

UNITED WE DO MORE

UNITED WAY OF TOMPKINS COUNTY
2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT



UNITED WAY
Tompkins County

FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

“Together, we have planted the seeds for the collective impact that the most vulnerable people in our community are harvesting now and into their futures.”

—MICHAEL RAMOS

United We Did More in 2024-25, thanks to you – volunteers, service agencies, community-based organizations, businesses, educators, contributors through workplace campaigns, Cornerstone Partners, individual supporters and colleague funders. Through our United Tompkins Impact Fund, we continued support for 57 community Impact Partners helping to meet basic needs and to create access and opportunities for people at all ages. With these partners and through our programs such as Youth and Philanthropy and FOCUS, we have made advances in our four pillars of focus: Healthy Community, Financial Security, Youth Opportunity and Community Resiliency. Behind our work is a wonderful staff and board who have extended themselves time and again to be attentive and effective in collaborating for local solutions to local challenges.

Together, we have planted the seeds for the collective impact that the most vulnerable people in our community are harvesting now and into their futures. More than 50% of our population in Tompkins County lives paycheck to paycheck. The \$92,500 we allocated in \$500 or less increments to help pay for rent, utilities or car repairs through our United Way/211 ALICE program is a testament to the need. When rents go up, food is harder to find, childcare and transportation are elusive and/or health care is in jeopardy, people struggle to make ends meet. Our human services and community-based Impact Partners consistently rise to the challenge, even while juggling to continue to extend services. United Way connects people, agencies, donors, business and governmental sectors so that the north star of mobility and thriving for all is always upheld and honored.

Whether through repairs allowing a community elder to stay in her home, a young adult emerging from homelessness with essential life skills, or a family moving from couch surfing to a subsidized apartment, United Way shifts the flowing current so that everyone can find a way to a place called home. By relying upon one another, we will address the economic challenges our county faces so that no one is left behind.

In these times, United Way of Tompkins County is excited to be a trusted, vital, local resource to close the gap between the needs of our community and our audacity to act together. United, we will do even more, as we embody and continue to share the generosity and gratitude that characterizes you and our beloved county.

With profound appreciation,

Michael Ramos
Michael Ramos



Michael Ramos
President & CEO, United
Way of Tompkins County



UNITED WAY
Tompkins County

UNITED WAY PROMISE

United Way mobilizes communities to action so all can thrive

As I serve as Board Chair I am both honored and energized by the opportunity to help lead this organization at such a pivotal time. At the heart of this chapter is the United Way Promise – a clear and powerful commitment to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities to advance the common good. The promise is more than words; it’s a call to action that reflects the unique challenges and strengths of every county. It will help guide our work in Tompkins County to ensure that every individual and family has the opportunity to thrive.

This year we will also be embarking on a brand refresh with the direction of United Way Worldwide, a national initiative that we have embraced locally to reflect our renewed energy, clarity of mission, and inclusive vision of the future. The updated look and language help us connect more deeply with long-time supporters while also engaging a new generation of community leaders, volunteers, and advocates.

United Way of Tompkins County has long been a trusted convener and catalyst for change. Our work – supporting education, health, and financial stability – is made possible through the generosity, collaboration, and unwavering belief in the power of community. I am proud to serve alongside a dedicated board, a passionate staff team, and our many partners and donors who bring this mission to life every day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Michael Pehinec



Michael Pehinec
UWTC Board Chair
Community Campaign Co-Chair



SUCCESS STORY

OUR COLLECTIVE IMPACT HAPPENS THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY

As an older adult immigrant with dietary needs, I visit the YMCA Food Hub every Monday to get fresh, nutritious food for the week. Thanks to United Way funding, the Food Hub has expanded its culturally relevant food selection, ensuring that individuals from diverse backgrounds can access familiar and essential ingredients.

For me, the Food Hub is more than just a source of sustenance; it has become a place where I can socialize with others, which has improved my mental health and strengthened my connection to the community.

United Way’s collective impact network also brings valuable resources directly to partners every month. At a recent health screening hosted in partnership with Cayuga Health, I discovered I had high blood pressure—something I didn’t know, as I am currently uninsured and awaiting Medicare eligibility.

This awareness has empowered me to make healthier lifestyle choices, such as reducing my sodium intake, ultimately improving my overall well-being. As I continue on my path to self-sufficiency, United Way’s local solutions give me the resources I need.



UNITED WE DO MORE OUR COLLECTIVE IMPACT

United We Do More isn't just a campaign slogan, it represents a truth about the United Way model. After identifying community needs that we will address, we then find the strongest partners, paths, and programs with which to achieve our outcome goals. Our collective impact model convenes resources, including people and ideas, which is captured in our Community Investment Strategy. This living document is reviewed annually by our staff, Community Impact Committee, Executive Committee, and Board of Directors. In turn, the Community Impact Strategy is referenced during our budget process and determines where dollars raised in the annual campaign are invested. We are confident in the effectiveness of this work, knowing that United We Do More!

