

FROM the Community,
FOR the Community



2021 - 2022

COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

Dear Friends,

If the past few years have taught us anything, it's that we're continuously able to overcome new challenges and adapt to a changing environment by coming together to advance the common good. When we launched United Way of the Greater Capital Region's **"From The Community, For the Community"** campaign last fall, we knew it was critical to recognize the hardships faced by so many of us throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, but also celebrate the resiliency of our community.

Our strength as an organization is elevated by a growing network of more than **20,000 volunteers, 100 community-based organizations, 300 corporate partners and their thousands of employees who support UWGCR** through their annual workplace campaigns. Whether from our highest net-worth donors or employees who contribute \$1 per paycheck, these acts of generosity truly enable United Way and the nonprofit sector to serve as a safety net for our friends, family, and neighbors who need it most.

After the addition of **Montgomery County** in May 2022, our geographic reach now stands at eight counties. In each of these communities, many still face obstacles each day, but we've made great strides in our mission to fight for the health, education, and financial stability of every person who calls the Capital Region home. These successes have come from a balance of tried and true strategies that continue to meet the needs of the most vulnerable, to new innovative approaches that we believe will ease the burdens on our nonprofit partners and have a profound impact on the lives of families and individuals.

It is only because of your generosity and eagerness to lend a hand that we're able to achieve our goals. Here's a small sampling of what we've been able to accomplish together this past year:

- Served 211,563 healthy meals to children at more than 50 Summer Meals sites, at which roughly 350 kids took part in art-based activities like painting, sculpting, African drumming and DJ'ing
- \$652K invested in BIPOC-led organizations, including \$151K toward addressing maternal racial health disparities
- Filed more than 8,000 free tax returns through the Cash Coalition's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, resulting in more than \$9.7 million being returned to local residents
- Launched the Luminosity Collaborative, the Capital Region's first fellowship devoted to advancing systems-level change. In addition to providing funding to a half dozen non-profit organizations, Luminosity is crafted to give local leaders the time to work together and explore the root causes of societal issues like poverty, white supremacy, and hunger
- 11,000 families supported through our network of five Family Neighborhood Resource Centers
- Brought together more than 1,000 volunteers who pitched in at 50 different community service projects during our annual 518 Day

We are often reminded of the words of poet D. Colin, who so eloquently captured the spirit of "From the Community, For the Community" with the following words in her poem:

"Strengthened by our community, our collective consciousness, we tap into the heart of change and healing."

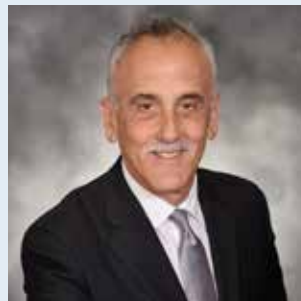
As we reflect on all we've been through and what we've accomplished together, we can't help but look ahead to our centennial celebration in 2024. We are both proud of the gains we've made and humbled by our commitment to help everyone in the Capital Region unlock their full potential, no matter what. We are eternally grateful for the generosity of supporters like you, who will strengthen us to impact even more lives in the year and century ahead.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Gannon".

Peter Gannon
President & CEO



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carm Basile".

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Our Mission

United Way of the Greater Capital Region (UWGCR) advances community wellbeing on a generational scale, meeting immediate basic needs all the while addressing the underlying causes that hold problems in place. UWGCR mobilizes the caring power of donors, volunteers and community partners to give, volunteer and advocate for people within our region.

Our Vision

UWGCR will be a recognized leader in the development and investment of philanthropic and volunteer resources in programs and initiatives that improve the quality of life for children, families, and seniors. We will accomplish this by investing resources in programs that address needs in the area of Basic Needs, Education, Income, and Health.

Diversity Equity & Inclusion

UWGCR is committed to embracing and advancing diversity, equity, and inclusive excellence. As an organization and community partner, UWGCR seeks to work collaboratively with members of ethnically/racially minoritized, international, LGBTQIA+, and disability communities as well as diverse gender identities, socioeconomic backgrounds, religions, and political beliefs, to create equitable and inclusive spaces and opportunities through intentional and impactful practices. We achieve this goal by addressing and combating systemic, institutional, and historical barriers. Collectively, we acknowledge that diversity, equity, and inclusion can only be achieved when we recognize, create space, and listen attentively to individuals from historically excluded groups as equal partners. Additionally, we strive to develop and implement policies and systems grounded in antiracism. To this end, we commit to intentionally creating pathways for individuals of historically minoritized groups to be included in leadership, planning, and decision-making roles, including business opportunities with UWGCR and partnering institutions. We maintain that building, strengthening, and sustaining diversity, equity, and inclusion in our community and society requires an ongoing commitment that is fully expressed and supported in organizational culture, values, norms, policies, practices, and behaviors.

2021 - 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

July 2021

UWGCR and more than a dozen partners kick off the **Summer Meals Collaborative**, which served over 281,000 meals to local kids before the season wrapped up.



