

# UNITED WE CAN



## ANNUAL REPORT

2022-2023



United Way of Southern  
Chautauqua County

**United We Win. Live United.**

# Welcome To Our 2022-2023 Annual Report



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERS

What a remarkable year! We are deeply grateful for the tireless efforts of our community—including our volunteers, generous donors, top-notch staff, resilient non-profit agencies, and the many, many partners in this work. Our campaign theme for this year was “United We Can” – and we could not be prouder of all we accomplished.

Through the efforts of our three campaign chairs—Denise Heppeler, Danielle Stone, and Heather Turner—we raised more than \$1.4 million dollars, which was our highest fundraising year since 2002! We worked with small businesses to develop a giving circle to highlight their unique and local impact: the 365 Small Business Circle. We developed a new educational and engagement tool called the ALICE Experience, which helps our community learn about some of the challenges and barriers that many working households face. Under our leadership, the I.D.E.A. Coalition (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility) formally launched last Juneteenth, and now has more than 40 coalition members committed to making Chautauqua County a place where everyone belongs and has opportunities to thrive. It has truly been a year of collective impact and capacity building, which is what we do best.

Your investment in this organization is the fuel for our mission to help every person and family improve their lives. And united, we can overcome any challenge. Thank you.

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Amy Rohler, Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joelle Washer".

Joelle Washer, President

### OUR MISSION

United Way of Southern Chautauqua County mobilizes the community to help every person and family improve their lives.

### OUR VISION

To be the recognized leader and problem solver in our community that assesses needs, develops strategies, invests resources and creates data driven solutions to improve lives.

### STRATEGIC AREAS OF IMPACT

Academic Success  
Health and Independence  
Ready Workforce  
Self-Sufficiency



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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VITA Program Administrator



# UNITED WE CAN

For the first time in United Way of Southern Chautauqua County's history, three women co-chaired the campaign raising **\$1,404,065** – the highest amount in 20 years! Together, they tackled campaign presentations, text-to-give technology, cabinet meetings, brainstorming sessions, and a newly created giving opportunity: 365 Small Business Circle. This year's campaign had 440 new donors and UWAYSCC staff and volunteers did more than 66 presentations at local workplaces. Thank you to the generous donors of our community!

**CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIRS:** Danielle Stone, Wegmans; Denise Heppeler, Jamestown Public Schools; Heather Turner, Blackstone Advanced Technologies and Ulrich Fabrication

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## THANK YOU CAMPAIGN CABINET VOLUNTEERS!

### LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

Jane and Rolland Kidder  
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**“I started volunteering at Community Helping Hands 6 years ago and I have never left. I am now the thrift store manager and feel like everyone at CHH is like family. My advice to others is to never say never!”**

*Sarina Lynn Rivera –  
2022 Impact Award Recipient  
Community Helping Hands*

# THANK YOU LEADERSHIP CIRCLE DONORS

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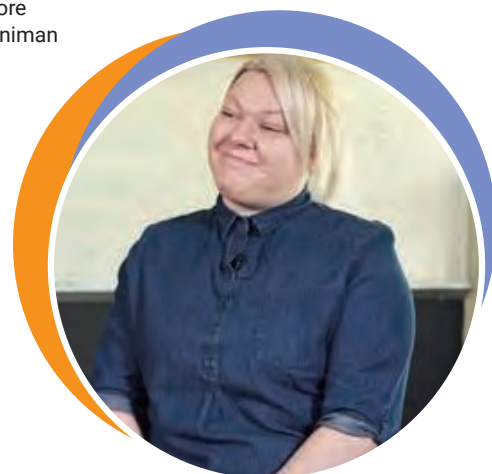
## EMERGING LEADERS

### 1,000+

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### \$500+

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Mayor Edward Sundquist



“TEAM was where my life really started and was there every step of the way as I navigated the real world, giving me the tools necessary to become the woman and mother I am today. My advice is never give up and if you haven't started, start now. Life flies by in the blink of an eye.”

Paige Grekulak –  
2022 Impact Award Recipient  
TEAM (Teenage Education  
and Motherhood)



# Thank You Campaign Donors

## \$100,000 +

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Southern Tier Brewing Company  
Southwestern Central School  
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The Resource Center  
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Southern Chaut. Federal Credit Union  
UBS Financial Services, Inc.  
United Way of Southern Chautauqua County  
YMCA of Jamestown  
YWCA of Jamestown