Our 24-25 Community Impact Strategy & Programs:

- United Tompkins Impact Fund Grants
- Youth & Philanthropy Program Grants
- UW/211 ALICE Program
- UWTC Impact Partner Network Opportunities
- Flourishing Communities Table



222

Payments made on behalf of households living below a sustainable income in the areas of rent, car repairs, and utilities with a total of nearly \$93,500 in funds distributed through the UW/211 ALICE Program



2,629

Community members with access to services that helped them obtain and maintain safe, affordable housing



12,568

Individuals in our community who received immediate and/or ongoing quality physical and mental health care



25,325

Residents who received nutritious meals – or the components for nutritious meals – to promote their well-being and decrease food insecurity



27,454

Children and youth who had access to safe environments that promote healthy development



56,263

Community members who received transportation services to access health & human services, work, and/or learning opportunities



273,826

Meals provided by UWTC impact partners to members of our community

UWTC Impact Partner Network Opportunities

Our commitment to UWTC Impact Partners also includes helping to convene resources. In 2024-25 we responded to requests to help arrange training for staff and confidential shredding.

27

Received First Aid/CPR/AED training in collaboration with YMCA of Ithaca & Tompkins County

15

Received NARCAN training in collaboration with The REACH Project

13

Received free confidential shredding services in collaboration with Beginnings Credit Union



**“ALL FLOURISHING
IS MUTUAL”**
-ROBIN WALL KIMMERER

Flourishing Communities Table

Our Flourishing Communities Table has met monthly throughout the year with the following purpose: through relationship building and mutual support build the collective power of mission-driven leaders to enhance flourishing of distinct communities. Twenty leaders from more than a dozen human service and community-based organizations participated. Our focus this year has been building on creative thinking around food supports and food distribution. Seven

community representatives testified at the Tompkins County Legislature around the impacts of food cuts to programs affecting low-income families and farmers. Several members met with Senator Lea Webb to discuss enhancing the commitment of small farmers to meet community need while operating sustainably. We look forward to building on research being done on other interest areas such as Basic Guaranteed Income during the upcoming year.

YOUTH & PHILANTHROPY PROGRAM (YAP)

This program provides high school students firsthand knowledge of community needs and resources, guides them through a competitive grant process, and helps them learn the impact of philanthropy. The funding distributed to grant recipients has been provided by Triad Foundation for many years.

\$1,500 Foodnet Meals on Wheels: Foodnet Blizzard Bags- Winter 2024-2025

Funds were used for the distribution of Blizzard Bags to vulnerable older adults in Tompkins County. Four packaged, shelf-stable meals are packed into a reusable bag for easy distribution and important and relevant handouts are inserted to help foster a greater awareness within the community about food insecurity and malnutrition among older adults.

\$600 Family Reading Partnership: Creature Comforts for The Nook
Funds were used to purchase materials for The Nook. The Nook is an engaging play area, available at no cost for caregivers with infants and children under 6 years-old to talk, sing, read, and play together to build essential early literacy skills.

\$2,405 YMCA of Ithaca and Tompkins County: Adaptive Initiatives

Funds were used to support three adaptive initiatives. These are the Adaptive Gym & Swim Program, providing free access to sports, swimming, and socialization opportunities for children with developmental disabilities, a pilot free adaptive fitness program specifically for teens with developmental disabilities, and a partnership with the TST BOCES Smith School to offer a free swim clinic to students in their exceptional education programs.

\$5,000 Catholic Charities Tompkins/Tioga: Transportation Assistance

Funds were used to address the urgent transportation needs of the most disadvantaged communities in our county, including car repairs, gas vouchers, and monthly bus passes, to individuals facing significant challenges in accessing reliable transportation.

\$3,000 Center for Community Transportation (Bike Walk Tompkins):Bike Skills Education

Funds were used to offer learn-to-ride and bike skills classes for all ages, route making support, bike safety events & equipment distribution, hiring of part-time mentors and training of volunteers to facilitate bike lessons throughout the education season, and bike repair & bike matching for bike skills participants.

\$5,045 Advocacy Center of Tompkins County: Supporting Youth Success

Funds supported the Teen Support Group, and were used to offer pro-social and therapeutic activities and items to help victims reduce anxiety so their healing process can be more successful. Funds were also used for the purchase of needed equipment and materials for the Child Advocacy Center.



\$1,000 GO ITHACA: Easy Access Program

Funds were used to support the Easy Access Program which provides Tompkins County individuals at or below 150% of the federal poverty guideline with benefits to support their transportation access includes a free month TCAT pass and 50% off future monthly passes, a free bike share membership, a \$50 credit to Ithaca Careshare, Emergency Ride Home benefits, and other transportation access supports.

\$600 Southworth Library Association: Cartooning for Kids Workshop and Classes

Funds supported a free, 6 week cartooning workshop with a professional instructor. The students learned how to create a story, design characters and the worlds or background, and how to do final production.

“IN YAP I LEARNED HOW TO PRIORITIZE THE NEEDS AND WANTS OF DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS. I REALLY LIKED READING ALL THE APPLICATIONS AND THAT WE HAD THE ABILITY TO MAKE DECISIONS BASED ON WHAT WE LEARNED IN THE PROGRAM”
—2024 YAP participant

\$2,000 Sciencenter: Family Science Nights - Science Education Outreach

Funds were used to host Family Science Nights at rural elementary schools, and at community organizations that serve low income and/or predominately BIPOC families. These free nights of STEM education are provided to help overcome learning barriers such as cost, transportation, and discrimination.

\$1,500 Running to Places Theatre Company: Community Theatre for the Whole Community

Funds were used to support the production of youth lead theater. There is no tuition to students of the program, nor is there a cost to attend shows. Running to Places Theatre Company provides youth with the opportunity for personal growth and the development of valuable life-skills through theater.

