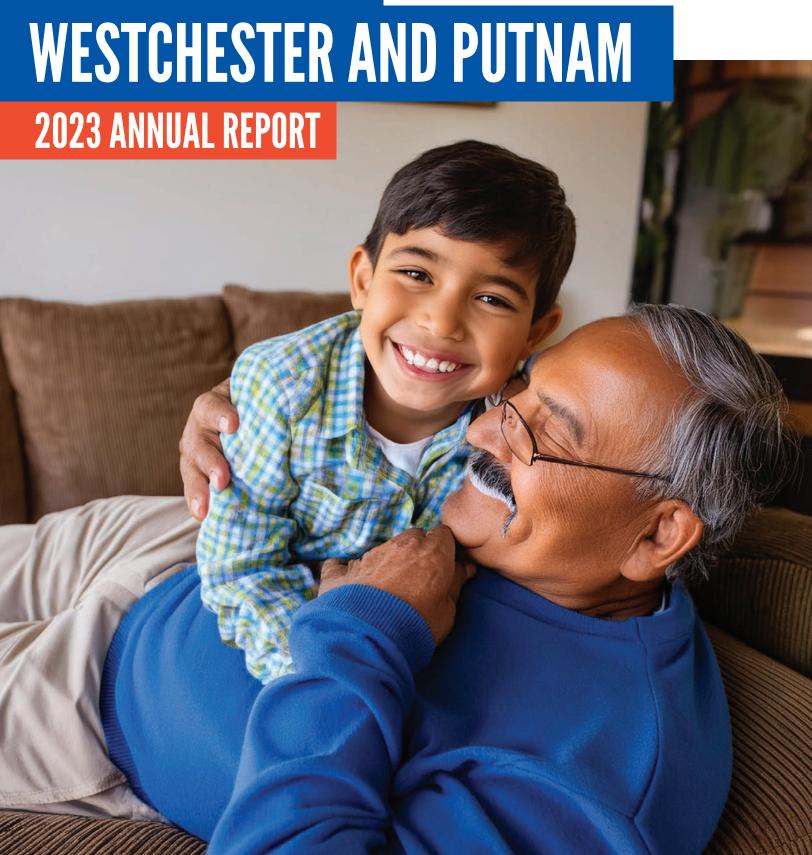


UNITED WAY OF WESTCHESTER AN



THANK YOU

I'm reminded of something Fred Rogers of Mr. Rogers fame once said ... "Everything that is essential, is invisible to the eye."

Indeed, that philosophy sums up why we do what we do at the United Way of Westchester and Putnam. Because we believe everything that is essential in this life is invisible, such as kindness, humility, generosity, and love. That is the legacy we want to leave for our community and that is the impact we strive for, each and every day.

The work of our United Way has never been more pressing, or more needed. Since 2018, poverty has grown 16% in Westchester. Calls to our 211 Helpline have increased by almost 50%, with some of the most common requests being for help with food insecurity, housing insecurity, and rental and utility assistance. And the demand for our services has doubled.

We have served as a "safety net" in our community for generations, helping families living in poverty or paycheck to paycheck who are struggling to get back on their feet. But our efforts are only possible thanks to your support.

Your help last year enabled our United Way to ...

- Distribute \$5.4 million in essential goods, such as bedding, clothing and toiletries;
- Make over 40,000 free home deliveries of fresh produce and groceries;
- Connect more than 660,000 individuals to information and human services through our 211 Helpline;
- Educate and provide a safe and welcoming environment for almost 400 children in our Education United Afterschool Program;
- Administer more than \$550,000 in grants to local nonprofits;
- And so much more...

These efforts, and so many more, help strengthen families living on the margins, as they strive for a better life for themselves and their children. We applaud you for being a part of our impact...because **UNITED**, we can change the world for the better!

So, as you read this Annual Report to the Community, we encourage you to get more involved. Whether you make a contribution, volunteer, help us raise money at a future event, share our content on social media, or simply tell a friend or two about the important work that we're doing, you will be helping us to make a difference right here in our community.