## \$1,000 - \$2,499

AAA Jamestown  
AAA Warren  
AKS Sign Designs & Marketing  
Bodell Overcash Anderson & Co., Inc.  
Carlyle C. Ring School  
Chautauqua Adult Day Services, Inc.  
Chautauqua Lake Child Care Center  
Chautauqua Region Community Foundation  
Chautauqua Striders, Inc.  
Child Advocacy Program of Chautauqua County  
Clinton V. Bush School  
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Family Service of the Chautauqua Region  
Frewsburg Central School  
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Highmark Health  
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Mental Health Association  
Panama Central School  
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PNC Financial Services  
Prevention Works  
R Patti Concrete & Excavating  
Randolph Central School  
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Glatz Agency, Inc.  
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Milton J. Fletcher School  
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Rodgers Land Surveying  
Schaffner Knight Minnaugh & Company, PC  
Southwest New York Building Trades Council  
Spray Tech Finishing  
Stuart Tool & Die, Inc.  
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Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc.  
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Clymer Central School  
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Advocates of Chautauqua County, Inc.  
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EQT Foundation  
FedEx  
First Energy Foundation  
Five Star Bank  
G. L. Olson, Inc.  
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Gateway Health Plan  
Giant Eagle  
Girl Scouts of Western New York  
JB Liquor Store  
JC Penney Company  
Jenn's Lake Service LLC  
KelloggDesign  
Key Bank National Association  
Lake Shore Savings  
Lakewood Apothecary & Natural Health Center  
Lamar Advertising  
Lena's Pizza & Sub Shop  
McCandless Well Drilling, Inc.  
Media One Radio Group  
Monarch Plastics Inc.  
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North Harmony United Methodist Church  
Panache Salon & Day Spa  
Pine Valley Central School  
Price Abstract Company, LLC  
Quick Solutions  
Raymond J. Fashano Technical Academy  
Raynor's Liquor Store  
RK Creations - Richard's Salon  
Sherman Central School  
Stanton's Garage, Inc.  
The Chautauqua Center - Jamestown  
Triple E Manufacturing  
United Parcel Services

## Up to \$100

Abers Acres  
Allen Park Women's Club  
Amazon Smile Foundation  
Ashley Home Store  
Cornell Cooperative Extension  
J. Edwards Insurance Agency  
LaBella Associates D.P.C.  
Travel Team Field Associates  
Val Pro Sanitary Supplies  
Walmart Stores, Inc.



**“In a journey towards sobriety, my advice is to Never Give Up. After choosing to change my life for the better, great things have happened for me and I know they can for you too!”**

*Jessica Crooks –  
2022 Impact Award Recipient  
Mental Health Association*



Ralph SHELDON Foundation, Inc.



# “Small Business, Big Impact.”

In 2022, we introduced the 365 Small Business Circle to honor the contributions that small businesses make to our local community. For as little as \$1 per day, small businesses in Southern Chautauqua County help improve the lives of families struggling to make ends meet.



## “Member” Level \$365

Bly, Sheffield, Baragar and Pillitteri  
Ciancio Mechanical  
Elegant Edibles

JB Liquor Store  
Jenn’s Lake Service  
KelloggDesign

Lena’s Pizza & Sub Shop  
McCandless Well Drilling, Inc.  
Panache Salon & Day Spa

Quick Solutions  
Raynor’s Liquor Store

## “Leader” Level \$500+

AKS Sign Designs & Marketing  
D&S Glass  
Eckman Insurance Agency

Falconer Printing & Design  
Jamestown Awning  
LandPro Equipment

Lind Funeral Home  
Rodgers Land Surveying



# Allocations 2023

## ACADEMIC SUCCESS \$398,000

A Children's Place Childcare.....	\$12,000
<b>A Children's Place</b>	
After School Cub Scouts Program.....	\$11,000
<b>Allegheny Highlands Council</b>	
CASA.....	\$25,000
<b>Court Appointed Special Advocates</b>	
Vision Screening.....	\$7,500
<b>CBA Vision Rehabilitation</b>	
Early Childhood Program.....	\$18,000
<b>Chautauqua Lake Child Care Center</b>	
Mentoring & Social Emotional Learning.....	\$50,000
<b>Chautauqua Striders</b>	
On-Track Tutoring.....	\$8,000

<b>Chautauqua Striders</b>	
School-Based Social Work.....	\$60,000
<b>Family Services of the Chautauqua Region</b>	
After School Program.....	\$11,000
<b>Girl Scouts of Western New York</b>	
Camp Experience.....	\$5,000
<b>Girl Scouts of Western New York</b>	
Troop Program.....	\$8,000
<b>Girl Scouts of Western New York</b>	
Teenage Education And Motherhood & Community Based Parents As Teachers.....	\$32,000
<b>Jamestown Community Learning Council</b>	
Children & Family Outreach Program.....	\$23,000

<b>Salvation Army</b>	
Kidz Programming.....	\$10,500
<b>The Relief Zone</b>	
Power Scholars/LEAP.....	\$19,500
<b>YMCA</b>	
Latino After School Care.....	\$27,500
<b>YMCA</b>	
Teenage Education And Motherhood.....	\$17,000
<b>YWCA</b>	
Early Care & Education.....	\$53,000
<b>YWCA</b>	

