



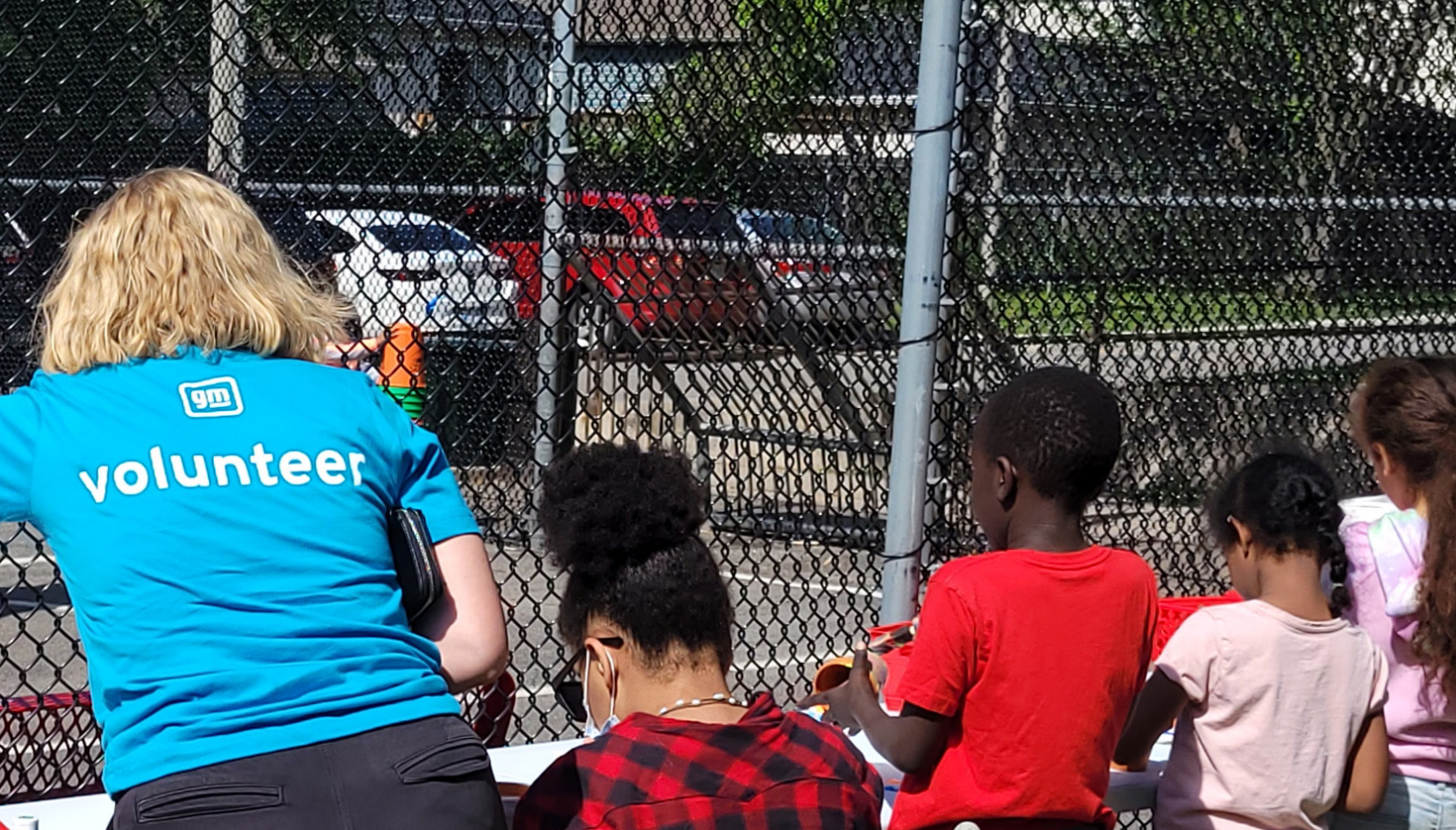
**United Way**  
**Niagara**

**2022 IMPACT REPORT**

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**BETTER  
TOGETHER**





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## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

United Way Niagara is honoured to acknowledge that Niagara is situated on lands and waters protected by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum covenant and by diverse treaties. This land is steeped in the rich history of the First Nations such as the Hatiwendaronk, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishinaabe, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. There are many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people from across Turtle Island that live and work in Niagara today. United Way Niagara stands with all Indigenous people, past and present, in promoting the wise stewardship of the lands on which we live, share, work and gather. ~ Miigwech Chi-miigwech (Thank you)

# WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

Despite overcoming immense challenges over the last several years, many challenges remain - an overwhelmed social service sector, staggering inflation, a worsening housing crisis and lingering mental health challenges. In the face of this adversity, the Niagara community has come together to support the most vulnerable among us. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors and volunteers, and the resilience of our funded agency partners, we have begun to build back better. Together, our efforts have strengthened the support network of vital social service programs and provided new opportunities and partnerships, all working together to create lasting, sustainable impact - when and where it's needed most.

We all want our community to be the best it can be, so when we asked you to join us, you answered. Because of you, United Way Niagara has the privilege to invest in impactful programs, supporting people from all walks of life, and giving them opportunities to thrive. We are grateful for your trust and confidence in our work. Thanks to you, we have reached a new fundraising record, raising \$5,270,000 in 2022. This milestone could not come at a better time. Our network of social services needs us now more than ever. We are proud to invest funds in 143 high-impact programs, which have served 175,398 people right here in Niagara in 2022. The record setting fundraising campaign and the most individuals ever supported in one year speak to both the incredible generosity of our community and the urgent need for support.