UWGCR concludes its **21-Day Equity Challenge** with Fireside Chats with John Graham and Barbara Smith.

August 2021



In partnership with the Tri-City ValleyCats, UWGCR surpasses its goal of **collecting more than 1,000 donated backpacks** to distribute to local children.



September 2021

Free Food Fridge Albany Founder Jammella Anderson wins Capital Region Philanthropist of the Year and the late **Father Peter Young** inducted into Capital Region Philanthropy Hall of Fame at **UWGCR's Annual Awards**.



Healthy Alliance and UWGCR partner to award **13 BIPOC-led organizations grants** through the Inaugural **Changemakers Fund**.

October 2021

At its Annual Meeting, UWGCR launches the **From the Community, For the Community** campaign, which goes on to raise more than \$5 million.



RPI hosts its **Fifth Annual Rensselaer Runs United 5K** virtually in support of UWGCR's Community Care Fund.

November 2021

On Giving Tuesday, **seven Emerging Leaders** raise **\$12,566** as the **Next Generation of Philanthropists** in support of UWGCR's **From the Community, For the Community** Campaign.

President & CEO, Peter Gannon, gave a testimony at a hearing convened by NYS Senator Cooney about the impact of the pandemic on ALICE households in New York.

December 2021

UWGCR Board hosts a **"Not-Your-Average-Phoneathon"** calling donors to thank them for their contributions this year.



RISSE awarded \$10,000 grant and named Women United's 2022 Premiere Partner after winning **Perfect Pitch**.

January 2022

UWGCR launches two-way texting support through 211.

Organized by Women United, **Senator Michelle Hinchey** hosts virtual discussion to outline her legislative priorities.

CASH Coalition kicks off its annual free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA), which helped **return \$7.5 million** to local residents.

February 2022

Along with author Ty Allan Jackson, UWGCR celebrates launch of **Danny Dollar Academy**, which promotes financial literacy to youth.



March 2022

On **International Women's Day**, dozens of Women United members and UWGCR staff march to NYS State Capitol to advocate for more childcare support services and funding.



U.S. Senator Charles Schumer visits The Blake Annex to **award more than \$1 million in federal funds** to the coworking space run by UWGCR in Downtown Albany.

April 2022



Joined by the Albany Patrons basketball team, young professionals from Emerging Leaders United pitched in at Feed Albany.



May 2022



Highlighted by the installation of the region's first Nutritious Choices Learning Path and Women United's Community-wide Baby Shower Drive, **more than 1,000 volunteers pitch in at 60+ community service projects on UWGCR's 518 Day.**



Growing its reach to eight counties, UWGCR announces its **expansion to Montgomery County.**



United Way and its partners in the **Digital Inclusion Coalition receive \$30,000 grants** from the Schmidt Futures foundation.

June 2022



UWGCR staff and their families **celebrate LGBTQ+ equality at Albany Pride Festival.**



Featuring leaders from six nonprofits, **UWGCR launches the Luminosity Collaborative**, the Capital Region's first fellowship in social innovation.



Connect Center's Founder, Ben Williams wins Capital Region Philanthropist of the Year and **John & Linda Kearney** inducted into Capital Region Philanthropy Hall of Fame at **UWGCR's Annual Awards.**

**COMMUNITY
IMPACT**

2021-2022 PARTNER AGENCIES

Affordable Housing Partners of the Capital Region
Albany Can Code
Albany Community Action Partnership (ACAP)
Albany Damien Center
Albany Troy Lion's Club
AVillage, Inc.
The Baby Institute
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region
Boys and Girls Club of Schenectady
Boys and Girls Club of the Capital Area
Brightside Up
Capital Roots
CAPTAIN Community Human Services
Catholic Charities Tri-County Services
CEK RN Consulting, Inc.
The Center for Community Justice
Center for Employment Opportunities
Children's Museum of Saratoga
C.O.C.O.A. House, Inc.
Community Caregivers
Connect Center
C.R.E.A.T.E. Community Studios
Eden's Rose
Equinox
The Food Pantries for the Capital District
Frank Chapman Memorial Institute
Friends of Clermont
Girls Inc of the Greater Capital Region

Girls on the Run
Grateful Villages, Inc.
Jewish Family Services of NENY
Literacy NY Fulton, Montgomery, & Schoharie Counties
Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County
Mission Accomplished Transition Services
Mom Starts Here
Oakwood Community Center
Radix Ecological Sustainability Center
Rebuilding Together Saratoga County
The Red Bookshelf
ReEntry Columbia Task Force
Refugee & Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus
SAFE Inc of Schenectady
Schenectady City School Districts
Schenectady Community Ministries
Schoharie River Center, Inc.
Senior Citizens Center of Saratoga Springs
Social Enterprise and Training (SEAT) Center
South End Children's Café
Troy Area United Ministries
Troy Rehabilitation & Improvement Program, Inc.
Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood
U.S Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
Watervliet Civic Center
Young Parents United
Youth FX
YWCA Northeastern NY

FAMILY NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE CENTERS

Family Neighborhood Resource Centers (FNRC) play a significant role in providing sustained support for families, including but not limited to direct service provisions.

