

UNITED WAY OF WESTCHESTER AND PUTNAM INITIATIVES

EDUCATION

Born Learning: An innovative public engagement campaign helping parents, caregivers and communities create quality early learning opportunities for children. Born Learning is a coordinated, multi-level effort to positively engage parents and grandparents in an alliance with other organizations that serve children to achieve lasting community change.

Partners: The Journal News, Child Care Council of Westchester; Open Door Family Health Center; Port Chester Carver Center; Westchester Children's Association; Westchester Jewish Community Services; Westchester Library System

Intergenerational: Literacy, Mentoring and Career Enrichment

Senior mentorship opportunities are provided in participating Mt. Vernon elementary schools to help students improve academic skills, keep youth on track and reduce behavioral problems. This initiative provides information to college students on healthy aging, employment and career opportunities in the aging field.

Partners: Family Service Society of Yonkers; Helen Andrus Benedict Foundation; JCY/ Westchester Community Partners; Temple University Center for Intergenerational Learning; Westchester Public/ Private Partnership for Aging Services

Not-For-Profit Management Center

Offers courses, workshops and seminars on issues critical to not-for-profit professionals in Westchester and Putnam.

Partners: Pace University; Putnam Community Services Network

Not-For-Profit Leadership Summit

Assists non-profit professionals in developing leadership and networking skills which result in more effective operations for not-for-profits in Westchester and Putnam.

Partners: ArtsWestchester; Boys and Girls Club of Northern Westchester; El Centro Hispano, Inc.; Family Services of Westchester; Housing Action Council; Mental Health Association of Westchester; Neighbors Link; Port Chester Carver Center; Westchester Community Opportunity Program; Westchester Land Trust; Westchester ARC; Westchester Community Foundation

Project Affordable Child Care (Advocacy)

A multi-level project started by United Way of Westchester and Putnam that meets throughout the year and seeks to engage a broader group of "natural allies" for innovative child care financing, heightened visibility and understanding of the issue concerning affordable quality care.

Partners: Westchester Partnership for Early Care and Education (Child Care Council of Westchester, Inc.; Country Children's Center; Greyston Foundation; Leviticus Alternative Fund; National Alliance for Early Childhood Finance; NYS Child Care Coordinating Council; Westchester Business Council; Westchester Children's Association; Westchester Community College; Westchester Community Foundation; Westchester County Department of Social Services; Westchester County Office for Women; Women's Enterprise Development Center)

INCOME

Financial Education at the Workplace

Individuals and families manage and preserve assets and become financially more secure through financial education workshops offered at employment sites in Westchester and Putnam.

Partners: Community Capital Resources; Volunteer Center of United Way

Hope for the Homeless and Hungry

Supports the coordination and communication of issues, needs and services surrounding hunger and homelessness in Westchester and Putnam.

Partners: The Food Bank for Westchester and 67 food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters; Catholic Charities/Westchester; Legal Services of Hudson Valley; Westchester Coalition for Hungry and Homeless; Westchester Community Opportunities Program; Westchester Hispanic Coalition; Westchester Residential Opportunities; Salvation Army; Putnam Community Action Program

Financial Safety Net

For residents in Putnam in emergent danger of losing their homes.

Partners: Putnam County Housing Corporation; Putnam County Department of Social Services

Community Housing Resource Center

Designed to create a more favorable climate in local communities in Westchester County for affordable housing.

Partners: Housing Action Council; Community Capital Resources; The Preservation Company; Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services; Westchester County Department of Planning

Next Step Job

Developed to help people obtain the training and support they need to find, secure and retain employment.

Partners: Westchester Hispanic Coalition

Financial Help Line

Answers questions regarding personal financial needs such as mortgage, foreclosure, budget and credit concerns, 401K, investments, or college funding issues.

Partners: 2-1-1; Westchester County Department of Consumer Protection Services; Community Capital Resources

FamilyWize

Provides free prescription discount card offering significant savings for those without insurance or who cannot afford prescription drugs.

ADDITIONAL PARTNERS

United Way of Westchester and Putnam also partners with:

The Volunteer Center of United Way in being a catalyst for positive change in Westchester and Putnam, linking countless volunteers to service.

African American Men of Westchester in honoring youth who have exemplified the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in their communities throughout the year.

Pro Bono Partnership in providing pro-bono legal services to community-based not-for-profit organizations.

Westchester County Office for Hispanic Affairs and the Hispanic Advisory Board in co-sponsoring the Hispanic Heritage Day Festival.

ArtsWestchester in connecting people to the arts in Westchester County.

American Red Cross in Westchester County in disaster first response and recovery.

HEALTH

Cancer Transportation Initiative

Provides transportation in Westchester County, especially in the communities of New Rochelle, Peekskill, Ossining, Mount Vernon, Tarrytown and Yonkers, for uninsured, underinsured and financially needy patients to chemotherapy and radiation appointments, the core life-saving treatments for those with cancer.

Partners: American Cancer Society; The Cancer Support Team

Intergenerational: Working for Healthy, Safe and Responsive Neighborhoods

Youth assisting seniors with home maintenance tasks so they can remain in their homes. Includes intergenerational participants advocating in their neighborhoods for needed housing and transportation services; bringing together diverse groups to decrease isolation and share their talents.

Partners: Groundwork Hudson Valley; Helen Andrus Benedict Foundation; Temple University Center for Intergenerational Learning; The Port Chester/ Town of Rye/ Rye Brook Council of Community Services; The Preservation Company

Healthy Living for Kids and Adults

Focuses on encouraging youth and seniors to incorporate nutritional eating and exercise into their daily lives both in school and in an intergenerational shared-site day care setting.

Partners: Family Services of Westchester; Mount Kisco Day Care; Open Door Family Medical Center; Port Chester schools; Scarsdale & Edgemont Family Counseling Service

Senior Medical Shuttle

Provides inter-county medical transportation for seniors in Putnam.

Partners: Friends of the Senior Citizens of Putnam County, Inc.; Putnam Office for the Aging

LOCAL PRESENCE GRANTS

(Allocated through Community Boards):

Grants given to local agencies strengthen all three building blocks, helping children and youth achieve their potential, assisting individuals and families in becoming financially stable and independent, and helping people in our local communities improve their health.

Recipients: Abbot House; Community Service Associates, Inc.; Dobbs Ferry Volunteer Ambulance Corps., Inc.; Ecumenical Emergency Food Pantry of WP; Edgemont Scholarship Council; Elizabeth Butler Angel Foundation; Friends of Karen; Harrison Youth Council, Inc.; HOPE Community Services, Inc.; First Baptist Church, Tarrytown; Grace Church Community Center, Inc.; Helping Hands for the Homeless and Hungry, Inc.; Hospice and Palliative Care of Westchester; Human Development Services of Westchester; Larchmont Mamaroneck Hunger Task Force, Inc.; Literacy Volunteers of Westchester/Rockland; Meals on Wheels 10708, Inc.; Meals on Wheels of Harrison, Inc.; Meals-On-Wheels of White Plains, Inc.; Neighbor's Link; Rye Ecumenical Youth Mission; Rye Youth Council, Inc.; Scarsdale High School PTA Scholarship Fund; Scarsdale Meals on Wheels, Inc.; SPARC (Special Program and Resource Connection); The New Rochelle Campership Fund, Inc.; Washingtonville Housing Alliance, Inc.; Westchester Disabled on the Move

ADDITIONAL GRANTS

Meals-On-Wheels of New Rochelle, Inc.; The New Rochelle Public Library Foundation, Inc.; Larchmont-Mamaroneck Community Counseling Center; WestCOP/Mamaroneck Child Development Center