Focused on emerging issues, we expanded our impact through exciting new initiatives and grants. With food security becoming an increasing concern, we were proud to administer the new Food Support Grant and launch an exciting new partnership with Niagara College for our Garden Hub, providing fresh, locally grown produce to the community. We plan to continue to innovate and find new ways to impact our community through in-depth research and meaningful advocacy.

One thing is clear as we reflect on our progress, successes, and strengthened partnerships - we couldn't do this alone. We are surrounded by extraordinary people dedicated to making Niagara the best it can be. On behalf of the United Way Board and team, we thank you for your acts of local love. **We are better together.**

Gratefully,



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Frances Hallworth".

**Frances Hallworth**  
CEO



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeff Klassen".

**Jeff Klassen**  
Board Chair

# AGENTS OF CHANGE

Volunteers make our mission a reality. We thank all of our volunteers for their time and dedication to making Niagara a better place for everyone. In addition to the volunteers listed here, we thank the more than 300 workplace and event volunteers who assist United Way throughout the year.

## 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**LOCAL LOVE  
IN ACTION**



## 2022 CAMPAIGN RESULTS

"It has been my pleasure to serve as the 2022 Campaign Chair. I am inspired by the generosity of the donors and volunteers who have not only met the challenge of our five million dollar fundraising goal, but who dug deep to exceed it substantially. Thank you to each and every one of you for your commitment to making Niagara a better place for everyone who lives here."

**Sean Kennedy, Campaign Chair**  
President, Niagara College Canada



### WITH YOUR SUPPORT...

**\$5,270,000** raised



Investing in **143** impactful programs supporting people in all walks of life



More than **90** partnerships with agencies and community service organizations



Supporting **8** collaborations and community initiatives



Resulting in **175,398** lives changed.



## PARTNER INVESTMENTS

Our Community Investment Process allows United Way to invest in the most pressing and complex human and social needs facing our community. Our investments are allocated through three priority areas: All That Kids Can Be, Poverty To Possibility and Strong Communities. Each funding stream provides annual funding to programs that address the root causes of a complex array of interconnected social issues. Applications are evaluated by a panel of dedicated volunteers and funding recommendations are approved by the volunteer Board of Directors, to ensure that our donors' contributions are invested where they can create the greatest impact.

### ALL THAT KIDS CAN BE

Investing in programs that encourage children and youth to reach their full potential.

### POVERTY TO POSSIBILITY

Investing in programs that meet basic human needs and move people out of poverty.

### STRONG COMMUNITIES

Investing in programs that create safe and inclusive communities for vulnerable adults.







"Food With Friends" volunteers preparing a take-away meal for individuals in need in Port Colborne. The program expanded due to high demand with support from United Way's Special Project Fund. The meals are now available year-round.

## UNITED WAY'S 2022 FUNDED PARTNERS:

211

Attachment and Trauma Centre for Healing (ATTCH) Niagara\*  
Autism Ontario - Niagara Region Chapter  
Bethlehem Housing and Support Services\*  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Niagara Falls, Fort Erie and South Niagara\*  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of North & West Niagara  
Birchway Niagara (formerly Women's Place of South Niagara)  
BGC Niagara (Boys and Girls Club Niagara)  
Bridges Community Health Centre\*  
Canadian Mental Health Association  
CNIB  
Community Care of St. Catharines & Thorold  
Community Care of West Niagara\*  
Community Living Grimsby, Lincoln and West Lincoln  
Community Living Port Colborne - Wainfleet  
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\*  
The FORT (Foundation of Resources for Teens)  
Fort Erie Multicultural Centre  
Gateway Residential and Community Support\*  
Gillian's Place\*  
Heartland Forest Nature Experience\*  
Holy Trinity Welland\*  
Horse Cents for Kids\*  
InCommunities\*  
Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre\*  
Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region  
Links for Greener Learning\*  
Mainstream

March of Dimes Canada  
Meals on Wheels Niagara Falls  
Meals on Wheels Port Colborne  
Niagara Centre for Independent Living  
Niagara Falls Public Library Board\*  
Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre\*  
Niagara Regional Native Centre\*  
Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre (CARSA Inc.)  
Niagara Regional Learning Centre  
Niagara SPCA and Humane Society\*  
Niagara Women's Enterprise Centre  
Niagara Worship Centre\*  
Open Arms Mission\*  
Port Cares  
Positive Living Niagara  
Quest Community Health Centre  
Southridge  
St. James & St. Brendan Anglican Church\*  
St. John Ambulance\*  
St. Vincent de Paul  
St. Vincent de Paul - St. Michael's Conference\*  
Start Me Up Niagara\*  
Start2Finish Canada\*  
Strive Niagara  
Strong Fort Erie Neighbourhoods\*  
The Bridge Missional Communities\*  
The Hope Centre  
The RAFT (Niagara Resource Service for Youth)  
Migrant Farmworkers Project\*  
Victim Services Niagara\*  
West Lincoln Community Care\*  
West Niagara Palliative Care Services (Rose Cottage)  
Westview Centre4Women\*  
Willow Arts Community\*  
YMCA of Niagara  
YWCA Niagara Region\*

\*Organization received Special Project Funding in 2022. The Special Project Fund provides grants for innovative projects on a short-term basis, to assist in emergency situations, support organizational capacity and for projects addressing emerging community needs. This funding is separate from United Way's annual Community Investments, allowing us to respond to emergency needs quickly, outside of our traditional annual funding streams.