FNRCs are community-centered, community-based, and serve as vehicles for engaging residents and community organizations to identify concerns, connect them to resources and collectively identify the ways in which all individuals and families can thrive.

In 2021- 2022 **\$655,000** was invested in FNRCs supporting **11,000** children and their families.

FNRC PARTNERS

Mechanicville Area Community Service Center (MACSC)

Schenectady Community Action Program (SCAP)

Schoharie County Community Action Program (SCCAP)

Trinity Alliance, Albany

Unity House, Troy

Health

UWGCR is deeply committed to improving nutrition equity. Currently, we live in a region with clear nutrition disparity. In most cases, the true problem inhibiting a healthy diet is poverty.

Launched in 2013 and led by UWGCR, the **Summer Meals Collaborative** aims to increase the number of meal sites and begin alternate methods of meal delivery every year. **Currently, there are twelve organizations in our collaborative working across seven counties:** Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Schoharie, and Saratoga.

Temporary pandemic provisions at the federal level allowed Summer Meals sites to be flexible in serving their community with **grab-and-go and mobile food options, ultimately serving more kids and families.** The Summer Meals Collaborative and organizations like Hunger Solutions New York are working hard to make provisions permanent and increase resources for child nutrition programs.

UWGCR is committed to enhancing opportunities for food insecure people to purchase healthy food locally and harvest-to-home delivery for those with transportation and food security challenges. UWGCR supported **over 70 urban gardens, nine community fridges, and community-managed farms across four counties, with 1,700 kids** learning how to grow, harvest, and sell fresh produce. Continuing to focus efforts on nutrition equity year-round, in 2021 and 2022, **UWGCR invested \$426,500 in various food security and food sovereignty initiatives.**

\$2M

In emergency funds distributed for shelters, pantries, rental assistance, & utility payments across the Capital Region

498,184

Culturally appropriate, medically tailored and nutritious meals provided to individuals and families in need

281,000

Healthy meals served to kids by the 116 Summer Meals sites across the Capital Region

\$121,000

Invested in programs focusing on building safe homes, helping people to remain in their homes and working on the systemic level to enhance access and availability of affordable housing



Early Childhood & Youth Success

UWGCR envisions a Capital Region in which evidence-based, culturally appropriate, and affordable early childhood development is available to all children.

UWGCR's goal is for all kids, teens, and young adults **to have the ability and access to participate in high quality education and are set up for career success.**



Danny Dollar Academy

Danny Dollar Academy (DDA) was co-created by children's author and motivational speaker Ty Allan Jackson. Based on his best-selling children's book **Danny Dollar Millionaire Extraordinaire: Lemonade Escapade**, written to promote financial literacy and entrepreneurship in grades 3, 4, and 5.

In January 2022, UWGCR launched Danny Dollar Academy with **100 kids from partners at 4th Family and Girls Inc. of the Greater Capital Region.**

DDA is a financial literacy program that was developed in 2016 by the Northern Kentucky Center for Economic Education (NKU CEE) in partnership with Ty Allan Jackson. In 2018, the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland became a program partner, assisting with curriculum design and development, and piloting DDA with 300 4th and 5th-grade students in Ohio. The program has reached thousands of students in grades 3-6 across 5 states, including Kentucky, Ohio, New York, North Carolina, and Massachusetts.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SUCCESS

\$184,000

Invested to strengthen affordable and educational early childhood development centers

1,504

Kids participating in fun and empowering literacy programs

300%

FPL increase for the income eligibility cut-off for state-wide childcare subsidies, effectively expanding access to thousands of families across the region to this life-changing subsidy

YOUTH SUCCESS

8,000

Kids & teens enrolled in enrichment programs like gardening, literacy & creative arts-based learning

4,146

Teens participating in afterschool and summer enrichment programs to continue learning when school is out

2,700

STEAM education kits were made for kids and teens to make remote learning both engaging and fun

Economic Wellbeing

UWGCR seeks to invest in the talents, strengths, and ingenuity of low-income people in the Capital Region.

UWGCR invested \$133,000 to enhance workforce development and increase financial inclusion, specifically by working with those non-profit organizations who deliver high-quality programming, establish strong partnerships, and create sustainable initiatives to meet the real-world needs of job seekers, workers, and employers.

This includes supporting innovative models to ensure **holistic “whole person” care** as an essential component of workforce development.



\$7.5M

Returned to the local economy through the CA\$H Coalition's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program

4,200

Tax returns filed for free with the help of the CA\$H Coalition's IRS-certified VITA volunteers

7,590

Financial coaching hours to 71 individuals through the United Way funded Spend Smart pilot program led by TRIP

4,906

Individuals participating in financial literacy and wealth building programs

Have You Met ALICE?