For whatever role you played in helping us provide everything **INVISIBLE** to our neighbors last year, **THANK YOU!**



Sincerely,

Tom Gabriel
President and CEO

UNITED WAY GRANTS \$6 MILLION IN FUNDS AND GOODS IN 2023

United Way of Westchester and Putnam (United Way) collectively administered \$6 million to more than 189 local nonprofit organizations in 2023. The grants awarded funds and essential goods to support the work of the purpose-driven organizations. United Way administered \$550,000 in funding through the Emergency Food and Shelter Program and its Community Impact Grants, and Capacity Building Grants. It also distributed \$5.4 million worth of diapers, bedding, clothing, toys, and more through the Essential Goods for Basic Needs Program.

"The nonprofit sector works tirelessly to respond to community needs, and our United Way is committed to supporting their efforts, serving the 40% of our neighbors living in poverty or paycheck to paycheck," said Tom Gabriel, President and CEO of United Way. "We believe that we are stronger together, and only by being United can we change the world for the better."

One of the goods grant recipients is **IFCA Housing Network. Jackie Shaw**, its executive director, said,
"We had a client who was recovering from surgery and desperately needed a bed to continue her recovery at home. We were very thankful to be able to help and would not have been able to do so without the donation from the United Way."

For the financial grants, the selected recipients represent a range of nonprofits, each with a unique mission and vision, but all sharing a commitment to improving the lives of individuals and families who are ALICE (asset-limited, income-constrained, employed) in our community.

In a significant step showing United Way's commitment toward furthering diversity and inclusion, more than 50% of the grantees are led by a person of color or a member of the LGBTQ+ community. Additionally, the Community Impact Grant awards were given to nonprofits with a diverse set of board members to reflect United Way's dedication to ensuring that our grant-making reflects the diversity of our community. Also, ten organizations were funded by United Way of Westchester and Putnam for the first time.

"Thank you to the United Way of Westchester and Putnam for selecting Y-COP as one of this year's recipients of the Community Impact Grant Award. It is truly appreciated," said Henry Wilson, executive director of Youth Community Outreach Program (Y-COP).
"We are very proud of the work we're doing and the



UWWP President and CEO Tom Gabriel presented Caring for the Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill CEO Cynthia B. Knox, Esq a \$5,000 Community Impact Grant to support the organization.

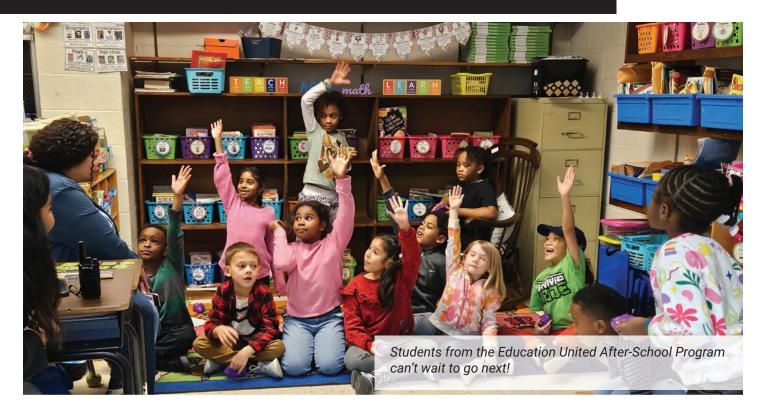
tremendous impact we're having in Mount Vernon and the surrounding communities. Unfortunately, in many instances where there are school-age programs, and the child eventually ages out, there aren't any plans put in place to continue to work with them during those very impressionable and vulnerable times. This grant will help further our efforts to keep our children engaged and provide them the support they need well into their teenage years."

Another grant award recipient, the **STEM Alliance**, used their funding to lead a Digital Pathways initiative. This initiative provides Chromebooks, assistance enrolling in free/low-cost internet, and/or 15 hours of basic technology education in English or Spanish.

"The Digital Pathways Initiative was an excellent opportunity to learn how to use the computer," said Elijah of Port Chester. "I am really grateful for the classes. Now I will be able to make my resume, use Zoom calls, take classes and, most importantly, I am a computer owner."