**Special Project Funding is made possible by the generosity of The Branscombe Family Foundation.**



# FOOD SUPPORT GRANT

Driven by soaring rents, and a nearly 10 per cent\* increase in food costs, more people than ever before turned to community food programs last year in order to make ends meet. For many in Niagara, these programs provide the only accessible source of food for themselves and their families. Faced with an incredible surge in demand, local food programs struggled to keep up.

Recognizing the need, local philanthropists and long-time United Way supporters, Greg and Diane Slaight, came forward to offer critical support for local food programs through United Way. The Slaight's transformational one million dollar donation created the United Way Niagara Food Support Grant, to be distributed over three years. The first-round of funding provided immediate relief to many local community food programs in 2022.

*"We are deeply honoured and grateful to the Slaights for the trust they have placed in United Way to ensure these vital funds make an immediate impact for those in need in Niagara. We hear every day about the increasing number of people, from children to seniors, seeking support from food programs and the challenges our community partners are facing in addressing the growing need. This gift will be instrumental in helping to ensure that emergency food programs will be able to better meet the increased demand over the next three years."* – Frances Hallworth, CEO

*\*According to Statistics Canada Consumer Price Index 2022 annual review*



*"The Welland breakfast program expanded to serve vulnerable folks seven days a week due to the increase in need last year. The Food Support Grant funding we received is a blessing that will allow us to continue to serve meals and support our vulnerable friends in Welland. We are very grateful."*

**Jim Butts, Program Coordinator**  
*Holy Trinity Church Welland Breakfast Program*

## 2022 GRANT RECIPIENTS:

Bethlehem Housing and Support Services  
Bridges Community Health Centre  
Community Living  
Port Colborne - Wainfleet  
**Feed Niagara Partners:**  
Community Care St. Catharines & Thorold  
Community Care of West Niagara  
Grimsby Benevolent Fund  
Newark Neighbours  
Port Cares  
Project Share  
Salvation Army Fort Erie  
The Hope Centre  
Food4Kids Niagara  
Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre

Holy Trinity Welland  
Links for Greener Learning  
Migrant Farmworkers Project  
Niagara Chapter Native Women  
Niagara Falls Community Health Centre  
Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre  
Niagara Worship Centre  
Open Arms Mission  
Shepherds Heart/Fallsview Church  
Silver Spire United Church  
St. Vincent de Paul,  
St. Alfred's Conference  
Start Me Up Niagara  
*Strong Fort Erie Neighbourhoods,*  
*Feeding Fort Erie Partners:*  
COPE - Community Outreach Program  
Fort Erie

Crystal Ridge Community Church  
Crystal Ridge Dream Center  
Golden Harvest Baptist Church  
Hot Meals, Warm Hearts  
Meals on Wheels  
Ridgeway Lions Club  
Salvation Army, Fort Erie  
St. Vincent de Paul, St. George's Church  
St. Vincent de Paul, St. Michael's Church  
The Embrace Centre  
Thorold Community Activities Group  
West Niagara Palliative Care Services  
(Rose Cottage)  
Westview Centre4Women  
YWCA Niagara Region



# SENIORS HEALTH & WELL-BEING FUND

The Seniors Health & Well-being Fund was created to help support low-income seniors facing health, medical and or well-being challenges in Niagara. The fund is made possible thanks to Greg and Diane Slaight, Greygates Foundation, David S. Howes Fund at the Niagara Community Foundation, Rose City Seniors Foundation and the generous legacy of Clara Crawford.

## HOW IT'S HELPING



*"I was having multiple falls in my home but I had no means to pay for a walker. United Way was able to assist and provide me with a sense of security. I'm living in my home and going out in my community feeling confident with my new walker."*



*"With the support of United Way I was able to afford a Pocket Talker, a portable device that helps a person like me to hear. United Way has provided me with the opportunity to attend social events with the ability to hear."*



*"As a low income senior I didn't have the money required to buy my glasses. United Way was able to assist when no one else would. I'm thankful that United Way could help."*



**Alesha Ashington**

Dental Health Community Worker  
Niagara Falls Community Health Centre

## IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE FOR SENIORS IN NIAGARA

*"Many of my clients face financial barriers, struggle to access care and afford basic necessities. As their Community Worker, this program has impacted my clients in a positive way, by improving their quality of life. I have noticed an increase in my clients' self-confidence and overall happiness. This program has allowed them to maintain their independence. By not relying on family members to fulfill the everyday duties of life, these individuals do not feel like a burden to others."*

# UNITED WAY'S COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

In addition to our annual investments through community partners, United Way facilitates a number of our own Community Initiatives. Each was developed to fill a gap in available services in Niagara and address unmet needs. They are designed to support and strengthen the services offered by our community partners and the social service sector as a whole.



**After School Matters** is a network of free, recreational and educational after school programs in underserved communities across the region. 450 youth formed friendships, enjoyed healthy food and learned valuable life skills last year.



**Backpacks for Kids** provides fully stocked backpacks to children in need from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Packed by volunteers and distributed through schools and agency partners, 2,100 children and youth received backpacks last year.



**Growing Communities (GC)** focuses on increasing access to healthy food for everyone in Niagara. By growing fresh produce and distributing through community partners, GC is one more way that we're combatting food insecurity.



