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,

Peter Gannon
President & CEO

Carm Basile
Chair, Board of Directors
2021-2022
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers
Carm Basile Chair
CDTA
Ryan Case Finance Committee Chair
KeyBank
David DeMarco Treasurer
Saratoga National Bank and Trust Co.
John Kearney Secretary
Community Volunteer
Todd Kerner Governance Committee Chair
New York State Public Employees Federation
Brian Sano Resource Development Committee Chair
National Grid
Michael-Aaron Poindexter Community Impact & Investment Committee Chair
SEFCU and Macedonia Baptist Church

Directors
Richard Asner
Enterprise Holdings, Inc.
Rachel Bailey
Communications Workers of America Local 1118
W. Brian Barr
Community Volunteer
Ann-Marie Berdar
BARE Blends
Marcia Cognetta
Goldman Sachs Ayco Personal Financial Management
Rabbi Matt Cutler
Congregation Gates of Heaven
Charles Day
Albany Medical Center
Kylie DeWeese
General Electric
Selica Y. Grant, Esq.
NYS Department of Labor
Michael Guzzo
Naval Nuclear Laboratory
Veronica Hanley
Bank of America
Frank Koncweicz
UPS, Retired
Eric LaCoppola
Environment One Corporation
Carmen Maciariello
Siena College
Jim Malatras, PhD
SUNY Empire State College
Lee McElroy
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Alfredo Medina, PhD
Bennington College
Brian O’Grady
CDPHP
Roger Ramsammy, PhD
Hudson Valley Community College
Samuel Trimboli
Price Chopper Supermarkets/Market 32
Andrew Willette
Hannaford Supermarkets
Romel Wilson
MVP Health Care

United Way Staff as of print date
Peter Gannon
President & Chief Executive Officer
Ketti Blackwell
Director of Operations, The Blake Annex
Nicki Brown
Chief of Staff
Amari Duncan
Donor Experience Manager
Roja Ebrahimi
Community Impact Manager
Gerri Goggin
Data Processor
Pagie Hughes
Director of Philanthropy
Genevieve Hudson
Relationship Manager
Erin Napoleone
Women United Advisor
Matt Hunter
Director of Strategic Communications
Andrew Kochian
Seasonal VITA Coordinator
Marissa Lounello
Donor Relations Manager/Capital Region SEFA Coordinator
Alicia Otis
Finance Manager, Contracts
Antonia Porcello
Data Processor
Angelique Powell
Director of Community Animation, The Blake Annex
Fred Quist
Donor Relations Manager, Montgomery County
Claire Reid
Chief Impact Officer
Ashlee Romero
Data Processor
Amber Schiller
Chief Financial Officer
Heather Schiller
Director, Learning and Evaluation
Sarah Sheehan
Communications Manager
Stephen Sheffer Jr.
Philanthropy Manager
Kelly Willsey
Finance Manager
Peyton Yourch
Database Coordinator
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.

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.

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.
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.

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.

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.

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.

December 2021
UWGCR Board hosts a “Not-Your-Average-Phoneathon” calling donors to thank them for their contributions this year.

2021 - 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

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 Patroons 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**.

**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.

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

---

### 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](http://unitedforALICE.org/New-York)
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.

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
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
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.
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 after-school 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.
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.

**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
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 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
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.

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.
- Naval Nuclear Laboratories
- Capital District Transportation Authority
- UPS

PARTNER IN GIVING ($25,000 TO $99,999)
- Environment One Corporation
- New York Independent System Operating (NYISO)
- KeyBank
- Pearl Companies
- MVP Health Care
- Plug
- National Grid
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

FRIENDS IN GIVING ($25,000 TO $49,999)
- American National
- Fidelis Care
- Bobrick Washroom Equipment
- SABIC
- Enterprise Holdings

GOLD AWARDS
- Arrow Family of Companies
- Navy
- Barton & Loguidice
- Electric Boat
- Bechtel Plant Machinery, Inc.
- Environment One Corporation
- Bobrick Washroom Equipment
- Hinman Straub
- The Bonadio Group
- James D. Warren and Son, Inc.
- Capital District Transportation Authority
- National Grid
- Central Hudson Gas & Electric
- NBT Bank

SPECIAL 2021-2022 AWARDS
- Campaign of Distinction
  - Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Campaign Champion
  - Noelle DiPietro, Plug
- Community Impact
  - Capital District Transportation Authority
- LIVE UNITED
  - Environment One
- Labor Appreciation
  - Mark Emanatian
- United Way Newcomer
  - Chase Bank
- Presidents’ Award
  - National Grid
- Worldwide Professional Solutions
- Public Official
  - John T. McDonald III
LEADERSHIP GIVERS

United Way’s Leadership donors contribute $1,000-$9,999 and are a driving force for positive lasting change in the Capital Region. Our Leadership donors are made up of individuals and families who are passionate about changing lives, committed to creating action, and dedicated to bringing together the expertise and resources that get results. They take on the biggest challenges of our region and recognize that it takes a commitment of resources to provide our neighbors the help they need to improve their overall well-being. Thank you for your generous support and commitment to our community.