UWGCR's Impact Agenda is developed with ALICE at the center. Standing for **Asset Limited, Income, Constrained, Employed**, families and individuals who are ALICE earn above the federal poverty level but do not earn enough to make ends meet. After releasing an all-encompassing ALICE report in August 2020, three smaller ALICE in Focus research briefs were published this past year. These reports highlight the **struggles faced by children, people with disabilities, and veterans** living in our own communities.

According to the latest data, 2.1 million children in New York - **52%** of all children in the state - live in a household with income below the ALICE threshold. The research also found that **59%** of New Yorkers living with a disability were unemployed, making them three times more likely than those without a disability to be out of the workforce. The year's latest ALICE in Focus brief revealed that **62%** of veterans in New York over the age of **25** had completed some form of post-secondary education.



See the full ALICE Report at unitedforALICE.org/New-York

211 NORTHEAST REGION

“211 is one of the main go-to resources in my Assembly office for the 108th Assembly District when it comes to addressing the concerns of those who I represent. It is a simple and easy call to a well-resourced help desk and I have been pleased to support this effort annually in our state budget. Now, help is even easier since the 211 texting expansion is a reality. This enhances the excellent services to our residents and assists many with day-to-day issues providing needed guidance and support.”

Assemblymember John McDonald III
Assembly District 108

UWGCR’s 211 Northeast Region information and referral service is a lifeline for thousands in the Capital Region community. In the height of the pandemic, 211 call volume more than doubled as residents sought connection to resources to navigate the most serious issues presented by the COVID-19 Pandemic. In January of 2022, UWGCR announced a significant expansion of 211. **Users can now send a text message and receive the same services** they would by making a phone call.

211 provides 24/7/365 access to residents of Albany, Saratoga, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Schoharie, Columbia, Greene, Fulton, Montgomery, Hamilton, Warren and Washington Counties.

1960 calls related to housing assistance	574 211 referrals made regarding health	413 calls from people seeking food assistance	358 people received mental health services through UWGCR partners
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Aiming to address the critical need for more foster care parents in Upstate New York, the leaders of UWGCR and Berkshire Farm Center partnered **to create opportunities for foster care referral services** to be available through 211 Northeast Region.

“The need for foster parents in the Greater Capital Region is great. People often say that they want to do more to support their community – consider becoming a foster parent. It’s an act of kindness towards a child and their family that will make a positive, lifelong impact and now 211 can help connect local families who are looking to start.”

Brian Parchesky
Berkshire Farm Center President & CEO



CALL
2-1-1 or
888-366-3211



TEXT
Your Zip Code
to 898-211



VISIT
211NENY.org



Brian Parchesky, Berkshire Farm Center President & CEO and Peter Gannon, UWGCR President & CEO

CHANGEMAKER FUND



UWGCR in partnership with Alliance for Better Health reimagined the Five to Watch program and evolved as **the Changemaker Fund to recognize and amplify BIPOC-led organizations.** This fund provides unrestricted operational funding, technical support, and leadership development for the awardees. Each of the Fund's recipients was awarded a \$25,000 grant.

The Changemaker Fund is an example of collaborative pooled funding, designed to increase the impact and scale of giving. UWGCR believes that listening, learning, and amplifying voices who are most proximate is essential to unlocking sustainable and just solutions to enduring problems.

2021-2022 CHANGEMAKER GRANTEES



Black Nurses
Coalition

BLUELIGHT
DEVELOPING A NEW WORLD

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CAPITAL DISTRICT LATINOS



LUMINOSITY COLLABORATIVE



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(n.) A novel solution to a social problem that is more effective, just and sustainable than existing solutions for which the value created accrues primarily to society, rather than only to private individuals. It can be a process, product, or program that profoundly changes the basic routines, power dynamics, or the beliefs of the social system.

UWGCR is shining light on social innovation through the Luminosity Collaborative, a six-month funded fellowship and grant program. Launched in March of 2022, Luminosity is a social innovation incubator to **support community-based organizations in identifying and uprooting systemic problems to produce social change**. The two-phased program invites leaders of community-based organizations who aim to make an impact in education, health and economic well-being to collaborate with UWGCR and ignite long-term change.

The Luminosity Collaboratives differs from other traditional grants given its opportunity to contemplate the larger system in which advancement takes place. It's an invitation to look not just at what causes problems for one person but at what is causing this problem for many. **It allows us to think about the connectedness of these challenges and how we can build multi-pronged, multi-sector, sustaining solutions**. With the Luminosity Collaborative, our goal is not to beat the odds but to change the odds altogether.

Our vision with Luminosity Collaborative is to hold space for complexity and collectively focus on innovative solutions to problems that have long appeared unsolvable.