**Hygiene Kits** provide community service providers with personal hygiene items for shelters, individuals experiencing homelessness, students and families who may not have regular access. With special thanks to The Anita Project, 2,740 hygiene kits were distributed last year.



**Period Promise** works to end period poverty in Niagara, an issue affecting thousands. The initiative aims to make period products free and accessible to those who need them. Last year, roughly 5,000 people in Niagara benefited from this initiative.



**Niagara Community Garden Network** supports and provides resources to agencies and organizations hosting community gardens. Currently, United Way supports community garden plots, serving over 1,500 people in Niagara.



**Welcome Home Kits** provide the basic household supplies people need when transitioning from shelters to permanent housing. Kits lessen the financial burden of starting over by providing the materials required to cook and serve meals and to attend to personal hygiene.



**211** is a telephone helpline that serves as a gateway to community, social, health, and government services. Last year, 211 connected callers with the resources available by identifying more than 25,000 needs such as housing, food and mental health supports.



## COMMUNITY INITIATIVE SPOTLIGHT:

### GROWING COMMUNITIES

#### **United Way Garden Hub, Improving Access to Healthy Food**



2022 Campaign Chair and NC President, Sean Kennedy (L) and Dr. Marc Nantel, NC Vice President, Research and External Relations (R), were instrumental in seeing the Garden Hub come to life. Pictured with Frances Hallworth, United Way Niagara CEO.

In the fall of 2022, Niagara College Canada (NC) and United Way Niagara announced an expanded partnership that aims to increase food security in Niagara. The United Way Niagara Garden Hub, situated at NC's Daniel J. Patterson Campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake, is an expansive community garden that is supporting food programs locally and providing educational opportunities for residents.

The impressive 37 bed garden grows food and improves affordable, healthy food access for marginalized individuals and families. The inaugural growing season saw a yield of well over 1,000 pounds of fresh produce which was distributed to community partners and fresh food markets across the region, reaching the tables of hundreds of families.



**Garden Hub produced  
1,179 lbs of produce  
shared with 12  
community partners**

**130 Pop-Up Markets  
ran in 2022 and  
provided fresh food  
to 5,200 people**

#### **Garden Hub Supports Regular Community Pop-Up Produce Markets**

In partnership with over 20 local agencies and groups, United Way has been able to support the launch of community-led Pop-Up Produce Markets, occurring on a regular basis in underserved neighbourhoods. The markets, funded by Niagara Region through the Niagara Prosperity Initiative, have been a success, providing more than 32,000 lbs of fresh healthy food to individuals and families experiencing food insecurity - barrier-free! The Garden Hub's own fresh grown produce will continue to support these initiatives going forward.



Markets funded by:  
**Niagara Region**



## ALL THAT KIDS CAN BE

# 32,521

unique children and youth served in 2022  
as a result of your support!



## 31,650

children and youth improved their physical  
and/or emotional well-being



## 2,774

children and youth improved their  
connectedness and community involvement



## 2,326

children and youth improved their  
engagement in learning

*"As a parent, I understand the importance of good nutrition. I am honored to be part of a program that assists families and children in getting a nutritious start to the day. I've witnessed the impact filling foods can make. These kids are better prepared to learn and focus." - Nutrition Program Volunteer*

### INVESTING LOCALLY IN:

Abuse prevention

Advocacy

After school programs

Basic needs

Emergency shelter

Employment support

Family counselling

Food and nutrition

Transitional housing support

Tutoring and literacy training

Young parent supports

Youth mentoring

### SPOTLIGHT ON SPECIAL PROJECTS



**Play Therapy**, supported by United Way, is a program guided by a trained therapist and used to explore emotions and deal with unresolved trauma for children. Funding provided care to 18 children in urgent need last year - victims of abuse and neglect and witnesses to violence. Through play, children can learn new coping mechanisms and how to redirect inappropriate behaviors as they recover.



**Food4Kids** summer food program was able to increase capacity, supporting an additional 75 children, thanks to United Way last year. The program operates during the summer, when school nutrition programs are not available, providing weekly food packages to low-income families in Niagara. This ensures that families in need face no interruption to a stable food supply during summer months.



## MENTORSHIP MATTERS FOR YOUTH IN NIAGARA

Teaching kids early about how to make healthy choices, handle life's challenges and prepare for school and adulthood can set them on the path to success. Supportive programs that do this are especially vital to children and families living in poverty. Research shows childhood adversity linked to poverty often leads to negative outcomes in adulthood, which can result in a continued cycle of poverty. Adverse childhood experiences (ACE) stem from a variety of life situations, and make the need for organizations like Big Brothers Big Sisters vital for some.

*"Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring programs offer children and youth the opportunity to spend time with a caring adult role model. We see how crucial significant relationships with supportive adults are to healthy child development. Mentors can help young people gain confidence, reinforce the importance of staying in school, help them to develop social skills, and so much more! Big Brothers Big Sisters relies on support from the community to operate, and United Way Niagara continues to be a great supporter and partner!"*

- Erin Graybiel, Executive Director  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Niagara

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO BOTH BIGS & LITTLES

Good role models can make lifelong impressions on how children will handle the difficult situations that they will inevitably face in life. For young individuals who could benefit from an adult role model, mentoring programs can provide a crucial lifeline. The Big Brothers Big Sisters mentorship program strives to reach young people who face adversity and need an additional supportive relationship.