\$2,350 Ithaca Health Alliance: Ithaca Free Clinic Provider Laptop Update Project

Funds were used for the purchase and upgrade of a health care provider laptop that is utilized to provide integrated healthcare services to members of our community who do not have health insurance or are under-insured. The new laptop significantly improved service delivery to patients and ensured the continued accuracy of electronic patient records, electronic prescription submission to area pharmacies, and patient referrals to area medical and safety-net services.

Total: \$25,000

FOCUS

Focus on Community & Understanding Service

This program for middle school students is held annually each spring to teach students about philanthropy, community needs, and to award grants to non-profit programs that are either in or serve the host community. Again in spring of 2025, United Way and Dryden Youth Opportunity Fund collaborated to host the program in Dryden under the co-leadership of Dryden Central School educator, Linda Bruno, and United Way's Director of Community Impact, Rebekah Hinton.

\$500 DRYDEN FAMILY MEAL CONNECTION: SUMMER FOOD (FISCALLY SPONSORED BY DRYDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL)

Funds were used to provide food insecure Dryden families with vouchers to local farmers markets for fresh fruit and vegetables.

\$250 VARNA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: SUPPORTING A COMMUNITY NUTRITION HUB IN VARNA

Funds were used to purchase food for Varna Community Association's food sharing cabinet.

\$300 VILLAGE AT ITHACA: DRYDEN BIPOC & FRIENDS

The Dryden BIPOC & Friends Club provides a safe space for students of color where they can socialize, express themselves, and work on projects that advocate for a more equitable school environment.

\$450 LION'S DEN FOOD CENTER: AFTER SCHOOL SNACK SHACK (FISCALLY SPONSORED BY DRYDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL)

Funds were used to provide Dryden students staying after school for sports or other activities with free, nutritional snacks.

\$500 MUTUAL AID TOMPKINS: FOOD SHARING CABINETS

Funds were used to stock Blue Food Cabinets in the Village and Town of Dryden.

Total: \$2,000



Cornell Student United Way

After several years' hiatus, Cornell Student United Way re-organized in 2022-23, and last year was able to hold its first fundraising event to support our annual campaign. The proceeds were designated to programs for children & youth through our United Tompkins Impact Fund.

UNITED WE DO MORE: SUPPORTING ALICE AND 2-1-1

UW/211 ALICE Program

During the 5th year of this program, which addressed critical housing, transportation, childcare and medical expenses not covered by other programs, increased needs resulted in expending the donations designated to the program in both the 2023-24 and the 2024-25 campaigns – expending the resources as soon as pledges were submitted. Unfortunately, the program was halted on May 28 when these resources were exhausted. Dependent on donor gifts in 25-26, we sincerely hope to resume the program.



50%

OF TOMPKINS COUNTY
HOUSEHOLDS ARE ALICE

*ALICE is an acronym for

Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained, Employed

households who live below a “survival” budget threshold that is determined bi-annually by county.

211

Get Connected. Get Help.™



“The Human Services Coalition has been proud to partner with the United Way of Tompkins County on the United Way/211 ALICE Program...when there wasn’t another program available to help a household, the ALICE Program played a critical role by filling the gaps in a timely and straightforward way.”

John Mazzello
Deputy Director
Human Services Coalition

211 IN TOMPKINS COUNTY

United Way supports 2-1-1 services in Tompkins County by service agreement with Human Services Coalition which serves as administrator. We also provide administrative and all program support for the UW/2-1-1- ALICE Program.

\$108,495.34

TOTAL FUNDING

Top Needs Expressed to 211

(percent of all needs)

29.7%

Housing & Utilities

18.4%

Income Support/Assistance

includes VITA income tax prep registrations

13.2%

Transportation

8.4%

Health Care & Mental Health/
Substance Use

6.6%

Food

94%

REPORTED GETTING THE HELP THEY
NEEDED AFTER TALKING WITH 211.

Follow-up Feedback



When asked if they felt like the 211 specialist listened to them and understood their situation, clients rated 211 an average of **4.67 out of 5**.



When asked if the 211 specialist was easy to speak with and helpful, clients rated 211 an average of **4.68 out of 5**.



When asked how likely they would be to recommend 211 to a family member or friend, clients rated 211 an average of **4.66 out of 5**.

15,689

CONTACTS TO 211

Up 4.5% from
previous year

Up about 25%
from pre-pandemic
annual volume
figures

250

ALICE HOUSEHOLDS SERVED

UNITED WE DO MORE:

UNITED TOMPKINS IMPACT FUND



SUCCESS STORY

Adam* is a determined and hardworking individual who has always valued his independence. However, limited mobility since birth makes self-transportation a challenge. Thanks to transportation services provided by UWTC impact partner Gadabout, Adam now has a dependable ride to work each day. No longer worrying about how he'll get there, he has flourished at his job, earning promotions and building meaningful connections with colleagues. Beyond work, Adam can also utilize Gadabout to attend social events and assist other people with disabilities within the community. Access to transportation strengthens lives and our community!

*name changed to protect identity



Representative image, not actual subject

UWTC outcomes are set bi-annually and then organizations & programs that are vetted for their effectiveness at meeting those objectives are granted funds for our collective impact work.

