

# WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Opportunity or **barrier**



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**LEADERSHIP**  
**GIVING**



# LEADERSHIP GIVING



Your Leadership Gift is the  
**KEY** that turns barriers into  
**OPPORTUNITIES.**

## **United, we can work towards ending poverty.**

Local leaders like you have been a vital piece of the social safety net that has helped push through many challenges in Niagara's shared history. Yet, there are still too many in our community struggling behind closed doors without access to critical support, when and where they need it.

It is no secret that we are facing an unparalleled social crisis. We are asking you to be a part of the effort to lift local people out of poverty, because it is going to take more than one person, organization or agency to do it. A strong social safety net, comprised of a network of agencies, is more critical than ever.

United Way funding is the backbone of Niagara's social safety net, funding programs that **1 in 4 people** in Niagara will access in their lifetime. It is only with your support that we can break down barriers and continue opening doors for those in need of support.

**Leadership Gifts are the key to strengthening the social safety net provided by United Way funding.**

**United we** address the challenges of today – meeting basic, urgent needs – while building a stronger community for everyone who lives here, paving the way for a better tomorrow.

**Will you join us?**



## Our community urgently needs your help.

Leadership Donors are a driving force for change through United Way Niagara. A gift of \$1,200 or more will be put to work in our community, helping to meet basic, urgent needs – like food, housing and mental health supports – while also tackling long-term systemic change to create stronger, more resilient neighbourhoods.

A Leadership Gift provides invaluable support for essential programs and services through a network of more than 90 agencies across the Niagara region, which helped over 175,000 people last year.

**Did you know that over 450 individuals make Leadership Gifts to United Way Niagara every year?**

## What your Leadership Gift can do.

**\$1,200** can provide emergency shelter for a family experiencing homelessness.

**\$2,500** can provide three at-risk youth with supports to secure housing and financial stability.

**\$5,000** can provide mental health support to 278 people in crisis.

**LOCAL GIVING. 100% LOCAL IMPACT.**

"When we first moved to Niagara, Bev and I both felt a desire to get involved and help our new community. Our family has been blessed, but we recognize that local friends and neighbours have barriers stopping them from truly thriving. Supporting our community at the Leadership level and volunteering are just some ways that we can open doors for people in need. We hope that others will join us. Together we can break down barriers and create opportunities so everyone might love where they live, work and play."

**Chris Dyer**

Regional Vice President, BMO  
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**Chris & Bev Dyer**  
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## 2022 LEADERSHIP HONOUR ROLL

Leadership Donors are part of an unstoppable force for change.  
A gift of \$1,200 or more powers our work in the community.

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# EXCELLENCE IN WORKPLACE LEADERSHIP GIVING

Recognizing organizations with five or more personal Leadership Gifts of \$1,200 and above.

Brock University .....	49	General Motors St. Catharines Propulsion Plant .....	8
Ontario Public Service .....	14	Niagara Health .....	8
Niagara Regional Police Service .....	13	Niagara Region .....	7
Canada Border Services Agency .....	12	Rankin Construction Inc. ....	6
Niagara College Canada .....	12	MNP LLP .....	5
Wormald Masse Keen Lopinski LLP .....	12	RBC Dominion Securities .....	5
Algoma Central Corporation .....	9	Stolk Construction Ltd. ....	5

## ONE GIFT. SIGNIFICANT IMPACT.

In 2022, United Way investments in life-changing community programs delivered by the following agencies impacted the lives of **175,398 people**.

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Attachment and Trauma Centre for Healing (ATTCH) Niagara\*  
 Autism Ontario - Niagara Region Chapter  
 Bethlehem Housing and Support Services\*  
 BGC Niagara (Boys and Girls Club Niagara)  
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Niagara  
 Birchway Niagara  
 Bridges Community Health Centre\*  
 Canadian Mental Health Association  
 Community Care of St. Catharines & Thorold  
 Community Care of West Niagara\*  
 Community Living Grimsby, Lincoln and West Lincoln  
 Community Living Port Colborne - Wainfleet  
 COPE - Community Outreach Program  
 Fort Erie  
 Crystal Ridge Community Church  
 Crystal Ridge Dream Center\*  
 Cultivating Hope Foundation\*  
 Distress Centre Niagara  
 Epilepsy Niagara  
 Faith Welland Outreach\*  
 Family Counselling Centre  
 Family Mental Health Support Network of Niagara  
 Food4kids Niagara\*  
 Fort Erie Multicultural Centre  
 Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre  
 Gateway Residential and Community Support\*  
 Gillian's Place\*

Golden Harvest Baptist Church  
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 Heartland Forest Nature Experience\*  
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 Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region  
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 Meals on Wheels Niagara Falls  
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 Migrant Farmworkers Project\*  
 Newark Neighbours  
 Niagara Centre for Independent Living  
 Niagara Chapter Native Women  
 Niagara Falls Community Health Centre  
 Niagara Falls Public Library Board\*  
 Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre\*  
 Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre (CARSA Inc.)  
 Niagara Regional Learning Centre  
 Niagara Regional Native Centre\*  
 Niagara SPCA and Humane Society\*  
 Niagara Women's Enterprise Centre  
 Niagara Worship Centre\*  
 Open Arms Mission\*  
 Port Cares  
 Positive Living Niagara  
 Project Share

Quest Community Health Centre  
 Ridgeway Lions Club  
 Salvation Army Fort Erie  
 Shepherds Heart/Fallsview Church  
 Silver Spire United Church  
 Southridge  
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 Strong Fort Erie Neighbourhoods\*  
 The Bridge Missional Communities\*  
 The Embrace Centre  
 The FORT  
 (Foundation of Resources for Teens)  
 The Hope Centre  
 The RAFT  
 (Niagara Resource Service for Youth)  
 Thorold Community Activities Group  
 Victim Services Niagara\*  
 West Lincoln Community Care\*  
 West Niagara Palliative Care Services (Rose Cottage)  
 Westview Centre4Women\*  
 YMCA of Niagara  
 YWCA Niagara Region\*

\*Organization received Special Project Funding in 2022

To help address gaps in services, United Way also provides a number of community initiatives, **helping thousands** of local people every day.



After School Matters  
 Backpacks for Kids  
 Growing Communities

Hygiene Kits  
 Niagara Community Garden Network  
 Niagara Food Security Network

Period Promise  
 Welcome Home Kits