2022 PHASE ONE: SPARK

Jammella Anderson, Creative Good

Eva Bass, South End Community Collaborative Workforce Development Committee

Andy Gilpin, CAPTAIN Community Human Services

Heather Hutchison, Schenectady Youth Coalition

Kathy McNeice, Saratoga Community of Excellence

William Rivas, Schenectady Youth Coalition

Renee Rodriguez Goodemote, MD. FAAFP, Saratoga Community of Excellence

Thomas Schofield, Schenectady Community Ministries (SiCM)

Christine Schudde, Habitat for Humanity Capital District

Rev. Amaury Tañón-Santos, Schenectady Community Ministries (SiCM)

Dan Vaughan-Cherubin, South End Community Collaborative Workforce Development Committee

UNITED TO VOLUNTEER

United Way GCR mobilizes talented and passionate volunteers at UnitedToVolunteer.org, creating opportunities for families, corporate groups, and individuals to contribute time and talent to a social cause.

Volunteers provide **hands-on support** to bolster the existing work of our partner agencies, and the agencies contribute enormously to volunteers' learning journeys and sense of community engagement. **Volunteering through United Way is reciprocity in action, creating and strengthening relationships**, and building a sense of shared purpose and collective vision for well-being.

"It wasn't until I was volunteering with my colleagues from MVP that I realized the value United Way had in our community. I'm now passionate about giving back and have been sharing the word to encourage others to do the same."



Elias Rosario
MVP Health Care

From 2021-22, **2,500 volunteers** completed projects with **140+ agencies** in the Capital Region.



Central Hudson Gas & Electric spent a workday volunteering at **Columbia Opportunities, Inc**, where they completed big projects such as exterior painting and prepping the garden for the fall. The completion of this work will help warmly welcome guests to the center.



UWGCR staff and volunteers spend a weekend **planting 25 fruit trees in Downtown Albany for The Radix Center**. Once the trees mature, they will supply an abundance of fresh fruit for anyone passing by to pick.



Refugee & Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus (RISSE) was selected as the **2022 Women United Premier Partner** after winning a \$10,000 grant from Perfect Pitch. Throughout the year, Women United members helped RISSE expand their afterschool program and freshened their space with new paint and decorations. **Women United also helped provide 40 backpacks for adult learners and created comfortable space called the Book Nook** for kids participating in the RISSE afterschool programs.



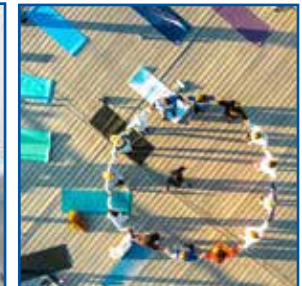
UWGCR and special helpers from the **Boys & Girls Club of the Capital Area**, shopped to help make some Christmas wishes come true. With support from Walmart and Governor Kathy Hochul we were able to purchase hundreds of items for children served by the Club, Mom Starts Here, The Baby Institute and St. Anne's Teen Homeless Shelter.

518 DAY'S COMMUNITY CELEBRATION



United Way's 518 Day provides opportunities for individuals, families, and groups to be part of solutions to building a more resilient Capital Region through volunteerism and community impact. #518Day is the single largest day of collective community impact in the Capital Region, thanks to our generous volunteers, sponsors, and all who **LIVE UNITED**.

PRESENTED BY



1,000+

Volunteers completed 80+ virtual and in-person service projects

8,000

Hours of impact by local businesses, groups, families and individuals

40

Community agencies served throughout the Greater Capital Region

\$33,618

in baby supplies donated to organizations helping new mothers in the Capital Region

\$147,218

Invested into our community on 518 Day through donations and volunteer time

Women United's Community Baby Shower Drive

See page 29 for more information on Women United.

Donated Items

Over 35,000 items were donated through the Women United Stuff The CDTA Bus Community Baby Shower Drive from community members and organizations including:

Diapers, pull ups, clothes, bottles, formula, pacifiers, bath toys and more.

Items Distributed to Community Partners

Being a parent can be challenging, especially for expecting parents who already struggle to make ends meet. Women United helped welcome our newest community members by collecting new baby items at **518 Day's Community Baby Shower Drive** providing valuable encouragement and support to new Capital Region moms.

Items were distributed to organizations such as, **Mom Starts Here, Schenectady Community Action Partnership, Trinity Alliance, Unity House of Troy, USCRI, and Wellspring.**



OUR PARTNERS

SENATOR CHUCK SCHUMER DELIVERS BIG FOR THE CAPITAL REGION



U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer announced in March of 2022 that he had secured over **\$22 million for the Capital Region through the bipartisan omnibus spending package for Fiscal Year 2022** to support cutting-edge research and dozens of community-led projects.

In addition to many community-led initiatives, **Schumer invested \$1,075,000 to expand The Blake Annex.** The Blake is a unique example of social innovation, serving as the region's primary nonprofit hub breaking down silos and encouraging collaboration between the organizations it hosts. UWGCR has led this effort to bring together over seventeen nonprofit organizations under one roof to share overhead costs, which frees up more of their budget for their core mission of providing essential services to the community.

For The Blake Annex, **this funding will help construct classroom space that each of these organizations can use** for training and mentoring programs, as well as support other upgrades at the facility to handle the growing number of people who work there.