Mentorship matches are impactful for both the mentor and the mentee. Mentor John Kang was raised by his mother, so he is familiar with the challenges of growing up without a father in his life. His mother worked hard and made sure he had every opportunity to participate in his community but when she passed away suddenly a few years ago, the loss forced him to take a good look at his own life. He was faced with questions like "What relationships do I have to be proud of?" and "What do I want my legacy to be?" To honour his mother's legacy of giving back and prepare himself to be a father someday, he began the process of becoming a match in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.



John was matched with Kieran nearly two years ago and has enjoyed every minute. The program makes matches based on common interests, personalities and so much more. The two connected from the beginning over a common love of music. "I picked him up that first day and I asked if he wanted to listen to something on the radio, and handed him the control – his face lit up and I knew – okay music, awesome!"



*"Kieran used to talk about difficulties at school with his peers. He explained that he used to have trouble handling his emotions and would just explode sometimes. Nowadays those stories are replaced with self-reflection and emotional maturity. He has grown so much in such a short time. It's very rewarding to know he's comfortable with me, to say whatever is on his mind. We have built a really good foundation of trust. He is an amazing kid. So enthusiastic, so kind, so generous. I honestly couldn't ask for a better match."*

- John Kang, Mentor



*"I struggled in high school and never graduated. Since connecting with a tutor at Niagara Regional Literacy Council, I've been working towards completing my GED. My confidence is improving and I'm excited to explore new employment opportunities."*

## POVERTY TO POSSIBILITY

# 36,178

unique individuals served in 2022 as a result of your support!



# 43,588

individuals improved their food security



# 502

individuals improved their employment and/or financial security



# 426

individuals improved their housing stability

### INVESTING LOCALLY IN:

Emergency food

Emergency shelter

Employment supports

Financial literacy training

Food literacy/education

Food waste reduction

Fresh food programs

Housing supports

Income supports

Literacy training

Meal programs

Outreach supports

### SPOTLIGHT ON SPECIAL PROJECTS



**Mini Mobile Closet** provides immediate access to seasonal new and used clothing to people experiencing a clothing crisis, making clothing more accessible where and when it is needed by frontline workers. The program assisted 2,081 people in crisis with clothing last year; including individuals experiencing homelessness, domestic violence survivors, shelter residents and hospital patients.



**Urban Indigenous Homeward Bound** provides innovative wrap-around services designed to help inadequately housed or homeless Indigenous mother-led families to earn college diplomas, start careers, and achieve economic self-sufficiency. Last year, the rent subsidy program supported by United Way helped 57 mother-led families in Niagara.



## TRANSITIONAL HOUSING - MORE THAN JUST SHELTER

Transitional housing is a vital temporary accommodation that is meant to bridge the gap from homelessness to permanent housing by offering structured support programs and services. Transitional housing is second-stage shelter, helping people secure permanent housing and rebuild their lives with confidence.

Bethlehem Housing & Support Services (BHSS) runs a comprehensive Transitional Housing Program, one that United Way is proud to invest in thanks to the dedicated support of our donors. "It's a long journey for many of our residents," says Lori Beech, Executive Director of BHSS. "Our supportive programs and staff are there to walk alongside residents every step of the way, helping them to make positive changes and get back on track." Securing housing is never simple, every situation is unique.

The program, at its core, is client centered and uses trauma informed practices to support each resident's unique challenges. Those who enter the program are provided with ongoing personal support, supplemented rent, life skills, education opportunities, income support, legal support and the list goes on.

Transitional housing is a critical step in securing housing. People can find themselves experiencing homelessness for any number of reasons, and the key to finding housing stability again is being prepared to face life's challenges. With a 95 per cent success rate, transitional housing does just that.



## SUPPORTING FAMILIES

Sophia made the difficult decision to leave her home in the Caribbean in order to escape the abuse she had been experiencing with her partner. Determined to build a new life for her and her two young daughters, Sophia was granted refugee status with the help of a friend. Although they had very little, Sophia was overjoyed to be with her daughters in Canada. Living arrangements became difficult and Sophia started moving from shelter to shelter throughout the Niagara region. Her thoughts consumed her as she felt the opportunities and goals in her life deteriorate. With no one to talk to and no guidance available, she started to lose hope in herself. Sophia found BHSS and felt relief and excitement when she was accepted into Bethlehem Place, a transitional supportive housing program.



*"Under the guidance of my support worker, I was able to achieve my goals, and chances in life. My Support Worker talked me through my goals and what I wanted to become. She took the time to sit down with me and remind me just how important my life is. I would like people to know that Bethlehem Housing is a great organization that was there for me when I had nowhere to go, and that my support worker was there to help guide me every step of the way."*

**- Sophia, Program Participant**



*"The person last night saved my life." -Anonymous*

*Distress Centre responders receive calls day and night from individuals experiencing crisis and sometimes thoughts of suicide.*

## STRONG COMMUNITIES

**50,301**

unique individuals served in 2022  
as a result of your support!



**34,825**

individuals improved their connections  
to supports



**17,534**

individuals improved their personal safety  
and well-being



**2,939**

individuals improved their neighbourhood  
and community engagement

### INVESTING LOCALLY IN:

Addiction supports

Advocacy

Community engagement

Court supports

Mental health supports

Newcomer supports

Outreach

Resource connections

Resource referrals

Seniors supports

Sexual violence supports

Vulnerable people supports

### SPOTLIGHT ON SPECIAL PROJECTS



**ATTCH Niagara** specializes in treatment for complex issues and traumas. Since 2020, referrals have dramatically increased, and with over 50 per cent of their clients with active suicide ideation and self-harm behaviour, the need for immediate support is crucial. Supported by United Way, a waitlist group and aftercare program is possible, serving 210 people in need last year.