Outcomes for 2024-2026 UTIF United
Tompkins Impact Fund

- O1: Households will receive quality and culturally informed childcare services, to include full-time, part-time and/or before and after school services: **1,911**
- O2: Children and/or Youth will have safe environments that promote healthy development: **27,454**
- O3: Children will be developmentally ready to enter Kindergarten: **22,786**
- O4: Youth will be developmentally ready to enter the workforce, vocational training, and/or higher education: **381**
- O5: Youth and/or adults will gain skills in self-sufficiency and decision making: **23,635**
- O6: Children and/or Youth will have access to health including mental health support services to promote their advancement: **1,311**
- O7: Parents, caretakers, and guardians will more effectively support children's wellness & development: **35,442**
- O8: Individuals in crisis will have access to emergency supportive housing: **422**
- O9: Individuals will receive services that help them obtain safe, affordable housing: **1,160**
- O10: Individuals will receive services that support maintaining safe & accessible housing: **1,047**
- O11: Individuals w/ immediate physical & mental health needs will receive quality care in a timely manner: **6,649**
- O12: Individuals will receive ongoing, consistent quality health (to include mental health) care: **4,608**
- O13: Individuals will receive access to providers and services that respect and value their identities: **44,508**
- O14: Individuals experiencing marginalization will receive appropriate services supporting self-determination and the ability to thrive: **19,165**
- O15: Individuals will gain access to services and support that address systemic discrimination and/or inequities: **19,334**
- O16: Individuals will receive nutritious meals – or the components for nutritious meals – to promote their well-being and decrease food insecurity: **25,325**
- O17: Individuals will receive services to help them overcome employment barriers and move towards a sustainable income: **1,985**
- O18: Individuals will receive transportation services to access health & human services, work, and/or learning opportunities: **56,263**

ORGANIZATION NAME
Program/Project or
Operational Support
Funding Amount

ADVOCACY CENTER OF TOMPKINS
COUNTY
Youth Services
\$6,400

CATHOLIC CHARITIES TOMPKINS/TIOGA
Samaritan Center
\$22,400

A Place To Stay
\$3,200

CHALLENGE WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS
Community Based Prevocational
Services/Supported
Employment
\$6,000

CHILD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Family Services
\$12,000

Enhancing Childcare & Safe
Summer Care
\$8,000

CIVIC ENSEMBLE
Operational Support
\$2,800

COMMUNITY DISPUTE RESOLUTION
CENTER
CDRC Mediation, Conflict
Coaching, and Circles
\$3,600

DOWNTOWN ITHACA CHILDREN'S
CENTER
Tuition Assistance
\$11,200

DRYDEN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
Dryden Summer Camp
\$1,600
Southworth Library Summer
Reading Programs
\$1,080

ENFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Enfield Summer Camp
\$2,400

Enfield Teen Program
\$2,400
Enfield After School Program
Scholarship Fund
\$1,200

Enfield Elementary Basketball
Program
\$400

FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICE OF
ITHACA
Open Doors Program
\$8,000
Counseling
\$8,000
Psychiatry
\$17,600

FAMILY READING PARTNERSHIP
Operational support
\$4,400

FINGER LAKES REUSE
ReSET: IT Job Skills Training
Skills for TC Residents with
Barriers
\$2,000

FINGER LAKES TOY LIBRARY
Operational Support
\$2,400

FOOD BANK OF THE SOUTHERN TIER
Tompkins Food Future
\$2,000

FOODNET MEALS ON WHEELS:
Operational Support
\$24,000

GADABOUT:
Operational Support
\$8,000

GO ITHACA
Easy Access Program
\$4,000

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY
GO Tutoring and Mentorship
\$7,200

GREATER ITHACA ACTIVITIES CENTER
GIAC Youth Program
\$20,000

GIAC Teen Program
\$8,000

GIAC Adult Program
\$4,000

Hospitality Employment
Training Program
\$6,400

GROTON COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
Groton Community Cupboard
\$4,000

Groton Recreation
\$1,600

Groton Youth Services
\$2,000

HEALTHY FOOD FOR ALL
Operational Support
\$16,000

HUMAN SERVICES COALITION OF
TOMPKINS COUNTY:
Continuum of Care Program,
including Coordinated Entry
\$8,000

ITHACA CHILDREN'S GARDEN
Teen Urban Farmers
\$3,200
ITHACA COMMUNITY CHILDCARE
CENTER
Early Childhood Mental Health
Support
\$12,000

ITHACA COMMUNITY GARDEN
Operational Support
\$1,600

ITHACA HEALTH ALLIANCE
Operational Support
\$28,000

ITHACA NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING
SERVICES
Minor Repairs Program
\$6,400

ITHACA WELCOMES REFUGEES
Global Roots Play School
\$4,000

LANSING LUNCHBOX
Bobcat Snacks
\$1,200

LEARNING WEB
Operational Support
\$20,000

LEGAL ASSISTANCE OF WESTERN
NEW YORK
Operational Support
\$3,200

LIFELONG
Operational support
\$4,400

LOAVES AND FISHES OF
TOMPKINS COUNTY
Operational Support
\$7,000

NEWFIELD COMMUNITY
ORGANIZATIONS
Newfield Kitchen Cupboard
\$2,000

Newfield Recreation Dept
Summer Day Camp
\$3,200

Newfield Public Library
Summer Reading Program
\$1,080

NO MAS LAGRIMAS
Operational Support
\$7,200

PALEONTOLOGICAL RESEARCH
INSTITUTION
Young Naturalist
Access Program
\$1,640

SALVATION ARMY
Operational Support
\$8,000

SCIENCENTER
Early Childhood Program and
Exhibits
\$4,000

SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER
Operational Support
\$6,400