## HEALTH & INDEPENDENCE \$263,500

Disaster Cycle Services.....	\$51,000
<b>American Red Cross of Western New York</b>	
Vision Rehabilitation.....	\$16,000
<b>CBA Vision Rehabilitation</b>	
Adult Day Services Scholarship Fund.....	\$32,000
<b>Chautauqua Adult Day Services</b>	
Comprehensive Life Safety Program.....	\$10,000
<b>Chautauqua Safety Village</b>	
Membership Program Support.....	\$16,500
<b>Community Connections @ Findley Lake</b>	
Helping Families In Need.....	\$15,000
<b>Community Helping Hands</b>	
Farm to School.....	\$8,500
<b>Jamestown Public Market</b>	
Home Delivered Meal Program.....	\$20,000
<b>Meals on Wheels</b>	
ANEW.....	\$42,000
<b>Salvation Army</b>	
Comprehensive Financial Assistance.....	\$52,500
<b>Salvation Army</b>	

## READY WORKFORCE \$217,000

4-H Youth Development Programming.....	\$3,500
<b>Cornell Cooperative Extension</b>	
Work & Career Readiness in Jamestown Public Schools.....	\$5,000
<b>Junior Achievement of Western New York</b>	
Universal Prevention.....	\$35,000
<b>Prevention Works</b>	
Ready for Work & Ready for Life.....	\$155,000
<b>Winifred Crawford Dibert Boys &amp; Girls Club of Jamestown</b>	
Pathways to Paydays.....	\$18,500
<b>YMCA</b>	

<b>ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY IMPACT</b>	
211.....	\$9,500
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA).....	\$7,894
Non-Profit Capacity Building.....	\$2,500
Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative.....	\$46,528
Other Community Impact.....	\$92,409

## SELF-SUFFICIENCY \$166,500

Asset Development.....	\$7,500
<b>Chautauqua Opportunities</b>	
Trauma Counseling.....	\$31,000
<b>Child Advocacy Program of Chautauqua County</b>	
Office Based Counseling.....	\$10,000
<b>Family Services of the Chautauqua Region</b>	
Parents As Teachers PLUS.....	\$11,000
<b>Jamestown Community Learning Council</b>	
Recovery/Peer Coaching.....	\$39,000
<b>Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County</b>	
Intervention Services & Parenting.....	\$15,000
<b>Prevention Works</b>	
Invest U.....	\$15,000
<b>The Resource Center</b>	
UCAN City Mission.....	\$20,000
<b>UCAN City Mission</b>	
Transitions Housing.....	\$18,000
<b>YWCA</b>	