**Accessible Nature Trails** at Heartland Forest offer the invaluable experience of immersing in nature to all ages and abilities. Thanks to support from United Way to complete the project, more than 9,000 people are able to enjoy the benefits of nature. Being in nature is proven to reduce anger, fear and stress, increase pleasant feelings and positively impact overall well-being.



## MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERS MORE THAN A MEAL

Meals on Wheels (MOW) delivers nutritious, delicious and affordable meals to members of our community who are at nutritional risk, including: seniors, people with physical disabilities and cognitive impairments, individuals suffering from illnesses and recovering from surgeries, and those who need special dietary planning and assistance. Access to well-balanced and affordable meals is imperative to the independence and sustenance of isolated individuals; this has been magnified immensely throughout the pandemic and continues to be a priority with increased food costs and higher cost of living.

But Meals on Wheels is so much more than that to it's clients.

The program relies on volunteer drivers to deliver meals in the community. They also provide integral social support, security and wellness checks. These supports are the backbone of MOW and why so many seniors can stay home longer - where they feel safe and comfortable. As people age, there is often a decline in their overall health, resulting in fewer social interactions, increased risk of falls and other injuries and decreased ability to cook for themselves. All three of these potential outcomes weigh heavily on loved ones and are often the reasons seniors have to give up their homes and move to assisted living.



*"The comfort we feel knowing dad is getting nutritious meals and being checked on every day is the only reason we are comfortable with him continuing to live independently. Dad wants to stay at home, where he and mom spent the last 60 years and Meals on Wheels makes that possible for him. We aren't able to visit every day, so when we would call and he didn't answer, it was incredibly stressful."*

**- Family of client**

### RELATIONSHIP GOES BOTH WAYS

The volunteers and staff find the program equally as meaningful. The clients enjoy interacting with their volunteer driver, and the volunteers develop friendships with them. "It's a mutually beneficial relationship," noted one volunteer. "I deliver the same route every week and have grown to really enjoy my interactions with my new friends. I get updates

on the great-grand babies and hear about promotions or other major life events. I've become part of the family in a way, and the clients are part of mine too. Seeing their smiling faces when they answer the door is one of the best parts of my week and sometimes theirs too."

MOW clients aren't always long-term clients – sometimes, the program is used to transition from hospital to home and throughout recovery from surgery or illness. It's just as important in these cases, as it frees up hospital beds and gets patients home sooner, where they want to be. For example, Joanne became a client when she was discharged with a severe infection in her leg. Her mobility was very limited, and she was unable to get out to get groceries or stand to prepare meals for herself. The MOW program has assisted Joanne in returning home, and the volunteer is able to monitor her recovery progress. The wellness checks are just as important to Joanne's loved ones as the meals, and she looks forward to her daily visitor too.

Last year, United Way funding provided over 50,000 meals, supporting 902 individuals in Niagara.





## POST FOODS CANADA SUPPORTS THE COMMUNITY

The Post Foods Cereal Sale was once again a smash success. While United Way is incredibly grateful to receive the funds, we recognize there is a trifecta of impact through their generosity. The successful event raised over \$22,000 that United Way can invest back into the community.

## SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS STUDENTS THROUGH THE PHYLLIS WEBSTAD SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship was initiated by Indigenous Education at Niagara College as a tribute to Phyllis Webstad and her important work through the Orange Shirt movement. While an initial fundraising goal was set for \$20,000 to launch the scholarship, total funds raised exceeded expectations at more than \$41,000, including contributions from United Way Niagara.



## HELPING THOSE IN NEED IN MEMORY OF ANITA ROBERTSON

Every year The Anita Project helps prepare thousands of Hygiene Kits and Welcome Home Kits for vulnerable people in Niagara, giving them the essentials they need, like cooking items, cleaning products, hygiene items and more. This allows people to transition more easily into permanent housing and start a new life participating in the community and experiencing equity.





## ALGOMA MAKES BACK-TO-SCHOOL EASIER FOR FAMILIES

Volunteers from Algoma Central Corporation once again did their part to provide children and youth from low-income households with the needed items for a successful school year. Backpacks for Kids helps to relieve the financial burden of returning to school for low income families. Thanks to many donors and our volunteers, 2,100 backpacks were prepared and distributed to help students start the school year off on the right foot.

## CAA NIAGARA INSURANCE ENGAGES IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

CAA Niagara Insurance sponsored and packed 40 hygiene kits to distribute to community partners. We are honoured that they reached out when they wanted to incorporate a community service activity in their team meeting! Thank you for your support CAA Niagara Insurance.



## LOCAL PARTNERS SHOW OFF THEIR GREEN THUMBS

Local partners MNP joined us at the new United Way Niagara Garden Hub over the summer. Volunteers helped maintain gardens, and even built a greenhouse. The food grown at this garden supplements community pop-up markets, local food programs and also act as a community hub.



# LEAVING A LEGACY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

*"With poverty on the rise, employment at an all-time low and wages that do not afford people the luxury of making ends meet, there are more and more of our community members who rely on the kindness and generosity of others. A Legacy Gift to United Way can ensure that these needs can continue to be met."*

**- Susan Erskine-Fournier**  
**Legacy Donor**



It is often a daunting task to acknowledge one's mortality and broach the topic of life after death. In life, we can give our time as volunteers or share our many blessings with others in need.