SUICIDE CRISIS AND PREVENTION
SERVICE OF TOMPKINS COUNTY
LGBTQ Peer Support Line
\$8,000

TOMPKINS LEARNING PARTNERS
Adult Literacy Education
\$5,600

TRADITIONAL CENTER FOR
INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND
HEALING
Operational Support
\$4,000

ULYSSES/TRUMANSBURG
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
Town of Ulysses Recreation
Dept Summer Camp
\$2,400

Town of Ulysses Youth
Development Program
\$2,400

Trumansburg Food Pantry
\$2,400

Trumansburg After School
Program Tuition Assistance
\$1,600

Ulysses Philomathic Library
Summer Reading Program
\$400

VARNA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Enhanced Food Sharing
Cabinet
\$1,200

VILLAGE AT ITHACA
Operational Support
\$2,400

WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY CENTER
Resource Solutions
\$2,400

YMCA OF ITHACA AND TOMPKINS
COUNTY
Operational Support
\$15,000

TOTAL:
\$414,600



COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN 2024-25

UNITED WE DO MORE

As we reflect on our work this year as campaign co-chairs, we began with a simple but important question: Why? Why do we choose to invest our time in this way, and for this organization—United Way of Tompkins County?

There are thousands of reasons, but in summary: we are deeply rooted in the communities of Tompkins County, both as volunteers and professionals. Over the years, we have not only utilized services ourselves but have also referred colleagues and employees to seek the help they needed. We know firsthand that when basic needs such as housing, food, clothing, medical care, and mental health supports are met, our communities thrive. Meeting these needs creates space for people to be productive, safe, and healthy, strengthening the very fabric of our community.

Through conversations and our agency visits this year, we heard stories of resilience alongside stories of challenge. Agencies shared with us the reality of increasing demand for services while facing shifts in funding that make balancing budgets more difficult than ever. Delivering critical programs becomes increasingly challenging when needs are at an all-time high.

And yet, what always shines through is determination. We see heads held high, visions that are not lost, advocacy that never stops, and donors who continue to come through with generosity and heart. Individually, we can accomplish so much, but together, we can move mountains. Together, we can change lives. Together, we can create communities where every person can live, work, learn, and play with pride and opportunity. Thank you for celebrating with us, for standing strong with your neighbors, and for making this campaign a true reflection of the strength of Tompkins County.

With gratitude,

Alex Adelewitz *Sherri Koski*

Alex Adelewitz & Sherri Koski
United Way of Tompkins County Campaign Co-Chairs



Alex Adelewitz
Wegmans of Ithaca
2024-25 Campaign Co-Chair

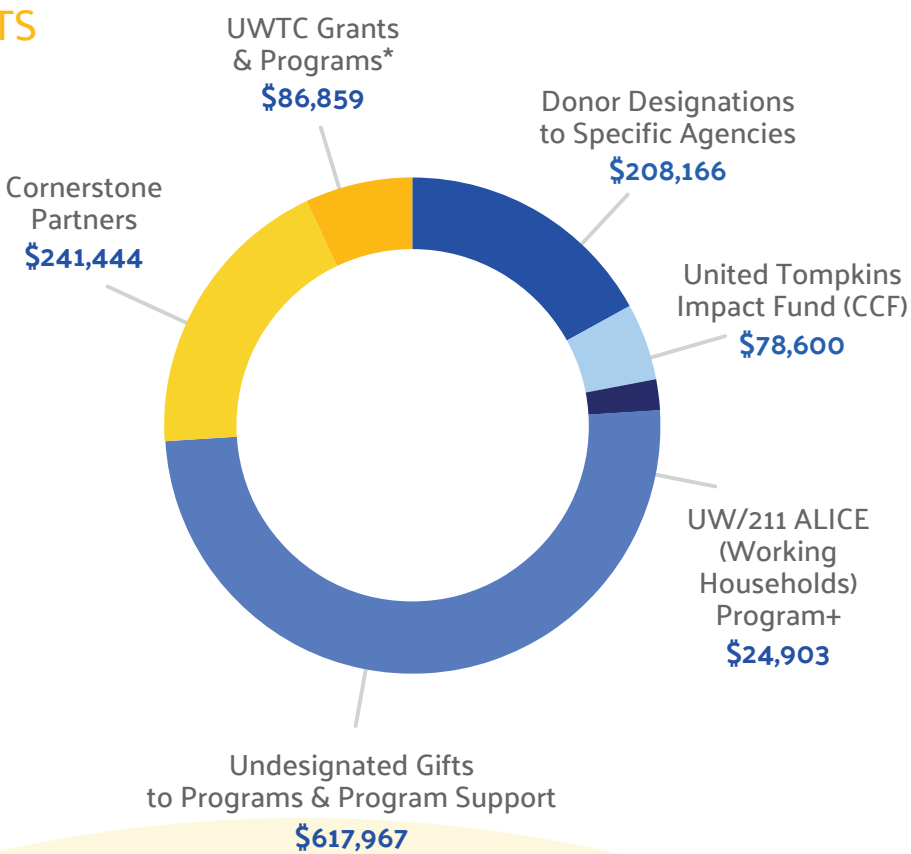


Sherri Koski
Ithaca Community Childcare Center
2024-25 Campaign Co-Chair

2024-25 CAMPAIGN RESULTS

PER DONOR CHOICE SELECTION

TOTAL RAISED
\$1,257,939



* Donor designations to Youth & Philanthropy, FOCUS, and UWTC impact areas
+ These campaign funds were fully expended to the program prior to 6/30/2025



UNITED WAY OF TOMPKINS COUNTY CORNERSTONE PARTNERS

Making the 100% Promise Possible

UWTC Cornerstone Partners provide the infrastructure upon which UWTC works and serves. This generous and committed group of individuals and employers join together and underwrite UWTC’s administrative costs so that 100% of all other donations can be used for needed programs and programs support.