The major community priorities benefiting from Schumer's federal funding

\$1.5 Million to create an Albany South End Workforce Training Center

\$1,075,000 to expand The Blake Annex community hub

\$984,000 for RPI's Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Facility

\$900,000 for UAlbany's Extreme Weather Risk Prediction pilot program

"This is BIG news for the Capital Region. These community-led projects will give the Capital Region's nonprofits the state-of-the-art space they need, invest in research at area higher education institutions, and help revitalize Albany's South End with good-paying jobs in some of the most significant job-creating, renewable-energy projects in the region's history like offshore wind manufacturing. The over \$22 million that I have secured in the bipartisan spending package means jobs, new economic opportunity, and progress on these long-desired, critical community projects."

Senator Charles E. Schumer

CAMPAIGN PARTNERS

United Way's Annual Awards celebrates our Campaign Champions, organizations, and individuals who invested more than \$4.2M to support the health, education, and financial stability of every person in our community person in our community.

INSPIRATIONAL GIVING (\$200,000 TO \$499,999)

Bank of America
General Electric

Hannaford Supermarkets
Price Chopper/Market 32

LEADERS IN GIVING (\$100,000 TO \$199,999)

Anthem, Inc.
Capital District Transportation Authority

Naval Nuclear Laboratories
UPS

PARTNER IN GIVING (\$25,000 TO \$99,999)

Environment One Corporation
KeyBank
MVP Health Care
National Grid

New York Independent System Operating (NYISO)
Pearl Companies
Plug
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

FRIENDS IN GIVING (\$25,000 TO \$49,999)

American National
Bobrick Washroom Equipment
Enterprise Holdings

Fidelis Care
SABIC

GOLD AWARDS

Arrow Family of Companies
Barton & Loguidice
Bechtel Plant Machinery, Inc.
Bobrick Washroom Equipment
The Bonadio Group
Capital District Transportation Authority
Central Hudson Gas & Electric

Cummins SOFC
Electric Boat
Environment One Corporation
Hinman Straub
James D. Warren and Son, Inc.
National Grid
NBT Bank

New York Independent System Operator
Pearl Companies
SABIC
Wabtec Corporation
The Woodward Co.
Wright-Pierce

SPECIAL 2021-2022 AWARDS

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CAPITAL REGION PHILANTHROPISTS

United Way's Annual Awards not only **recognize the companies, organizations, and individuals who invest in supporting the health, education, and economic well-being of every person in our community.** The night also pays tribute to our region's most generous philanthropists with the induction of a renowned community member to the 2022 Class of the Capital Region Philanthropy Hall of Fame, as well as honoring this year's Capital Region Philanthropist of the Year.



Capital Region Philanthropy Hall of Fame

The Capital Region Philanthropy Hall of Fame is a tribute to the citizens who have given so much to improve the quality of life for others. This year's inductees are **John and Lynda Kearney.** John, who has over three decades as a Capital Region community volunteer and labor leader, has served on various boards including an impressive 20 years on the board of United Way of the Greater Capital Region.



Capital Region Philanthropist of the Year

Ben Williams, Executive Director at Connect Center, was named the 2022 Capital Region Philanthropist of the Year for his work with Albany County kids providing mentorship opportunities and youth development programs allowing students to explore their passions, talents, and eventually a career path in a safe and supportive environment.

TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY

The Tocqueville Society recognizes local philanthropic leaders and volunteer champions who have devoted time, talent, and funds to create long-lasting positive changes by tackling our communities' most serious issues.

Wallace and Jane Altes
Robert M. Curley*
Robert and Susanne Doyle
Alan P. Goldberg
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NONPROFITS WORK BETTER TOGETHER

The Blake Annex is evolving the way nonprofits work in our state-of-the-art, 25,000-square-foot shared office space and coworking community located in the heart of downtown at One Steuben Place, Albany, NY.

Powered by UWGCR, The Blake Annex is the place where nonprofit leaders, employees and service providers will accomplish more by simply working together. **More ideas. More collaborations. More cups of coffee. More smiles. More opportunities. Greater impact.**



Our private office suites and inclusive community in Albany, NY were designed to take the burden of standard office operations off nonprofits **so they can truly focus on their mission and impacts** while our staff takes care of the rest.

The Blake Annex soft **opened in June of 2021**, with five member organizations to begin building the community;

- Prevent Child Abuse NY
- CEK RN Consulting, Inc
- Girls on the Run Capital Region
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region
- United Way of the Greater Capital Region



By November 2021, The Blake grew to 50 members and by the end of the **first year it expanded to 21 member organizations and over 130 members.**

“The Blake Annex is a wonderful, innovative addition to our Capital Region community, and I am thrilled to celebrate their grand opening. Located in the heart of Downtown Albany and named for Adam Blake Jr., one of 19th century Albany’s most prominent Black entrepreneurs, The Blake Annex is working to reimagine how our region’s non-profits do business. Their new facility will provide a space for so many of our region’s brilliant, passionate, mission-driven non-profit professionals to connect, collaborate, and generate new ideas to move our Capital Region forward.”

