.O.P.E. Community Services, Inc., Hillside Food Outreach, Hope's Door, Larchmont-Mamaroneck Hunger Task Force, Inc., Legal Services of Hudson Valley, Lexington Center for Recovery, Inc., Living Transformation, Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry, My Sisters' Place, Providence House, Inc., Putnam/Westchester Women's Resource Center, Salvation Army, Sharing Community, Inc., Shiloh Baptist Church Food Pantry, The Lord's Pantry, Inc., Union Baptist, Westchester Coalition for the Hungry & Homeless, Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc., Westchester Hispanic Coalition, Inc., Westchester Jewish Community Services, Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc., Yonkers Community Action Program, Yonkers Hungry People First Baptist Church – FBW, YWCA of Yonkers, 7th Day Adventist Church Food Pantry and many more food pantries through The Food Bank for Westchester

HEALTH INITIATIVES

Step Up 2 Health Partners

Westchester Partners: Open Door Family Medical Center, Passage to Excellence Corporation, Rye YMCA, Yonkers Family YMCA, North Salem Foundation for Learning, *Putnam Partners:* Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam, Patterson Library

Voices for Positive Choices Partners

Westchester Partners: Family Ties of Westchester, The Guidance Center, Scarsdale Edgemont Family Counseling Service, Student Assistance Services, Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial, *Putnam Partners:* Green Chimneys

Intergenerational Health Program Partners

Family Service Society of Yonkers, Groundwork Hudson Valley, The Council of Community Services of Port Chester, Rye Brook, and Rye Town

LOCAL PRESENCE GRANTS (2011)

These smaller grants are designated for nonprofits who do not meet regularly with our Education, Income and Health collaborations, but are still providing critical services in those areas. Nonprofits are selected by local community volunteers and include:

Caring for the Homeless of Peekskill, Inc., Community Service Associates, Inc., Edgemont Scholarship Council (ESC), First Baptist Church of Tarrytown, Grace Church Community Center, Harrison Children's Center, Inc., Hastings-on-Hudson Fire Department, Helping Hands for the Homeless and Hungry, Hillside Food Outreach, HOPE Community Services, Inc., Hope's Door, Human Development Services of Westchester, Inc., Larchmont Mamaroneck Hunger Task Force, Inc., Meals on Wheels of Harrison, Inc., Meals on Wheels of White Plains, Inc., Port Chester Carver Center, Providence House, Scarsdale High School PTA Scholarship, Fund for College, The Food Bank for Westchester, Inc., Washingtonville, Housing Alliance, Inc.

COMMUNITY AND NONPROFIT SUPPORT PARTNERS

The Volunteer Center of United Way

Linking over 18,000 volunteers to nonprofits who need them

African American Men of Westchester

Honoring youth volunteers on the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday

Pro Bono Partnership

Provides pro-bono legal services to nonprofits

Alianza Latina

Funding for Hispanic Heritage Day Festival

American Red Cross in Westchester County

To provide emergency housing

How United Way Impacts a Community



United Way's mission is to advance the common good. Our focus is to ensure all people get a quality **education**, enough **income** to support a family, and opportunities for good **health**. Here is a brief summary of our initiatives:

EDUCATION



Nationally, 46% of children start school without adequate language, literacy, social or emotional skills. In Westchester 1 in 5 teens will not graduate with their peers. **Together**, we can change this through:

Thrive By Five

Gets children ready for school through interactive educational activities with caregivers and parents.

SmartStart

Helps at-risk children in Kindergarten through 4th grade succeed in school.

Participate to Graduate

Makes sure critically at-risk youth receive intensive advocacy efforts, family outreach, and academic and social service support so they graduate.

Intergenerational Education Programs

Brings the unique strengths of older adults and youth together as mentors to encourage lifelong learning.

INCOME



Poverty in NY is now at 16%. \$22,314 is considered poverty for a family of four. In Westchester, 41% of the families needing food have one adult working full-time. **Together**, we can help people become financially stable.

Teach Me to Fish... Work Skills for Life

Gives hard-to-place individuals skills training to access better jobs and stay employed.

Homeward Bound

Creates a favorable climate throughout the community for the development and preservation of affordable housing.

