

# United Way's 2-1-1 provides solutions to individuals, communities and government 365 days a year

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of Westchester and Putnam



There is no better resource for residents than **United Way's 2-1-1** for help, information and referrals. The 2-1-1 helpline is free, confidential and multi-lingual. Designed to offer residents a way to connect to the many resources that can help them, Hudson Valley Region 2-1-1 is there 365 days a year during natural disasters or for individual problems. Residents can dial 2-1-1's caring and professional call specialists for help with anything from child and elder care, legal and tax advice to foreclosure >>

**United Way's 2-1-1 Partners**

Six United Ways of seven counties:  
Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland,  
Sullivan, Westchester, and Ulster;  
county governments, businesses.

information, substance abuse and mental health counseling, basic needs and so much more. Many times the trained call specialists will be able to offer additional help for issues the caller hadn't even thought of asking.

Because United Way's 2-1-1 connects people more efficiently to the many resources that can help them, local governments benefit. During disasters, 2-1-1 relieves the pressure on 911 by responding to non-emergency calls with up-to-the-minute information on shelters, driving conditions and other disaster-related questions, allowing 911 to respond to life-and-death situations more quickly.

## Sometimes people need a boost to stay on track

**Hope for the Homeless and Hungry Partners**

The Food Bank of Westchester:  
(67 food pantries, soup kitchens & shelters)  
Catholic Charities/Westchester  
Legal Services of Hudson Valley  
Putnam Community Action  
Salvation Army  
Westchester Coalition for Hungry and Homeless  
Westchester Community Opportunities Program  
Westchester Hispanic Coalition  
Westchester Residential Opportunities

**Hope for the Homeless and Hungry:** Low income residents, particularly in a tough economy, battle to make ends meet every month. To pay for a child's medication might mean that someone making minimum wage can't make a rent payment. For that individual or family to be evicted would have grave, multi-level consequences for their futures and for the community.

United Way works with Westchester Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless, a clearing house for low-income Westchester residents who receive help to prevent eviction. The clearing house makes sure that funds are distributed fairly and equitably, on an emergency basis, so that more people have the necessary help to keep them in their homes.

Hope for the Homeless and Hungry also helps the community understand the needs and services that surround important community issues like hunger and homelessness.

## Free discount prescription drug card reduces the cost of medications

**FamilyWize Partners**

United Way Worldwide  
FamilyWize Community Service Partnership

**FamilyWize:** With sky-high drug costs and legions of uninsured, United Way offers FamilyWize, a free prescription drug discount card to anyone without prescription drug insurance coverage, for **savings of up to 30% on prescription medications** at participating pharmacies. When families are forced to make tough choices between paying for needed medication or food on the table, FamilyWize offers savings that can make a real difference. Many major pharmacies in Westchester and Putnam honor the FamilyWize discount card.

## Helping our individual communities help their residents

**Local Presence Grants:** Our local member United Way boards, answering to the special needs of their communities, reward the work of select local community agencies with grants to help further United Way's mission to improve the education, income or health of our residents.