U.S. Representative Paul D. Tonko



HISTORY OF CATHERINE & ADAM BLAKE, JR.

The Blake Annex is named after Adam Blake, Jr., a successful 19th century entrepreneur from Albany, NY. **There is a natural synergy between the work we strive to accomplish at The Blake Annex and the legacy of Adam Blake, Jr. and his wife, Catherine.**

Adam Blake, Jr. built the Kenmore Hotel, which opened its doors in November of 1878. The Kenmore Hotel was the ultimate dream of Adam Blake, Jr. and was called “the most elegant structure on the finest street in Albany.” Both the convenience of the amenities and the level of hospitality you could expect to receive at the hotel made it a success.

Sadly passing in 1881, **Adam’s widow Catherine Blake went on to take over the business and was exceedingly successful.** She managed the Kenmore Hotel for seven years, and her business acumen was as strong as her late husband’s.

The Blake’s were innovators, changemakers, and thought-leaders and their vision and legacy live on here at the Blake Annex.

THE BLAKE ANNEX COMMUNITY



WOMEN UNITED

Women United is a group of energetic, passionate, and philanthropic women empowered by UWGCR **who, as volunteers support United Way's mission to advocate rights for gender equity.** Members mobilize change by investing in, advocating for, and creating programs with a mission to drive equity and excellence for all women and children.

Leadership Committee

Yolanda Caldwell, Chair The College of Saint Rose Women's Leadership Institute
Mary Lynn Bradley, M&T Bank
Katrina Consiglio, Wells Fargo Advisors
Maria Decker, Maria's Cafe
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Camerine Robinson, VQuest Consulting
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Audrey Stone, Sunmark Credit Union
Alicia Suarez, Suarez Physical Therapy
Margaret Templeton, MEMIC
Kaitlyn Van Dyke, American Red Cross

Link & Learn

October 6, 2021

Women United members heard from Erin Gutierrez Matt from United Way Mohawk Valley and Molly Belmont from Community Loan Fund, whose teams are taking unique strides in offering solutions to the economic problem of childcare in their communities.



Women United Perfect Pitch

December 7, 2021

After an inspiring evening, Refugee & Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus (RISSE) received a \$10,000 grant to expand their after school programming that emphasizes English as a second language as well as educational enrichment, literacy skills, health and wellness, academic support, and more. RISSE served as the Women United Premier Partner for all of 2022, where members volunteered to create a comfortable space for kids to learn in.



International Women's Day

March 8, 2022

Before the pandemic, childcare costs were a major barrier to families living near or below the ALICE threshold. During the pandemic, 17% of households below the ALICE threshold reported quitting a job due to loss of childcare. Women United joined community leaders and Senator Michelle Hinchey, to highlight the need for state leaders to increase access to affordable, quality childcare on International Women's Day.



Learn more and get involved with Women United at unitedwaygcr.org/women-united

EMERGING LEADERS UNITED



UWGCR's Emerging Leaders United is a diverse group of engaged young professionals working to drive impact in the Capital Region. **Members use their unique skills, passion, and creativity to dive into social issues facing our community and work to create sustainable change.** Emerging Leaders leverage the power of United Way to show the strength and collective impact of the next generation of philanthropists.

Leadership Committee

CeliaMarie DeCancio
Entrepreneur

Lizzie Schlegel
Fingerpaint

Lucas Sestito
Callanan Industries, Inc.

Lauren Valentine
Alaant Workforce Solutions

William VonAtzingen
Cetera Investors

Nutritious Choices Learning Paths

Featuring games, pictures and recipes, the paths are **designed to make learning about healthy eating habits fun and easy for kids.** The first Emerging Leaders' Nutritious Choices Learning Paths, was installed at **Albany's Black Lives Matter Park** on 518 Day, followed by the second install at the **Henry Hudson Riverfront Park in Hudson** in September. Emerging Leaders plans to install a path in each of the eight counties UWGCR serves.



The Next Generation of Philanthropists

On Giving Tuesday, seven emerging leaders in the Capital Region **collectively raised \$12,556 to raise funds for the Nutritious Choices Learning Trails**, a project powered by Emerging Leaders showcasing their dedication to youth education in local parks across the Capital Region.



Hamad Alghareeb



CeliaMarie DeCancio



Lizzie Schlegel



Lucas Sestito



Sam Trimboli



Lauren Valentine



William VonAtzingen

Learn more and get involved with Emerging Leaders United at unitedwaygcr.org/emerging-leaders

2021 STATE EMPLOYEES FEDERATED APPEAL (SEFA)

For over 25 years, UWGCR has coordinated the Capital Region SEFA campaign. UWGCR staff works with a Statewide Council, 13 Campaign Region Coordinators and manages the Capital Region SEFA Committee.

In 2021, the Capital Region SEFA campaign raised **\$605,402**.