TITANIUM
\$100,000 AND ABOVE







PLATINUM
\$50,000-\$99,999






DIAMOND
\$10,000-\$24,999







GOLD
\$5,000-\$9,999





DIAMOND CIRCLE
\$25,000-\$49,999





SILVER
\$1,500-\$4,999





BRONZE
\$500-\$1,499





PEARL
\$100-\$499



UNITED WE DO MORE:

OUR LEADERSHIP DONORS

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Joseph K Bylebyl
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Katherine Anderson & Max Pensky
Katherine Houpt
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Pat Johnson
Pat Wynn
Paul Nadasdy
Robert B & Sandra W Baxter
Sarah Tomei
Susan Merkel and Joseph Yavitt
Susan Schattschneider and Jeffrey True
The LaPierre Family
Thomas & Jane VanDerzee
Thomas and Katrina Overton
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Tim Oonk
Todd & Tracy Pfeiffer
Tom and Lisa LiVigne
Tom Hambury and Judith Nusbaum
Volker M Vogt
William & Barbara Fry

Livermore (\$700 - \$1199)

Adrian Lewis
Agnes Blakely
Alan & Susan Zehnder
Andrew Sciarabba
Anonymous (13)
Anu Rangarajan and Gregor Delisle
Barbara S. Romano
Beth Flynn-Ferry
Beth Kunz and David Flaten
Bill & June Gilligan
Bob and Michelle Delaney
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Brenda & Ron Bricker
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Charles & Linda Garbo
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D G Rossiter
Dave Kershaw
David & Barbara

David Stinson and Elizabeth Ashford
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Elizabeth Cameron
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John Mazzello & Erika Mudrak
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Kathryn Boor
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Laura Pollock
Leo Tohill and Irene Komor
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Lucinda Noble
Malte Ziewitz
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Moore Family Farm
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The Brockway Family
The Kuceyeski/Williams family
Valdis & Darcey Rigdon
Waid's Honey and Glenwood Farms
Wendell Norvell
Yukiko Katagiri

WHY UNITED WAY

The support provided by United Way and its donors to our mission driven sector helps to provide critical services to the most vulnerable members of our community. Through a process of assessing community needs and resources, then setting measurable outcomes as our priorities, we then seek the partners and projects that best help us achieve our impact goals. Mobilizing our community to action helps all people thrive!

In the fall of 2024, Nicole* came to Ithaca Free Clinic seeking help. She was homeless, did not have health insurance and suffered from a diagnosed condition of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Nicole had run out of her medication, had no money, and her physical and mental health were beginning to deteriorate. Working with Free Clinic staff and volunteers, she was able to get the medical care she needed by securing emergency Medicaid and obtaining a year's supply of medication not covered -but necessary - with an estimated market value of \$10,000. With volunteer support, Nicole began the process of qualifying for housing. The Free Clinic also provided a no-cost employment wellness exam to help Nicole secure a job. Today, she is healthy, happy, a resident of qualified housing, gainfully employed and reconnected with family members.



*Name changed to protect identity

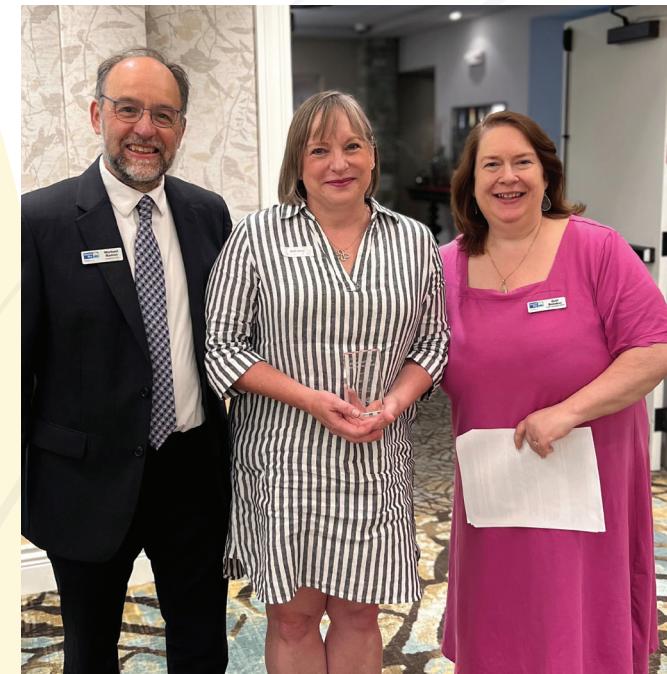


UNITED WE DO MORE

LYNNETTE SCOFIELD KEY CONTRIBUTOR AWARD: DRYDEN MUTUAL INSURANCE

The Lynnette Scofield Key Contributor award was presented to Dryden Mutual Insurance. This award, named to honor long-time UWTC volunteer Lynnette Scofield, recognizes a local business or organization that has played a pivotal role in helping UWTC carry out its mission. Dryden Mutual Insurance contributes a significant corporate gift to our United Way, but also to the fifteen (15) United Way's that serve communities in which they do business. They have established a workplace culture in which giving back through their United Way workplace campaign to our community and living out belief

in the positive change we can make collectively is a joy rather than an obligation. Dryden Mutual Insurance employee giving regularly stands at 100% and continues to grow even in these challenging times for individual households. We thank Dryden Mutual Insurance and it's employees for believing in and exemplifying the mutual interdependence that is shared between the business and mission driven sectors of our economy, and how we as individuals can come along others and lift each other up.