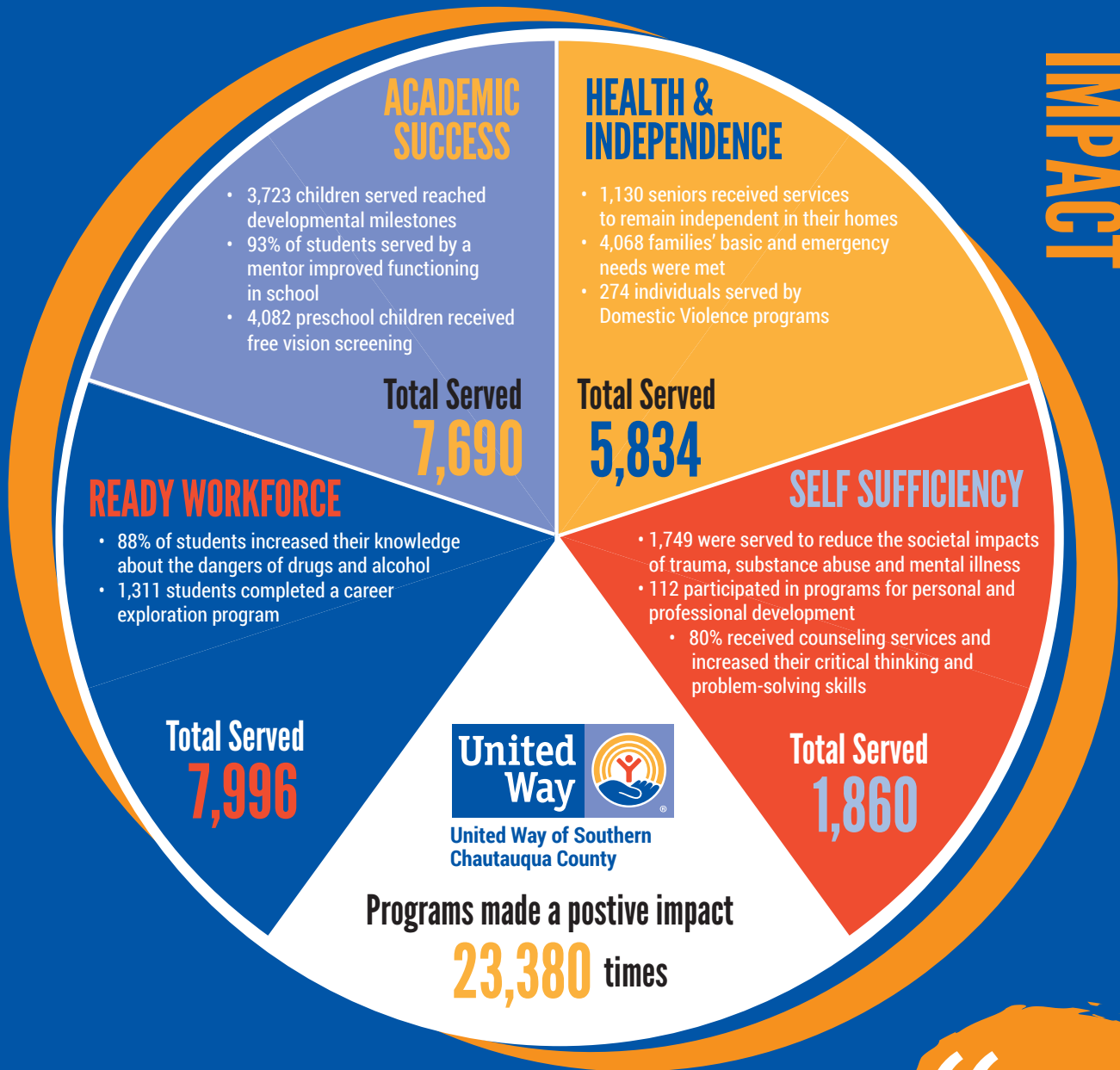
# VOLUNTEERS

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 Dave Foti – M&T Bank  
 Annette Lewczyk – Hope's Windows  
 Chi Hinson – Leadership for Execs  
 Christine Swanson - Paychex

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 Mark Nelson – Alliance Advisory Group  
 Jennifer Puleo – UPS  
 Lisa Allenson – Community Bank  
 Lew Meckley – UWSCC Board / Retired  
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 Rev. Uvie Stewart – Retired, Cummins  
 Joelle Washer – Northwest Savings Bank  
 Regina Brackman – Esolutions Furniture  
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 Melissa Storms - Wegmans  
 Liz Witherspoon – UCAN City Mission





## ALICE (Asset, Limited, Income Constrained, Employed)

This year, UWSCC developed an educational and engagement tool designed to build knowledge and empathy for an often-invisible population in our community when we talk about poverty: ALICE (Asset, Limited, Income Constrained, Employed). In 2021, more than 16,051 of Chautauqua County's 126,807 individuals were ALICE. ALICE households have an income above the federal poverty level but are still struggling to afford basic household necessities.



This demographic, in addition to those below the federal poverty level, means that 48% of households in Chautauqua County experience financial hardship. Through the ALICE Experience, participants learn about the challenging decisions that ALICE families make daily, bringing to light the realities faced by people who live in financial hardship and the ripple effect this has on our community. Groups are assigned a family profile and must build a budget within the limitations of their assigned family. The ALICE Experience is a powerful engagement tool that often challenges one's understanding of financial hardship and reveals important insights about an often invisible need in our community.

“To say that I’m blown away would be an understatement... it’s my belief that going through this experience would make us all better [employees] on top of becoming better people within our community.”  
 – M&T Bank Employee



## Community Baby Shower

The annual community baby shower continued this year through the collection of baby items and monetary gifts from the community, sponsored by UPMC Chautauqua, Jamestown Pediatric Associates, Lane Women’s Health Group, Jamestown Prendergast Library, and Wegmans. Items collected through various community groups were distributed among local agencies who provide direct services and support to babies and mothers in Chautauqua County. The community raised \$628 and collected baby essentials and supplies for a total value of \$6,649. Agencies receiving items collected from the Community Baby Shower include The Baby Café, Chautauqua County Department of Maternal & Infant Health, Catholic Charities (WIC), Jamestown Community Learning Council, Mental Health Association, Salvation Army ANEW Center, SPREE (Jamestown Community College), Community Helping Hands, TEAM (YWCA Jamestown) and Transitions Housing (YWCA Jamestown).

## Vickye James Blueprint Fund



Vickye James was a member of the Board of Directors of United Way for seven years and served as Board President from 2008-2010. She was one of only four female presidents during the 122-year history of United Way, and the only African American to ever serve as president. She was passionate about serving her community, empowering youth, and giving voice to historically marginalized people in the City of Jamestown. A well-respected leader in City Government, the Church, and the non-profit sector, she was widely known for working for social justice and saw leadership development as a path to achieving it. One of her accomplishments during her tenure at United Way was to support the implementation of “Project Blueprint,” a multi-year initiative that helped promote volunteerism on non-profit boards and committees—with a special focus on people of color—by guiding participants in acquiring skills necessary for board membership through training, exposure, and direction. In honor of her legacy, United Way of Southern Chautauqua County created the Vickye James Blueprint Fund. The first recipients of the funding include:

- The Princess Club (Emmanuel Baptist Church)
- Book M.A.R.K. Program (YWCA Jamestown)
- Blackwell Chapel Baby Cafe

## Girls in Sports



WNY Girls in Sports, established in 2006 by Mary Wilson to promote sports and fitness to girls ages 9-12, made a big impact in Chautauqua County this year. United Way of Southern Chautauqua County partnered with United Way of Buffalo & Erie County to host a Western New York Girls in Sports event at the Jefferson Middle School fieldhouse. Girls were given the opportunity to sample sports, hear from an inspirational speaker, and engage with women leaders from our community. There were 70 girls that participated in the event along with a combined total of 50 volunteers that made the event possible

This event included four sports sampling stations made possible by coaches, student athletes and volunteers from JHS Girls’ Basketball, JHS Track & Cross Country, Southern Tier Football Club, and Yoga with Lotus Healing Center. Local community volunteers that supported the event included United Way of Southern Chautauqua County, AAUW, Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, YWCA Jamestown, and Women and Chautauqua County Coalition of Women and Girls.