United Way of Westchester and Putnam is deeply committed to creating lasting change in our community. Through strategic investments in local nonprofits, United Way is helping to build a stronger, more inclusive Westchester and Putnam.

INDEPENDENT EVALUATION AFFIRMS THE SUCCESS OF EDUCATION UNITED AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM



In 2023, United Way of Westchester and Putnam (UWWP) unveiled its groundbreaking new free bilingual after-school program, Education United, and the results are already in: It's a resounding success!

The Education United After-School Academic and **Enrichment Program** launched in February at **Brookside Elementary School** in Ossining. The inclusive program was designed to provide children with a safe and supportive environment in which to learn, grow, and have fun during after-school hours. The free program offers a range of activities to support academic achievement, including homework help, arts and crafts, fitness and wellness activities, social-emotional learning activities, STEM activities, and more, in both English and Spanish. There is also a range of services for parents of the program participants, including free Lyft transportation, work readiness and career awareness, and access to United Way's essential goods distribution. In addition, parents do not need to worry about after-school care or snacks while their children are in the program, which helps to reduce those costs for families.

Parents are raving about the program:

"I'm so satisfied with the Education United After-school Program," said Ana of Ossining. "Not only does my daughter have the opportunity to socialize more, but she gets help with her reading and math skills. My daughter loves going to the enrichment sessions, especially fitness. This free program was a blessing to me economically. I wouldn't be able to afford for her to go otherwise. I'm so thankful."

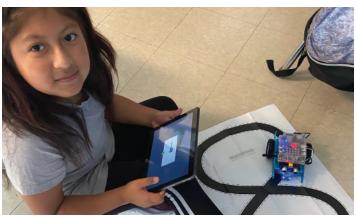
Additionally, an independent evaluation of the first year of UWWP's Education United After-school Academic and Enrichment Program found that it had many significant successes during the 2022-23 school year. It is funded through the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program. Education United's main goals, measured by performance indicators, are to provide services and programming that improve both academic and social-emotional outcomes for students, support the families of these students, and foster increased community involvement among key stakeholders.

The evaluation was based on the Brookside Elementary program in Ossining, the only location to open during the 2022-23 school year. It found consistent attendance of 169 students, with 95% accruing 15+ hours of attendance. Additionally, those students had a 60% increase in attendance from 2022-2023, which resulted in a 12% decrease in chronically absent students from 2022-23. Finally, the schoolteachers recognized a 50% increase in classroom engagement among the Education United Program students from 2022-2023. The evaluation also found a high level of parent satisfaction with program services and operations.

"Seeing a 60% increase in attendance and a 50% boost in









Clockwise from the top left: 1. Students learning how to code. 2. Students building a robot. 3. A student learning how to control the robot after it's built. 4. A student rock climbing during fitness. Bottom of the page: A student displays how she will help keep the Earth healthy.

classroom engagement is truly inspiring. Education United is not just offering after-school activities; it's sparking a passion for learning and unlocking potential in our most vulnerable students," said UWWP Chief Impact Officer Faith Ann Butcher. "This program is a shining example of how collaboration and evidence-based practices can empower young minds and strengthen communities."

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program (21st CCLC) is a federal grant administered by the New York State Education Department to subgrantees statewide. The 21st CCLC grant supports the development of community learning centers that offer students academic and enrichment opportunities, and targets students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools. These grants focus on the following goals:

- Support students to meet state and local standards in core academic subjects (i.e., ELA and math);
- Provide opportunities to participate in enrichment;
- Provide family support to include a variety of educational services.

On October 2, United Way kicked off Year 2 of the Education United Program at Brookside Elementary

School in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of New Rochelle. It also launched the program at Highview Elementary School in Hartsdale. In 2023, there were more than 389 students enrolled in the program. It expanded to a third site at W.L. Morse School in Sleepy Hollow in the second quarter of 2024 in partnership with the YWCA of Tarrytown.



UNPLUG AND PLAY INITIATIVE BRINGS TOYS TO THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN



Kindergartners from the Greenburgh School District received toys through the Unplug and Play initiative.

