



United Way of Cattaraugus & Allegany Counties

# Closing Gaps. Creating Opportunities.

Mobilizing communities so all can thrive.

United Way is making a significant impact in our community, addressing key issues in **health, education, and economic mobility.**

We focus on immediate needs and tackling the root causes of systemic problems to help build a foundation for a *healthier and more prosperous community.*

While we continue to support organizations that create opportunities and close gaps, challenges still exist. Many in our community struggle to meet basic needs, and children face the risk of falling behind.

Addressing these challenges requires **collective action.**

## 2024 FUNDED PROGRAMS

### Allegany County

- Allegany County Assoc. for the Blind and Visually Handicapped
- Allegany County Community Opportunities and Rural Development, Inc. (ACCORD)
- Allegany County Mental Health Assoc.
- Allegany Senior Foundation
- Allegheny Highlands Council, BSA
- American Red Cross Western New York Chapter
- Ardent Solutions
- Belfast Public Library
- Catholic Charities Joyce Family Food Pantry & Outreach
- Catholic Charities of Buffalo
- Cuba Circulating Library Assoc.
- Family Service Society, Inc.
- Fillmore Powerhouse Youth Center Inc.
- Home Care & Hospice
- Houghton Royal Family Kids Camp
- Literacy West NY, Inc.
- Southern Tier Traveling Teacher, Inc.

- The Salvation Army, Wellsville
- Trinity Christian Daycare
- YMCA of the Twin Tiers

### Cattaraugus County

- Allegheny Highlands Council, BSA
- American Red Cross WNY Chapter
- Be-A-Friend Program, Inc., Big Brothers Big Sisters of Erie, Niagara and the Southern Tier
- Catholic Charities of Buffalo
- CBA Vision Rehabilitation Services
- Directions In Independent Living, inc.
- Genesis House of Olean, Inc.
- Girl Scouts of Western NY
- HomeCare & Hospice
- Interfaith Caregivers
- Legal Assistance of Western NY
- Olean Food Pantry
- Special Olympics New York, Inc.
- St. Bonaventure University



# STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY

Join us in creating opportunities for everyone in our community to thrive. Your donation today can make a meaningful difference.

**Together, let's continue building a healthier, more prosperous community for all.**

Contribute via payroll deduction through your employer, by check, online at [uwcac.org/donate](http://uwcac.org/donate) or scan this code:



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## Elevating Health as a Community Asset

Health is not just an individual concern; it's an asset that shapes the well-being of our community. Challenges like food insecurity and limited access to health services hold back our collective potential.

Through initiatives like the Catholic Charities Joyce Family Food Pantry, we are making essential services and healthy foods more accessible. This, in turn, helps create a community where everyone not only survives but actively contributes to their well-being. When people are healthy, they can fully engage in work, volunteering, and community participation.

## Unlocking Future Success through Education

Education is a cornerstone for personal and societal development. Partnering with programs like Bona Buddies, we provide tangible benefits such as mentors reading to children, helping with homework, playing board games, and making crafts. For families, this translates to a simple yet powerful reality: children who are engaged with mentors have a better chance of succeeding in school and life.

**"Every young person needs someone who completely believes in them and their potential."**

Alice Miller Nation, Bona Buddies

## Economic Mobility: A Generational Investment

Our focus extends to adults, particularly in the areas of job skills and financial education. Through the Southern Tier Traveling Teacher program, we're creating pathways for individuals to earn a family-supporting wage and pursue career advancement.

Initiatives like Traveling Teachers are crucial as they break the cycle of financial instability that can persist for generations. Our goal is to support lasting solutions that uplift entire communities, moving beyond quick fixes.

For instance, Paige, a mother with young children who works full-time, credits the Traveling Teacher's flexibility and exceptional tutors for her success earning her diploma.