Bryan Abihider
David Agan
Alan Alexander
Kelly Anderson
Margaret Arias
Richard Asner
Rick L. Balboni
James J. Barba Esq.
Judith Barlow
Carm & Sheila Basile
Michael S. Bassett
David J. Battaglia
Lori Beach
Jacqualyn Bedrosian
Josh & Melissa Bennett
Walter & Wendy Berninger
Charles J. Bianco
Richard E. Bigham
Richard Boyer
Mary Lynn Bradley
Michele L. Brinkman
Scott E. Britton
Amy T. Broz
Kathleen M. Buff
Dr. William S. Burnett
Esteban Cabrera
Nicole Cain
Sharone E. Caldwell
Brent Caron
Ryan & Jeanne Case
Douglas Chapman
Robert Chilinski
Carol L. Cillis
Christopher S. Clarry
Keturah Clute
Marcia Cognetta
Rob Colangelo
Sharon A. Cooper
Kirkham R. Cornwell Jr.
Fernando Corral
Timothy M. Cortes
Kenneth M. Crosby
Michael Paul Dallmeyer
Stephen & Deborah D’Amico
David E. Delong
David S. DeMarco
Terri M. Devizzio
Richard J. Dewey
Dennis Dietrich
James T. Dillon
Keith R. Dolan
Katharine & Matthew Doran
David Dorsey
Robert & Susanne Doyle
Anthony G. Duffy
William W. Duker
Mark Duncan
Mark Eagan
Matthew J. Elmer
Brian Epstein
Kathleen A. Ernst
Brenda L. Fish
Noel & Susan Fredericks
Rebecca Frey
Peter & Lauren Gannon
Brian Mark Gardner
Joe Gaug
Deborah L. Goerlach
Jerel Golub
Steven Goodspeed
Thomas Gould
Gus Graham
James F. Grant
Matthew Gravier
Barry Gray Jr.
Lari L. Greenleaf
Worth A. Gretter
David Guinn
Mike Guzzo
Prabhat Hajela
Sarah Halliday
Tracy L. Hamel
Kristofer Hanchett
Allen W. Hargrave
Dwight H. Havens
Stephen Healey
Karen L. Heathwaite
Jim & Lisa Heckman
Brian Hendricks & Marilee Grygelko
Hershey Family Fund
Mark Hoffmann
Richard A. Ikasalo
David Jaquish
Shaun Johnson
Martin & Laura Johnson
Robert C. Juras
Andrew J. Kean III
John and Lynda Kearney
Robert H. Keefer
Geoffrey Kelley
Tammy Lynn Kimble
Gene & Susanne Kimura
Stephanie Klippel-Espana
Timothy Klundt
Frank & Lisa Koncewicz
Peter Konwerski
Matthew Kowalski
David Krupski
Eric & Heather LaCoppola
Trista Lampkin
Kevin Lanahan
William Leakakos
Colleen Legere
Edward Lehane
Katrina Lighthall
Yachi Lin
Robert R. Little
William D. Louden
Raymond & Tracy Lucero
Scott Maconald
Ruth H. Mahoney
Janine Mangione
Jeff & Francine Marzinsky
Amy Matchen
William Mate
Vicki A. Mazzie
Dr. Lee McElroy
Kenneth P. McGivney
Melissa G. McGrath
Dr. Donna McIntosh
Mark McMahon
Cameron J. McPherson
Tammy Miller
Thomas R. Miller
John J. Minno
Gary & Marilyn Mittleman
Richard A. Mizenko
Michael Modan
Michael S. Monaco
Mario Moricone

John & Kellyanne Murray
David & Martha Musser
Mary-Ann Muth
Joseph P. Nehrbaurer
Emilie Nelson Chrapowitzky
Patrick O’Gorman
Frankie J. Page
Theresa J. Pangburn
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Peckham
Bill Pennock
James Peterson
Edward C. Pierce
Michael J. Pishkula
Laura J. Poltynski
Laura M. Popa
Antonia Porcello
Scott J. Powhida
Stephanie Prescott
Claire Reid
Mark Roberts
Peter M. Rosecrans Jr.
Mary L. Rozak
Stephen Samuell Family
Brian Sano
Bradly L. Sargent
David Sauerman
Jon Sawyer
Ellen Sax
Peter G. Scavullo
Megan S. Schanstra
Amber Schiller
Rachel Semanchik
Marbeth L. Serencsics
Nancy B. Sever, Esq.
Andrew Philip Shapiro
Christopher Shattuck
Sanjay Shrestha
Richard & Pam Siegel
Lori A. Sievers Esq.
Martin Silverman
Dr. Kapil Singh