My grandmother often said one should try to find the humour in tragedy, yet for too many, life is a myriad of tragedies and no laughing matter. But humour can alleviate the angst of discussing life after death. In having the conversation with my daughter about leaving a Legacy Gift to United Way, she intuitively understood the true value of my philanthropic intentions. She reminded me of something my dad, who had a remarkable wit and a most generous spirit, was often heard to say, "Did you ever see a hearse pulling a U-Haul?"

Humbled by the Seventh Generation Principle, which is based on an ancient Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) philosophy, I too believe that the current generation should continue to live and work on behalf of the next seven generations. Today we can decide that even in death, we must leave a legacy honouring that principle. Every gift, great or small, will leave a powerful impact.

A Legacy Gift, such as a gift in your Will, can help build a healthier community for generations to come. I choose to leave my gift to United Way because I trust that it will be used to have a positive impact on the lives of many community members who will need a helping hand long after I'm gone.

Through United Way, Legacy Gifts help fund many local charities' programs. Members of my family, along with friends and neighbours, have crossed the threshold of many a doorway where the United Way logo was displayed, and without funding from United Way some of these programs would not have been made available to them.

In life we are all created equally, but the same cannot be said for the way opportunity and good fortune present themselves. Society can often be cruel and most unfair to those who struggle to find a way to face each new tomorrow. Leaving a gift in my Will guarantees that a light will shine with hope on the darkest of someone else's day.

I encourage you to have the discussion with your family about leaving an invaluable legacy of love when you can no longer be here to donate your time and energy to those in need. Help United Way continue to achieve its goals to improve lives and build a stronger community. Continue to give after you live.

Written by: Susan Erskine-Fournier

Life Celebrant/Officiant, Red Feather Society Member and Legacy Donor

If you are interested in learning more about Legacy Giving, call us at 905-688-5050 ext. 2113 or visit our website: [unitedwayniagara.org/get-involved/planned-giving-forever-fund/](https://unitedwayniagara.org/get-involved/planned-giving-forever-fund/)



United Way was proud to provide Special Project Funding to The Indigenous Literacy Enhancement Project, launched last year by Start2Finish Canada. The project focuses on empowering children to build connections to their land, history, family and selves through Indigenous storytelling. This innovative book vending machine provides free access to Indigenous literature, supports literacy, education and steps towards reconciliation.





## THANK YOU TO OUR MATCH SPONSORS

# *The* Norris Walker LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE

In memory of Marilyn I. Walker

Thanks to the incredible generosity of Norris Walker, we were honoured to offer The Norris Walker Leadership Challenge, in memory of Marilyn I. Walker, which provided **\$50,000 in matching funds**. Norris has been a loyal supporter of United Way and the community for many years as a respected leader and philanthropist in Niagara.

### THE RESULTS:



**214** new leadership donors and increased leadership gifts.



**\$314,348**

leveraged in new Leadership Giving.  
**Thank you!**



### **INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS**

*"I give to United Way because I know my donation is going to causes in my community that need it most.*

*With the ability to be deducted from my weekly pay, it affects me very little but I know it makes a big difference to those who need it. I am happy I am able to donate and help strengthen my community for future generations."*

**- Kiara Theodosopoulos, Stolk Construction Ltd.**



# WMKL

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS AND BUSINESS ADVISORS

## \$25,000 NEW DONOR MATCH

Thanks to the **Wormald Masse Keen Lopinski New Donor Match**, new donations made double the impact in the community in 2022. We are grateful for WMKL's long-time support, spanning over two decades in Niagara. Thank you!

### THE RESULTS:



**1,768**  
new donors.



**\$390,950**

raised in new donor giving.  
**Thank you!**





## 2022 CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF

In September, United Way Niagara supporters gathered at the Seymour-Hannah Sports and Entertainment Centre for the inaugural Firetruck Pull Campaign Kick-off. The event marked the official launch of the 2022 fundraising campaign and aimed to draw attention to the importance of our mission and support of the community while raising funds to jump start the fall campaign. 12 teams from workplaces and organizations across Niagara competed for Fastest Pull Time, Best Team Spirit and Highest Fundraising Team. Participants worked together as a team to pull a St. Catharines firetruck 50 feet, as fast as possible. Our thanks to our partners City of St. Catharines and St. Catharines Fire Services, our in-kind sponsors Four Aces Traffic Control Services Inc., 91.7 GiantFM and Niagara College Canada, and to all the participants, volunteers and donors.

### THANK YOU TO OUR TRUCK PULLING TEAMS!

Brock University  
Canada Border Services Agency  
City of St. Catharines  
General Motors St. Catharines Propulsion Plant  
KPMG  
MNP  
Niagara Casinos  
Niagara College Canada  
Niagara Regional Labour Council  
Niagara Regional Police Service  
Quartz Co Surfaces  
St. Catharines Fire Services



### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!



**General Motors St. Catharines  
Propulsion Plant  
Team "GM Power Pullers"**  
*Highest Fundraising Team &  
Fastest Pull Time*



**City of St. Catharines  
Team "Haul & Oakes"**  
*Best Team Spirit*

The Inaugural Fire  
Truck Pull Campaign  
Kick-off raised over  
**\$20,000!**



# 2022 CAMPAIGN AWARDS

## ANITA ROBERTSON LEGACY AWARD

Carol & Mike Clarke

## CAMPAIGN OF THE YEAR

General Motors St. Catharines Propulsion Plant

## COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD

Niagara College Canada

## COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD

Post Foods Canada

## CORPORATION OF THE YEAR

Quartz Co Surfaces

## LONGSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

City of Welland

## MUNICIPAL CHALLENGE

Town of Fort Erie

## UNSUNG HERO AWARD

The Brown Homestead and  
Humeniuk Foundation

## TOP 20 EMPLOYEE CAMPAIGNS

United Way Niagara receives a significant portion of revenue through annual employee campaigns. We thank all of our employee campaign donors for their support through one-time, payroll, corporate and event contributions.