JEANNIE BARNABA UNSUNG HERO AWARD: **BETH KUNZ**

This year, we were saddened by the loss of UWTC Emeritus Director Jeannie Barnaba, and renamed our Unsung Hero Award in her memory. The award recognizes a UWTC volunteer who has gone above and beyond to serve their community in a way that might not be known to the public. Our 2025 Jeannie Barnaba Unsung Hero Award was presented to Beth Kunz of Cornell University. Beth, like Jeannie, has a long record of service to our work through the Cornell United Way connection. She has served on the Cornell UW team for around 25 years, and part of her role has been to keep the special events for the campus campaign moving forward. As shared by one of her Cornell UW teammates, "Beth has been an incredible gift to the community, integral to assisting with tabling at employee and athletics events, helping to organize the AppleFest fundraisers, and so many other events and activities. I don't know how we would have organized these events without her (and her daughter!)...and we never go without a laugh!" For many years Beth ran the annual online auction held in March for the Cornell campaign. This year, when UWTC wanted to begin an online auction in November, Beth volunteered additional time to set it up and train our team on how it all works. The event raised over \$5,000 and will now be an annual event. Thank you, Beth, for all the years and ways you've served "behind the scenes" in support of our community.

PAT STAGE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD: **VICKI DAVIS**

This annual award is given in honor of Pat Stage in order to recognize an United Way of Tompkins County volunteer who has given of his/her time, efforts, and support, "exceeding all expectations of what it means to be a volunteer." Our 2025 Pat Stage Volunteer of the Year Award recipient was Vicki Davis from Cornell University. Vicki reflects the innovation and personal engagement that we know is key to creating collective impact. In her role at Cornell with Facilities & Campus Services, Vicki has been the lead of the FCS United Way committee for all of its ten (10) years since it was conceived of by Rick Burgess, a former Cornell campaign co-chair. Over the past decade, Vicki has led several FUNdraisers for United Way that bring people together to break bread and enjoy each other's company. From the Cornell Chili Cook-off to weekly "Soup's Up" lunches featuring not only soups but bread and desserts made by Cornell staff to visits on campus by the Mega Moo Ice Cream truck to raise funds, Vicki and her teammates have raised over \$50K in the past ten years and created a work culture among the FCS team that is invaluable. We honor Vicki for leading the way in creating transformative, not transactional, experiences for Cornellians to engage in the impact we can achieve together!



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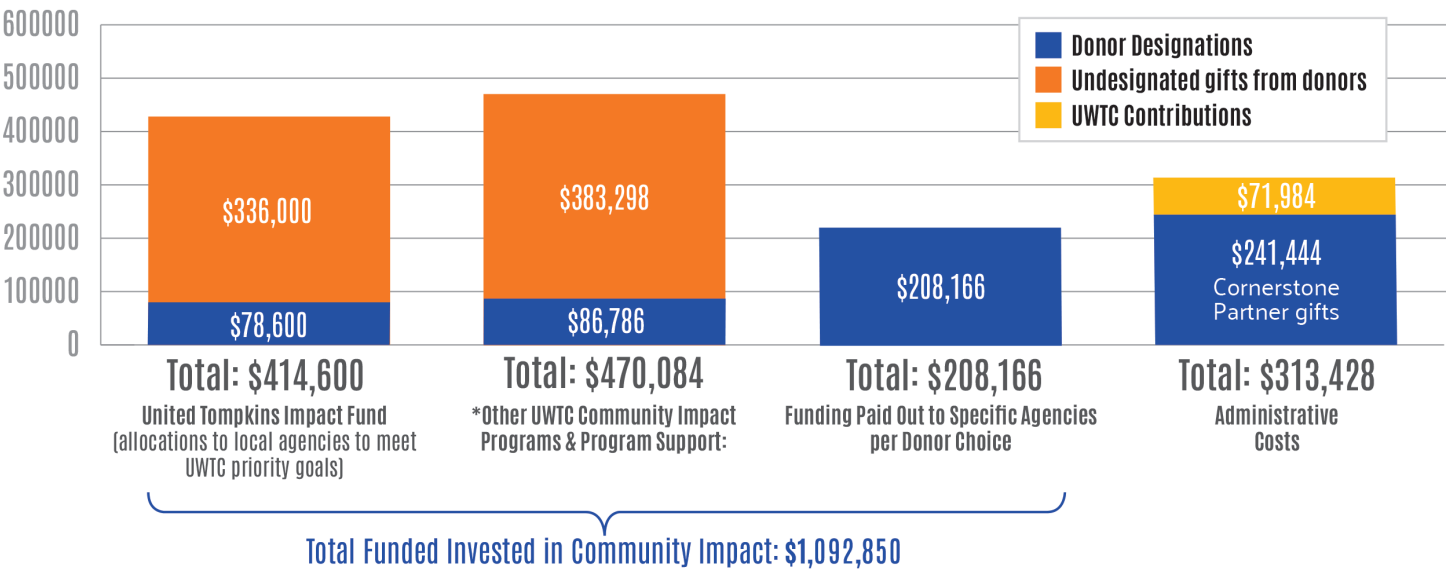