## VITA Program (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)

VITA files free taxes for individuals and working families who make \$73,000 or less per year, as well as persons with disabilities, limited-English taxpayers and persons 60 years and older.

United Way of Northern Chautauqua County and United Way of Southern Chautauqua County shared a VITA Program Administrator, who provided support and coordination to fifty eight volunteers. These volunteers prepared taxes, assisted with intake information, and provided site coordination—logging more than 3,500 hours of service to the community. This year VITA volunteers assisted approximately 2,100 individuals, and 1,550 households, filed 1,470 tax returns, and brought back \$2,172,107.00 in refunds. 1,025 of the individuals were over 60.

## 2022 Joseph H. Mason Award



James M. Cama, a member of the Jamestown Teachers Association, was the recipient of the 2022 Joseph H. Mason Award. Jim is a second-grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary Schools and an active member of the Jamestown Teachers Association. He shows dedication to his union in a multitude of ways and is willing to serve in whatever capacity needed. He is a past coordinator of JTA Battle of the Businesses and also participates in IMPACT for Educators at Lincoln Elementary School. He is very active in the community and has been an integral part of the Hands-on Jamestown Neighborhood clean-up event. Jim and his wife Emily are also Realtors at ERA Team VP Real Estate. Jim shares his love for sports as a coach for a local baseball team and has served as a host for the Babe Ruth World Series. He and his family have also been hosts for a Rotary Exchange Student. Jim, his wife, and his four children live in West Ellicott and are very involved with Zion Covenant Church.

## Business Meets Community: Impact Tours & Days of Caring

Every year, UWSCC coordinates Days of Caring and Impact Tours for local businesses and organizations. These are opportunities for individuals to volunteer as part of an employer team. They can also learn more about the issues affecting our community and how local nonprofits, supported by funding from United Way, are making an impact every day. United Way staff coordinates the site visits and volunteer projects at multiple agencies, and the day ends with a group reflection to discuss what was learned. Both the Impact Tours and Days of Caring show the value and importance of ongoing United Way funding for community partner agencies. They are also a great tool for team building and giving back to the community in a “hands-on” way.

United Way of Southern Chautauqua County

## Volunteer of the Year



In June, we honored 24 volunteers nominated by our community partners for their work in our

community. The theme for this year's event was “Volunteers Make a World of Difference” and volunteers honored included: Heidi Harding (American Red Cross), Julie Ortendahl (CASA), Megan Maynard (CBA Vision Rehabilitation Services), Tina Pratt (Chautauqua Adult Day Services), Lois Kibler (Chautauqua Safety Village), Marc Vitantonio (Chautauqua Striders Mentoring), Tom Mawhinney (Chautauqua Striders Tutoring), Laurel Brown (Child Advocacy Program), Tina Glenn (Community Helping Hands), Birgitta Hofert & BJ Buonaiuto (Family Services of the Chq. Region), Debbie Dean (Girl Scouts of WNY), Jerome Lee Yaw (Jamestown Community Learning Council), Mike Micciche (Junior Achievement of WNY), Cindy Schnelzer (Meals on Wheels), Sharon Lawson (Mental Health Association), Dr. Laura Geraci (Prevention Works), John Davis (The Relief Zone), Rich Kimball (The Resource Center), Calvis Emmanuel (UCAN City Mission), Becky FitzPatrick & Yvette Teeter (WCD Boys & Girls Club), Lilly Scarsone (YMCA Jamestown) and Alix Sandberg (YWCA Jamestown).



VOLUNTEERS PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN UNITED WAY FUNDED PROGRAMS

**871 volunteers**

engaged in & supported UW funded programs, contributing to over 23,380 positive impacts. The value of volunteer time is \$29.95 per hour.

## Emergency Food and Shelter Program

United Way of Southern Chautauqua County administers and coordinates FEMA's ESFP funds throughout the County. Last year, Chautauqua County received \$57,138 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs. More than ten local organizations are impacted annually by these federal funds, including Catholic Charities, Salvation Army of Jamestown and Dunkirk, PathStone Corporation, St. Susan's Center, Dunkirk Meals on Wheels, Jamestown Area Meals on Wheels, FeedMore WNY, YWCA Jamestown, and the UCAN City Mission.

## 211 of Western New York

2-1-1 Western New York is a free and valuable service for all citizens of Chautauqua County, made possible through the partnership and support of United Way and VIA. This free resource service is available 24/7 and can be accessed via phone, text, and internet. To access the free resources of 211, call 211 or 888-696-9211, visit 211wny.org, or text your zip code to 898-211 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.