General Motors St. Catharines Propulsion Plant

Brock University

Algoma Central Corporation

Niagara Casinos

Niagara Regional Police Service

LCBO

Niagara Region

Costco Wholesale Canada Ltd.

RBC Dominion Securities

Niagara College Canada

Niagara Health

Enbridge Gas Inc.

Canada Border Services Agency

John Deere Canada ULC

Rankin Construction Inc.

TD Bank Group

BMO Financial Group

Quartz Co Surfaces

Meridian Credit Union

Desjardins



*"At Quartz Co we believe it's important to give back to our community. United Way Niagara ensures that our contributions support impactful programs that tackle food insecurity, homelessness, and other major issues facing local neighbourhoods. We're proud to support United Way Niagara in their work and excited to hold our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual United Way Remnant Sale this spring."*

**QUARTZ CO**

**- Michelle Harvey, Quartz Co Surfaces**

# THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY

## CORPORATE SUPPORT & FOUNDATION GIFTS

### \$100,000 +

The Branscombe Family  
Foundation  
Niagara Region through the  
Niagara Prosperity Initiative

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

Algoma Central Corporation  
The Brown Homestead and  
Humeniuk Foundation  
General Motors St.  
Catharines Propulsion Plant  
Niagara Casinos

### \$25,000 - \$49,999

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## SPONSORED EMPLOYEES

The Sponsored Employee Program is one of the reasons we are able to raise funds efficiently and effectively. These organizations make a significant contribution to United Way, to our community and to the professional development of their employees. The program is typically a three month, full-time secondment where the employer continues to pay the employee's salary and benefits, while United Way provides the employee with training, experience, networking opportunities with key community leaders, and a renewed sense of enthusiasm, which they then take back to their workplace. Interested in participating? Contact us!

We would like to thank the following organizations and individuals for their contributions:

### BROCK UNIVERSITY

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### GENERAL MOTORS ST. CATHARINES PROPULSION PLANT

Jessica McCourt  
Ashley Oord

### MINISTRY OF CHILDREN, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Chantal Barrette

### NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

Constable Joanne Carter



Sponsored Employee, Chantal (Centre), with colleagues volunteering at a fall community garden clean-up.

## HONoured TO BE A SPONSORED EMPLOYEE

*"As someone who has worked with vulnerable members of our community for close to two decades, I've seen the direct and positive impact that United Way's funding has had on so many of those who need it the most. The past few years have been extremely difficult for so many people in our community, in so many ways. The need for United Way funding is more crucial with the increased needs. I was honored to have been a Sponsored Employee with United Way, which allowed me, through supporting the 2022 campaign, to give back to an organization that has given so much to our community, especially now with the increasing need."*

**- Chantal Barrette, 2022 Sponsored Employee**



# THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

## CELEBRATING A LEGACY OF GIVING FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

Jasmine and Kevin Patterson established their family foundation in 2015 so that their four children and future generations will be able to continue their legacy of giving for decades to come. The foundation focuses on community, faith and animal wellness. The Pattersons have been United Way supporters for many decades, with Kevin serving as the Co-Chair of CIBC's global United Way campaign and as Board Member for a Toronto based shelter for homeless youth for many years. Homelessness is one of the main community focus areas of their foundation's philanthropic efforts and a significant reason they choose to support United Way Niagara.



*"Establishing this family foundation was a goal for us, as it enables our future generations to continue the philanthropic focus on our community that we are proud to have started."*

Jasmine & Kevin Patterson



### HONOUR ROLL LEGEND

The donor names that appear in **RED** are members of the *Red Feather Society* and have been supporting United Way for 20 years or more. If you have been giving to United Way (in any community) for 20 years or more but your name does not appear in **RED**, please contact our Donor Relations Manager at 905.688.5050 ext. 2113. Thank you for your loyal support!

The donor names that appear with the **WU** symbol are members of **WOMEN UNITED™**. Women United is an inclusive, vibrant community of visionaries and change makers brought together by a powerful sense of belonging: to one another, to our community, and to our mission of transforming the lives of women and their families. For more information or to join Women United, please contact our Donor Relations Manager at 905.688.5050 ext. 2113.



# THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

## PHILANTHROPIST CIRCLE

Acknowledging individuals who have made cumulative gifts of **\$25,000** or more to United Way over the last five years. We are truly grateful for your dedication and confidence in our work.

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## MAJOR GIVING SOCIETY

Acknowledging individuals who have made annual gifts of **\$5,000** or more to United Way.

### Visionaries (\$100,000+)

Greg & Diane Slaight  
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Bob Lavery  
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## MONTHLY GIVING PROGRAM MAKES GIVING EASY

*"We support United Way because we have confidence in their deep understanding of the needs facing our community and trust that our donation will reach those most in need. We are proud to be part of the Monthly Giving Program as we know that monthly giving is a consistent and reliable source of funding for United Way."*

**– Travis & Jessica Dolinski**




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