Christopher Smith
Zachary G. Smith
Karen Y. Spotford
Raymond W. Stalter Jr.
Theresa Steeneck
Richard & Diana Straut
Christopher Edward Stump
Deirdre Taylor
Leo Taylor
Eugene A. Terwilliger
Dr. Frank Thiel
Ryan Thomas
Richard Thompson
Fonda L. Thompson
Robert Tiger
Joel Tomlin
Patrick Lamar Venable
Luciano Venditti Sr.
James Vielkind-Neun
Edward Walters
Jennifer M. Warren
Dante M. Watts
Alan N. Wechsler
Dr. Thomas C. Werner III
Jonathan D. Wexler
Holly Wiles-Pemburn
Andrew Wise
Harold Witt
Craig Wojtaszek
Melissa A. Wolf
Wesley Yeomans
Gary Zarr
Michael Zonca
COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT
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
Neil and Jane* Golub

Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson and Dr. Morris A. Washington
Kevyn Aucoin Memorial Trust
Andy Marsh
Massry Family

John J. Nigro
Brian and Beth O’Grady
Rick & Diana Ostroff
Percy Waller Foundation

* of blessed memory
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.


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.
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
Kate Doran, Teal, Becker & Chairamonte, CPAs, PC
Kristen Doyle, Wealth Advisory Group, LLC
Christina Farinacci-Roberts, Head Heart and Hand Consulting, LLC
Fatin Haddad, Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Andrea Hanley, The CDL Schools, LLC
Veronica Hanley, Veronica Hanley Wedding & Event Planning
Kate Jones, Arthur J. Gallagher
Toi Jones-McCowan, CAP COM FCU
Meg Koloskie, Therapeutic Horses of Saratoga, Inc
Chana Krausz-Papp, Saratoga Eagle
Regina LaGatta, Hudson Valley Community College
Brandi Landy, Capital Region Chamber of Commerce
Kate Manley, Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce
Erin Napoleone, Choice Physical Therapy
Kate Otis, Saratoga National Bank & Trust Co.
Keshana Owens-Cody, Alliance for Better Health
Camerine Robinson, VQuest Consulting
Paige Rueckert, CAP COM Federal Credit Union
Nancy Sever, Hinman & Straub
Audrey Stone, Sunmark Credit Union
Alicia Suarez, Suarez Physical Therapy
Margaret Templeton, MEMIC
Kaitlyn Van Dyke, American Red Cross

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

**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.
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.

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


<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Assets</th>
<th>Unaudited 6/30/2022</th>
<th>Audited 6/30/2021</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</td>
<td>640,222</td>
<td>647,101</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investments</td>
<td>7,998,239</td>
<td>10,248,347</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pledges Receivable</td>
<td>1,339,603</td>
<td>1,301,618</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other Receivables</td>
<td>257,237</td>
<td>212,437</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Property &amp; Equipment Net</td>
<td>162,694</td>
<td>419,603</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trust</td>
<td>535,468</td>
<td>673,431</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>10,933,463</strong></td>
<td><strong>13,502,537</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Liabilities</th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses</td>
<td>259,243</td>
<td>192,632</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grants Payable</td>
<td>713,897</td>
<td>642,825</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Designations Payable</td>
<td>581,071</td>
<td>683,932</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Notes Payable</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>287,954</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Liabilities</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,554,243</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,807,343</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Net Assets</th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions - Undesignated</td>
<td>5,934,946</td>
<td>1,271,207</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions - Board Designated</td>
<td>2,870,310</td>
<td>9,574,566</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net Assets With Donor Restrictions</td>
<td>573,996</td>
<td>849,421</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Net Assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>9,379,252</strong></td>
<td><strong>11,695,194</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>10,933,463</strong></td>
<td><strong>13,502,537</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

**United Way Expenses**

- Program Services & Community Impact Investments: 24%
- Fundraising: 5%
- Donor Designations to Agencies: 46%
- Management and General: 5%

---

**United Way Revenue**

- Employee Giving: 62%
- Investments: 9%
- Grants: 16%
- Other Revenue: 16%
- Individual Gifts: 9%
- Corporate Gifts: 36%
- Special Events: 21%

---

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.
FROM the Community, FOR the Community

LEARN MORE UNITEDWAYGCR.ORG
GET HELP 211NENY.ORG
VOLUNTEER UNITEDTOVOLUNTEER.ORG
FREE TAX PREP GETFREETAXPREP.ORG

at The Blake Annex, 1 Steuben Place
P.O. Box 1988 Albany, NY 12207
518-456-2200