# I.D.E.A. Coalition (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access)

Formally launched on Juneteenth 2022, the I.D.E.A. Coalition (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access) works to make Chautauqua County a place where everyone belongs and has opportunities to thrive, especially those who have been historically marginalized. Since its inception as informal conversations with several local institutions, the IDEA Coalition has grown from 18 to 40 members from across sectors. Coalition members spent the first part of the year formalizing the structure, leadership, and approach of the coalition. The second half of the year included facilitating a series of townhall meetings and listening sessions with Black and Latino communities in both Dunkirk and Jamestown. Six meetings were held, attended by more than 160 people of color. Their work also included a survey geared toward Black and Latino residents to get their feedback on challenges they are currently facing.

- Goals:**
- Engage historically marginalized populations and identify barriers and concerns related to belonging and thriving.
  - Prioritize issues/themes that emerge from those direct conversations.
  - Create space for collaboration and collective work across organizations and those directly impacted to help address identified barriers and concerns.

The coalition leadership used both the survey data and the townhall meetings to inform their work. This listening process ultimately identified thirteen concerns/barriers which “defined the challenge” using the comments and feedback from community members themselves: Racism/Discrimination, Language Barriers, Lack of Representation, Poverty/Financial Hardship, Business, Jobs/Employment, Housing, Education System, Public Safety, Community/Social Activities, Services/Resources, Health System/Mental Health, and Transportation. During a “data walk,” community members reviewed the data and feedback collected during the townhall meetings, and used post it notes to add questions, share personal experiences in each of the areas, and to begin to offer their ideas for solutions. This process helped prioritize which concerns/barriers the coalition would tackle first. In their May meeting (which included 60 people in attendance), coalition members reviewed the top three priorities, as identified by communities of color:

## Education System | Business/Employment | Community/Social Activities

The next steps will involve finalizing summaries of the identified priorities, as well as some of the solution themes that emerged from the May coalition meeting. The IDEA Coalition will be looking to identify three “solution teams” made up of coalition members, community members, and other key stakeholders.

## Current I.D.E.A. Members

Audubon Community Nature Center  
 Chautauqua Adult Day Services  
 Chautauqua County Office for the Aging  
 Chautauqua Institution  
 Chautauqua Opportunities Inc.  
 Chautauqua Region Community Foundation  
 Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation  
 Child Advocacy Program of Chautauqua County  
 Church Apostolic House of Prayer  
 City of Dunkirk  
 City of Jamestown  
 CREATE Project  
 Davey Resource Group  
 Dream it Do it of Western New York  
 Dunkirk City Schools  
 Goodwill of WNY  
 #IntegrityFirst, Inc.  
 Jamestown Jackals  
 Jamestown Community College

Jamestown Community Learning Council  
 Jamestown Police Department  
 Jamestown Public Schools  
 Junior Achievement of WNY  
 Kids at Promise  
 M&T Bank  
 Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier  
 Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation

Northwest Arena  
 Prevention Works, Inc.  
 Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation, Inc.  
 Robert H. Jackson Center  
 Rotary Club of Jamestown, NY  
 Roger Tory Peterson Institute  
 Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union  
 SUNY Fredonia



The Chautauqua Center  
 The Resource Center  
 United Way of Northern Chautauqua County  
 United Way of Southern Chautauqua County  
 UPMC Chautauqua  
 YWCA Jamestown





# Partnerships that Move the Needle

## Coalition of Chautauqua County Women and Girls



For more than ten years, the Coalition of Chautauqua County Women and Girls' mission to help women and girls build a better future has been successful in providing ongoing support and networking opportunities for women throughout the county. Last year's efforts included sponsoring and facilitating a panel presentation at Chautauqua Institution's free Chautauqua County day with guests Margaret Mitchell, CEO of YWCA USA, and Felicia Beard, Senior Director of Racial Equity Initiatives for the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo. The Coalition also successfully transitioned their Women2Women mentoring program to the direction of the YWCA Jamestown. United Way of Southern Chautauqua County is the fiscal agent for the Coalition, and serves as member of the steering committee. Visit <https://ccwomens.org.wordpress.com/> for more information.

## The Capacity Lab



The Capacity Lab is a collaborative initiative to strengthen nonprofit leaders and organizations in Chautauqua County. United Way of Southern Chautauqua County is one of six local funders that works alongside Project Director, Noah Goodling, to combine efforts that seek to align resources and develop collaborative strategies to strengthen the nonprofit sector. This year's accomplishments include the first local cohort of graduates from the Institute for Nonprofit Practice (INP)—a program that equips nonprofit leaders with the skills, knowledge, and networks they need to make strategic, mission-driven decisions and effect meaningful change in their organizations and beyond. The Capacity Lab also coordinated a six-part non-profit board training workshop, the release of the first annual Chautauqua County Non-profit Salary and Benefits Survey, and provided several micro-grants to local agencies designed to make strategic investments in learning how to build capacity. The Capacity Lab is supported by the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation and local funders, including Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation, Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation, Winifred Crawford Dibert Foundation, United Way of Northern Chautauqua County, and United Way of Southern Chautauqua County. Visit [www.thecapacitylab.org](http://www.thecapacitylab.org) for more information.

