United Way of Greater New Haven has been a force for good for nearly 100 years. From Orange to Madison, New Haven to Bethany, we fight for the Health, Education, and Financial Stability of every person in every community.

We do this work by focusing on more than one approach. We house the homeless, feed the hungry, prepare infants and toddlers for kindergarten, and help families find jobs and get on solid financial footing.

In short, we are helping people today and creating hope for tomorrow.

Here are some specific examples of how your donation will be at work in our community.

**ENDING HUNGER**

100,000 people go hungry in New Haven County, including 28,000 children. New Haven County is actually the third hungriest county in New England. That's why we hosted a hunger summit, bringing together lawmakers, community members, and community health experts to advocate for policy change. United Way also mobilized volunteers to staff mobile food pantry sites across our region, serving 2,684 families last year. We've also added new, strategically placed neighborhood food pantry locations and piloted a take home grocery program for families. Finally, we managed the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP), which provided 567,210 meals locally.

**ENDING HOMELESSNESS**

Since we started working in a new way by coordinating the region’s shelters and homeless providers, we have housed 1,876 people. United Way also helped 1,603 families find another option instead of going into shelter. This work is called diversion, and it keeps many families from falling into homelessness. United Way’s locally managed EFSP funding also sheltered the homeless for 57,425 nights last year. Together with our partners, we tackled veteran homelessness and chronic homelessness, and we’re focused on ending youth and family homelessness next.
STRENGTHENING FINANCIAL STABILITY

We are working to help families get on the path to financial stability. United Way helps formerly incarcerated individuals by supporting their successful reentry into the workforce with job skills training. This year, United Way coordinated 16 free tax prep sites, returning over $7 million to our region. United Way also launched a statewide program called ALICE Saves, where families can earn a reward for saving and get ongoing financial counseling. ALICE stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. We collaborate with other United Ways in Connecticut to publish an ALICE Report, and use this information to raise awareness and advocate for policies and programs to improve financial stability.

BUILDING RESILIENCE

25% of children will witness or experience a traumatic event before they turn four. We have served over 1,630 students this past school year with programs that help them cope, give them creative outlets, and connect them with caring adults and their classmates. We’ve also expanded access to parenting courses to our community, serving 224 adults and 3,767 kids. United Way also supported enrichment programs for 3,007 students during and after school. We also created and delivered United Way Success by Six™ classroom kits that give teachers books and coordinating toys and activities that are geared toward helping children talk about their feelings.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

United Way connects people to their passions through volunteer projects. Last year local United Way volunteers donated 18,476 hours of time. We are building our community by bringing together people and organizations to solve big problems that cannot be solved by any one organization working alone. United Way also engages 172 companies in workplace giving campaigns each year, providing 6,428 donors like you an easy and impactful way to support the nonprofit work and solutions you care about the most.

BOOSTING ACHIEVEMENT

United Way manages a local Early Head Start program, providing 88 slots in West Haven, New Haven, and Hamden, because a good life starts with a great education. We also offer professional development and college courses for teachers and staff to improve the quality of early care and education in our region. Last year, United Way provided 1,153 books in English and Spanish to local school libraries and directly to children at various community events.

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