Financial Education Program

Individuals and families learn to manage assets through financial education workshops and counseling.

Emergency Basic Needs Support

Gets families the emergency help they need to put food on the table and avoid homelessness.

HEALTH



A rise in obesity, and high rates of binge drinking and suicides in Westchester and Putnam have contributed to a growing concern about the health of our youth and parents. **Together**, we can change these trends through:

Step Up 2 Health

Works to reduce obesity rates through: education, exercise, nutrition programs and community gardens.

Voices for Positive Choices

Focuses on giving teens and parents the tools and support needed to make positive choices in their lives and reduce risky behaviors frequently exhibited when they are under significant stress.

FamilyWize

Free prescription discount card offered through United Way to reduce the high costs of medicine for all.

Intergenerational Health Programs

Makes communities safer and stronger by bringing older adults, children and youth together to live healthier lives.

Questions? Call 914-997-6700 or visit

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United Way Support Across Westchester and Putnam

United Way's 2-1-1 Help Line

Knowing who to call when you or a friend needs help is critical. Get answers to questions such as: housing and shelter, addiction prevention, support groups, utilities, aging services, food assistance, or employment programs.

Call 2-1-1 or search online at HUDSON211.ORG

Support to Nonprofits

In addition to funding opportunities, **United Way** provides...

- More than 700 nonprofit leaders with low cost workshops to sharpen their skills.
- Over \$2,000,000 in gifts-in-kind to nonprofits.
- Co-leadership for the annual Not-For-Profit Leadership Summit.

Volunteer Matching

Thousands of people want to volunteer but don't know where to go, while nonprofits struggle for help. Our partner, **The Volunteer Center of United Way**, refers over 18,000 volunteers a year to nonprofits all over Westchester and Putnam. **Volunteer to help in education, income and health or read about other opportunities to serve at UWWP.ORG.**

A third of the children in my class were not ready to start school. **Kids like me don't go to college.** I think my teen is doing **drugs** and I don't know how to talk to her. **My child is developing slowly** and I don't know how to help her. I don't have a crib for my baby. **I am so alone.**
 I don't have the right **skills** to get a job. **I will never graduate.** I don't have enough money to **feed my family** let alone something healthy. **I can't afford health care.**
 It seems **I will never get out of debt.** I don't know where to find day care. **I need help.** **My medicine costs more than I can afford.**
 My rent is late, again. My **weight** is affecting my lifestyle and now my **child is overweight.** **Where can I turn?**

HOW United Way Impacts a Life

A few July 2010 - June 2011 Results

176 elementary students took part in after-school activities which kept them active and excited about school.

Thousands of parents and caregivers received fun interactive *Born Learning* educational activities to help prepare their children for school.

112 critically at-risk middle and high school students stayed in school with intensive advocacy efforts, family outreach, and academic and social service support.

212 parents and teens in Putnam received training on how to talk to each other and deal with risky behaviors.

18,000 teens, adults and seniors were referred to volunteer assignments through The Volunteer Center of United Way.

629 attendees received financial education to help them get out of debt and plan for their future.

Over \$508,000 were distributed to support food pantries and other partners who help families in trouble with basic needs like food, shelter, and heat.

610 older adults, children and youth came together in intergenerational programs to share their gifts and help each other live more vibrant and healthy lives.

Over 700 nonprofit professionals were taught how to be more effective leaders through United Way training programs.

Since 2007 Westchester and Putnam residents saved \$161,551.80 on prescription drugs through free participation in FamilyWize.

800 youth, people with disabilities, and chronically unemployed individuals, entered the pipeline to work towards gaining skills they need to find and maintain employment.

Over 43,795 Westchester and Putnam residents called United Way's 2-1-1, a free confidential helpline.

4,282 children were taught how to live healthier through physical activity, gardening, and nutrition counseling. At one school in Port Chester 53% of the students at risk of being overweight were successful in bringing down their body mass index.

Through United Way of Westchester and Putnam's Gifts-In-Kind program, over \$2,000,000 worth of goods were distributed to nonprofits which give critical care to our community. Examples last year included: day care centers received computer work stations, 106 new mattresses and other furnishings went to the poor, and hundreds of nonprofits received needed office furniture which reduced their overhead.



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