**“Collaborating with several community partners has greatly benefited the children in the community. They are able to learn and experience different things that they may not have been able to otherwise.”**

*UW Community Partner*



## Jamestown Young Professionals

Through the leadership and coordination of United Way of Southern Chautauqua County as the backbone agency, the Jamestown Young Professionals relaunched in Fall 2022 after taking time off during the pandemic. This group gathers on a regular basis for networking and community development. JYP strives to support and retain young professionals in our area and is dedicated to providing opportunities for them to connect, grow personally and professionally, give back to the community, and enjoy life in Chautauqua County.

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of June 30, 2023

## Assets

Cash	\$	617,312
Century Society Endowment held at CRCF		151,649
John A. & Oscar Johnson Memorial Fund		2,000,837
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Total Cash & Investments		2,769,798

Total Receivables - Grants, 2021, 2022 & 2023 Campaign, Shared Services		250,327
Century Society Endowment Funds Receivable		6,000
Prepaid Expenses		2,524
Fixed Assets Net of Depreciation		44,482
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Total Assets	\$	3,073,131

## Liabilities

Accounts Payable, Accruals, and Deferred Liabilities	\$	18,686
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## Fund Balance

Permanently Restricted Century Society Endowment	151,752
Allocations & Donor Designations to Agencies	1,058,383
Temporarily Restricted (Community Impact)	179,217
Temporarily Restricted (Administrative)	407,714
Temporarily Restricted (Technology)	5,109
Fixed Assets, Board Designated, Restricted, & Unrestricted Total Fund Balance	<hr/> 1,252,270
Total Fund Balance	3,054,445
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	<hr/> <hr/> \$ 3,073,131

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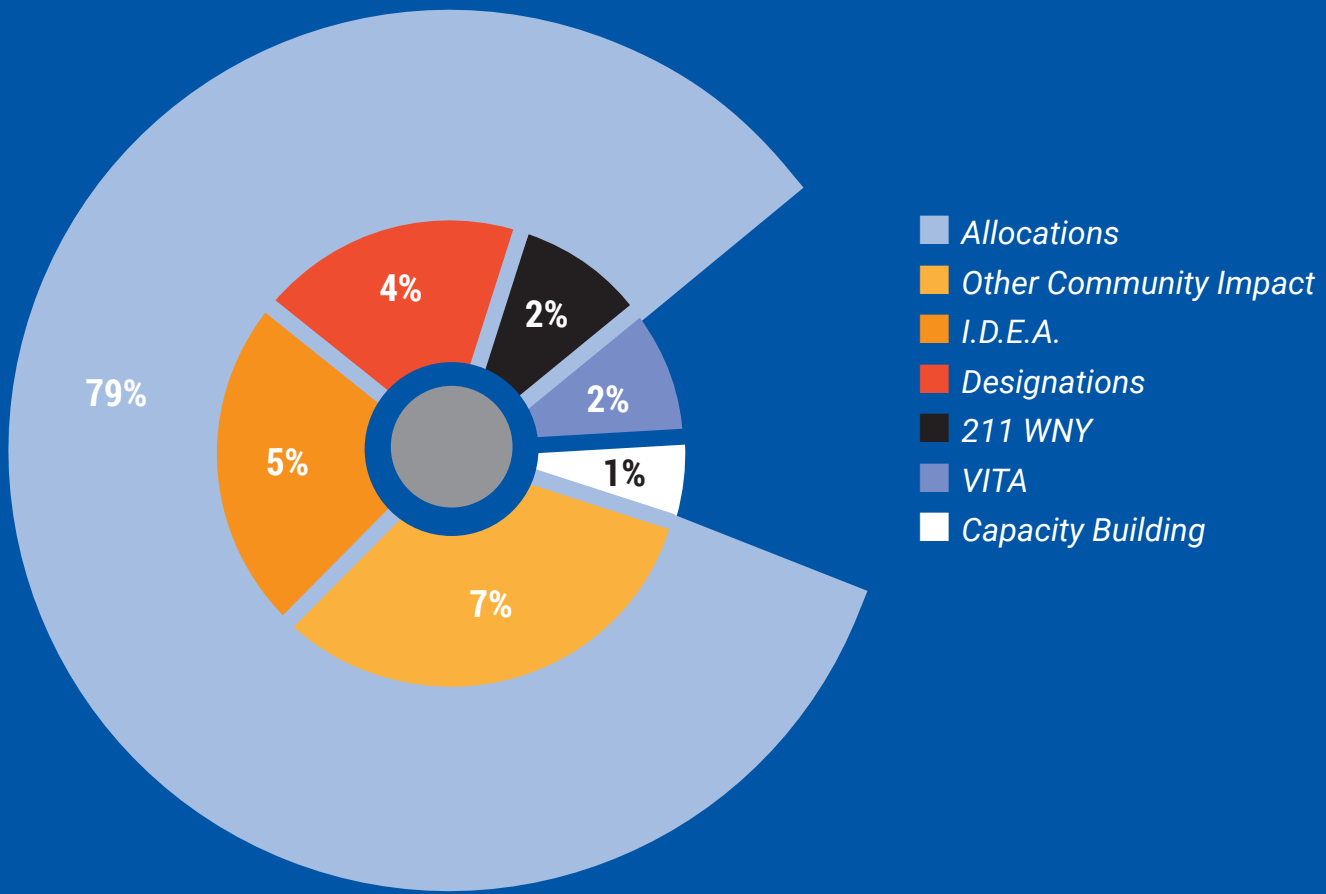
For the eighth consecutive year, United Way of Southern Chautauqua County has earned top distinction for their strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency, earning a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator. [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org) UWAYSCC also is a nationally recognized charity through Guide Star, and BBB's Wise Giving Alliance.