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2025-26

ORGANIZATIONAL BUDGET



*These include Youth & Philanthropy Programs & Grants, 2-1-1 Funding, Local Disaster Preparedness, Urgent Rx, Convening of Resources for Impact Partners, Flourishing of Marginalized Communities and Workforce Development “Tables” (Working Groups), and Staffing Costs tied to Program Support

2024-25

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	6/30/2025	6/30/2024
Current Assets	\$619,494	\$818,971
Long Term investments & Funds Held in Trust	\$643,607	\$647,627
Property and Equipment	\$7,858	\$9,081
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,270,959	\$1,475,679
Current and Non-Current Liabilities	\$68,303	\$92,582
Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	\$1,172,238	\$1,308,120
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	\$30,418	\$74,977
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$1,270,959	\$1,475,679

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$1,441,995	\$1,711,566
Program Services	\$1,169,933	\$1,301,783
Management and General	\$241,773	\$279,505
Fundraising	\$210,730	\$231,968
TOTAL GRANTS AND EXPENSES	\$1,622,436	\$1,813,256

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(\$180,441)	(\$101,690)
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Audited financials were prepared by Sciarabba Walker & Co, LLP and are filed with the IRS and NY State and are available to anyone in our offices or upon request. You may receive our last financial report at: www.uwtc.org
You may receive additional information on charitable organizations at: NY Office of the Attorney General (www.charitiesnys.com) (212-416-8401)

UNITED WE RISE

2025-26 COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN



100% of donors' gifts go to programs and services; all processing fees and administrative costs are covered by UWTC and our UWTC Cornerstone Partners.

First Name Last Name Suffix

Home Address: City: State: ZIP:

Email: Personal Phone:

☐ Retiree ☐ I will retire in the next 12 months

Company Name

Please combine my gift with my spouse/partner's contribution.

Name:

Employer:

Acknowledgement:

How would you prefer for UWTC to acknowledge your gift?

☐ Same as above ☐ Anonymous
☐ As listed here: _____

Pledge Amount:

\$

☐ Payroll Deduction

Number of Pay Periods:

☒ 24 ☐ 26 ☐ 52 ☐ Other _____

Amount per Pay Period:

\$ _____

☐ Bill Me

Payment Schedule:

For CC/ Debit/
ACH/ Bill Me

☐ One Time

☐ Quarterly

Starting Month: _____

☐ Monthly

Starting Month: _____

of months: _____

All quarterly and monthly payments are run on
or after the 15th

☐ Payment Enclosed

please make checks payable to:
United Way of Tompkins County

Desired Payment Method

☐ Credit/Debit ☐ ACH

Routing #: _____ (ACH Only)

Account #: _____ (Cards & ACH)

CVV: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Zip Code: _____

My pledge will be fulfilled by payment directed by me from

☒ Donor Advised Fund with _____

☐ Individual Retirement Acct with _____

☐ Please contact me about a stock gift.

Signature: _____

☐ Please make this a perpetual pledge unless I notify UWTC otherwise via a new pledge or other communication.

Thank you for supporting our community by giving through UWTC! Unless you wish to designate, you are all set!
We will invest your gift in our four impact areas where it is needed most.

01 HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Improving health and well-being
for all

02 YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

Helping young people realize
their full potential

03 FINANCIAL SECURITY

Creating a stronger financial
future for every generation

04 COMMUNITY RESILIENCY

Addressing urgent needs today
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GET INVOLVED. GIVE BACK. TAKE ACTION.

Designate Your Gift to UWTC's United Tompkins Impact Fund

100% of your gift goes to impact partners who run programs to meet our objectives in these areas:

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Improving health and well-being for all

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Helping young people realize their full potential

03 FINANCIAL SECURITY

Creating a stronger financial future for every generation

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Addressing urgent needs today for a better tomorrow

☐ I wish to designate \$_____ to the United Tompkins Impact Fund.

Designate Your Gift to A Specific Area of Impact

Please note the United Tompkins Impact Fund supports all of these areas except for the Cornerstone Program; however, if you wish you can instead focus your gift to one of these areas as you indicate below:



☐ \$ _____
Nutrition and Food Security



☐ \$ _____
Childhood and Youth Success



☐ \$ _____
Whole Health and Well Being



☐ \$ _____
Mental Health Support



☐ \$ _____
Supporting Safe and Affordable Housing



☐ \$ _____
Workforce Development



☐ \$ _____
Support for People Living Below a Sustainable Income



☐ \$ _____
UWTC Cornerstone gift making our impact work possible

Designate Your Gift to A Specific Organization(s)

Please note your designated agency must be a 501c3 or other charitable organization and be in compliance with the Patriot Act. Otherwise, your gift will be changed to "undesignated" and used where it is needed most in Tompkins County.

Other United Way: ☐ I wish to designate \$ _____ to United Way in _____
(List County and State)

Other Organizations: ☐ I wish to designate \$ _____ to _____
☐ I wish to designate \$ _____ to _____
☐ I wish to designate \$ _____ to _____

My total designations (UTIF + Impact Areas + Specific Agencies) = \$

Any additional pledge after the above will go to "undesignated" and be used where needed most

Please contact us at campaign@uwtc.org or 607-500-GIVE with any questions.