Capital District Psychiatric Center	NYS Department of Motor Vehicles	Preservation
Coxsackie Correctional Facility	NYS Department of Public Service	NYS Office of the Comptroller
Deferred Compensation Board	NYS Department of State	NYS Office of the Inspector General
Developmental Disabilities Planning Council	NYS Department of Taxation & Finance	NYS Office of Victim Services
Environmental Conservation	NYS Department of Transportation	NYS Police
Executive Chamber	NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services	NYS Senate
Fourth Judicial District	NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services	NYS Teachers Retirement System
Governor's Office of Employee Relations	NYS Division of Military & Naval Affairs	NYS Thruway Authority
Great Meadow Correctional Facility	NYS Division of Tax Appeals	NYS Workers Compensation Board
Greene Correctional Facility	NYS Division of the Budget	Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence
Hale Creek Correctional Facility	NYS Division of Veterans Affairs	Office of Children & Family Services
Hudson Correctional Facility	NYS Dormitory Authority	Office of Court Administration
Joint Commission on Public Ethics	NYS Energy Research & Development Authority	Office of Indigent Legal Services
Labor Management Committee	NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation	Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance
Lake George Park Commission	NYS Gaming Commission	Office of the Attorney General
NYS Assembly	NYS Higher Education Services Corporation	Office of the Medicaid Inspector General
NYS Board of Elections	NYS Housing & Community Renewal	Power Authority
NYS Board of Law Examiners	NYS Insurance Fund	Public Employment Relations Board
NYS Commission of Correction	NYS Justice Center	State University Construction Fund
NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct	NYS Law Reporting Bureau	Statewide Financial System
NYS Court of Appeals	NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities	SUNY Cobleskill
NYS Court of Claims	NYS Office for the Aging	SUNY Delhi
NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets	NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports	SUNY Empire State College
NYS Department of Civil Service	NYS Office of General Services	SUNY Oneonta
NYS Department of Corrections & Community Supervision	NYS Office of Information Technology Services	SUNY Polytechnic Institute - Albany Campus
NYS Department of Economic Development	NYS Office of Mental Health	SUNY System Administration
NYS Department of Education	NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic	Third Judicial District
NYS Department of Financial Services		University at Albany
NYS Department of Health		Washington Correctional Facility
NYS Department of Labor		

Labor and United Way, Partners in the Community

United Way and the labor movement have a longstanding partnership that continues to build stronger communities. We first came together after World War II as an innovative way to rebuild our country. It looked different back then, but our shared passion for building a better world was evident from the start.

Organized labor's strong partnership with United Way has helped create jobs, educational opportunities, and healthy communities for decades.

In the Greater Capital Region, our collaborative efforts include:

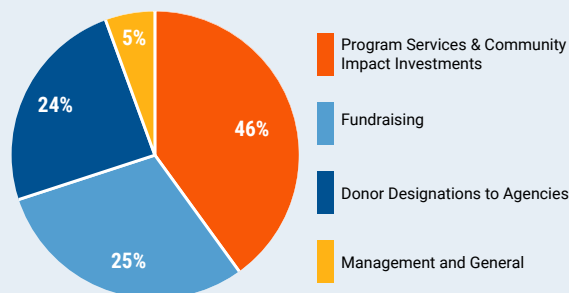
- Emergency Financial Assistance for Members
- National Letter Carriers Food Drive
- Labor Parade
- 5.18 Day

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

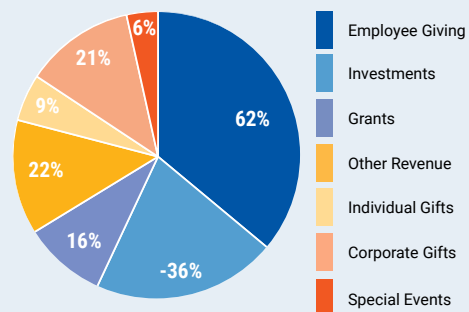
United Way GCR, Inc. Statements of Financial Position as of June 30, 2022.

	Unaudited 6/30/2022	Audited 6/30/2021
Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	640,222	647,101
Investments	7,998,239	10,248,347
Pledges Receivable	1,339,603	1,301,618
Other Receivables	257,237	212,437
Property & Equipment Net	162,694	419,603
Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trust	535,468	673,431
Total Assets	10,933,463	13,502,537
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	259,243	192,632
Grants Payable	713,897	642,825
Designations Payable	581,071	683,932
Notes Payable	0	287,954
Total Liabilities	1,554,211	1,807,343
Net Assets		
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions - Undesignated	5,934,946	1,271,207
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions - Board Designated	2,870,310	9,574,566
Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	573,996	849,421
Total Net Assets	9,379,252	11,695,194
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	10,933,463	13,502,537

UNITED WAY EXPENSES



UNITED WAY REVENUE



United Way of the Greater Capital Region has met or exceeded the Better Business Bureau's 22 Standards for Charitable Accountability and is a BBB Accredited Charity. You can review United Way of the Greater Capital Region's Charity Review online at www.BBB.org.

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