## Summary of Financial Results for Year ending June 30, 2023

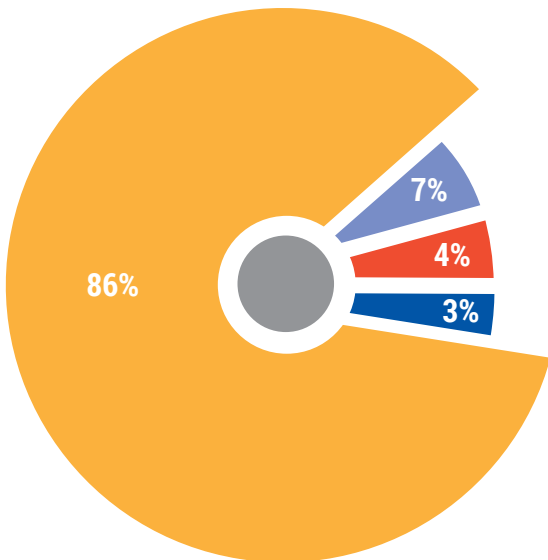
	Year to Date Amount	Budgeted Amount	2022-23 Budget Variance
Revenues	\$ 1,292,802	\$ 1,199,111	\$ 93,691
Unrealized Gain on Investments	87,203	—	87,203
I.D.E.A. Grant Revenue	28,500	10,000	18,500
John A. & Oscar Johnson Memorial Fund	100,456	100,210	246
Total Revenues	<hr/> 1,508,960	<hr/> 1,309,321	<hr/> 199,639
Expenses (includes Depreciation & Shared Services offset)	1,522,512	1,523,510	(997)
Revenue Over Expenses	<hr/> \$ (13,552)	<hr/> \$ (214,189)	<hr/> \$ 200,637

UNAUDITED STATEMENT - The last financial report for UWSCC filed with the NYS Office of the Attorney General may be found at [www.charitiesnys.com](http://www.charitiesnys.com) or by calling 212-416-8401.



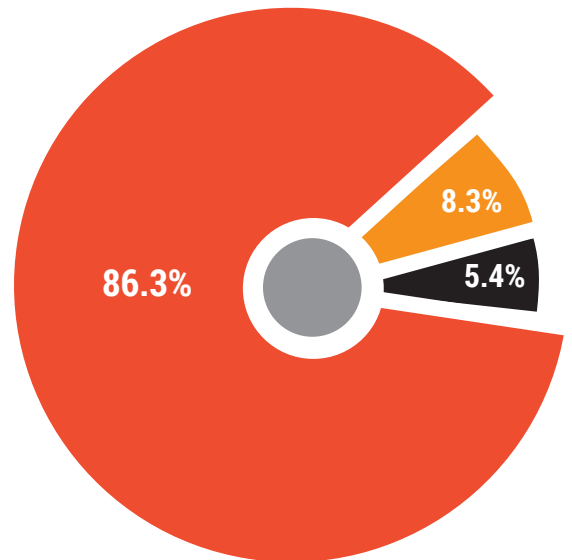
**100%** of your donations stay in Chautauqua County.  
**Over \$1 million** invested in **42 local** programs at **29 agencies**.

## REVENUE



- Campaign
- Distribution of Board Investments
- Sponsorship Admin. & Misc. Revenue
- Grants

## EXPENSES\*



- Community Impact
- Administrative
- Fundraising

\*Expenses and program efficiency ratio calculated using audited financial statements from 2021-2022.

**GROW A LEGACY FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS**



*"A society grows great  
when we plant trees  
whose shade we know  
we shall never sit in."  
– Greek Proverb*

# The Century Society

*For an entire century, the United Way of Southern Chautauqua County has worked to improve the lives of every person and family in our community. Your legacy gift will help impact lives and solve problems in this community tomorrow that we cannot even imagine today.*

**You can partner with United Way to do the following:**

**Drive innovation  
Enable Long Term Community Change**

## FOUNDING MEMBERS

David and Lisa Painter  
Peter and Holly Sullivan

Jessie Smith Darrah Fund  
Lenna Foundation

### ***Join the Century Society and Leave a Legacy, No Matter How You Give***

*While your charitable contribution and estate planning is a thoughtful and personal process, certain gifting vehicles can help make the process easier. There is a variety of planned giving options, each with its own advantages.*

*Please see your financial professional or attorney to discuss how you can make meaningful and personal impact that will help shape the future of United Way of Southern Chautauqua County.*



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