During fall, United Way of Westchester and Putnam gave out 10,000 toys to children throughout Westchester through the **Toys for Tots' "Unplug and Play"** initiative. The program distributes toys and books to children during the spring, summer, and fall to have them unplug from their devices and engage their imaginations. In addition to Toys for Tots, United Way teamed up with **Good360**, **Penske Trucking**, **Westchester Medical Center**, and three school districts: Greenburgh Central School District, Peekskill School District, and the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns.

"The Unplug and Play Program significantly impacted our ability to continue promoting active and healthy lifestyles among the youth in our community," said **Dr. Ray Sanchez**, superintendent of the **Public Schools of the Tarrytowns**. "The impact of the Unplug and Play Program goes beyond just reducing screen time; it is about creating a healthier, more connected and vibrant community. I appreciate United Way's dedication to the well-being of our community and its support of the Unplug and Play Program. Together, we are making a real difference in the lives of the youth in our area."

The combined efforts of these organizations resulted in a seamless and impactful distribution of toys to children. The collaborative initiative underscores the power of community partnerships in addressing the diverse needs of children and families.

Toys were distributed to the pre-K through elementary school-aged students in the partnering districts. Additionally, Westchester Medical Center gave toys to the children who participated in the Go the Distance Walk on September 24.

"Children are at the heart of our community, and through initiatives like Unplug and Play, we are committed to creating experiences that not only bring joy, but also contribute to their holistic development," said Avery Zuvic, Director of Community Impact at United Way of Westchester and Putnam. "We extend our gratitude to our partners, volunteers, and everyone who contributed to making this initiative a resounding success."

The toy distribution was part of United Way's **Essential Goods for Basic Needs Program**.

UNITED WAY DISTRIBUTES 500 MATTRESS FIRM & TEMPUR SEALY MATTRESSES



In 2023, United Way of Westchester and Putnam (United Way) provided about 500 families with new mattresses through its Essential Goods for Basic Needs program, thanks to a generous donation from Mattress Firm and Tempur Sealy through Good360. United Way distributed high-quality mattresses to local nonprofits, enabling them to better serve their clients in Westchester and Putnam. The collective value of the 500 mattresses is approximately \$450,000.

The Essential Goods for Basic Needs program, a cornerstone initiative of the United Way, focuses on addressing critical needs in the community by providing essential items such as bedding, clothing, and household items like mattresses, to individuals and families facing economic challenges. Adding beds to the program's offerings represents a substantial stride in enhancing the overall well-being

and quality of life for those in need.

"Leaving the familiarity of home can be hard for any kid, especially when you're entering foster care. United Way knows how important the 'little' things are—even when they're big, like 39 new, high-quality mattresses donated to the kids on JCCA's residential campus," said Sandi Rosenthal of JCCA, one of the organizations that received mattresses. "We're grateful for this thoughtful gift, which will help our young people get the rest and sleep they need!"

The local nonprofit organizations that received the mattresses have a proven track record of serving vulnerable populations and supporting individuals experiencing homelessness, transitioning from crises, or rebuilding their lives. These organizations will distribute the mattresses to their clients, ensuring that a good night's sleep

is within reach for more individuals and families across Westchester and Putnam counties.

"We are immensely grateful to Tempur Sealy and Good360 for their support of our Essential Goods for Basic Needs program," said Avery Zuvic, Director of Community Impact at United Way of Westchester and Putnam. "This partnership allows us to extend our impact by providing essential comfort and rest to individuals who may not have access to proper bedding. Together, we are making a significant difference in the lives of those we serve."

United Way of Westchester and Putnam remains committed to fostering collaborations that create lasting change and improve the well-being of residents. This partnership with Tempur Sealy and Good360 is a testament to their dedication to building stronger, more resilient communities.

COMMUNITY HELP MAKES SUMMER FOOD, FUN, AND LEARNING PROGRAM POSSIBLE

Many hands make light work and United Way of Westchester and Putnam appreciates the help of all the corporations, nonprofits, and students who assisted with our summer programs, which supply weekly food parcels also filled with books and activities during the school summer vacation to families qualifying for free or reduced lunch. Each school-aged child in the program also received a new backpack filled with school supplies.

In Westchester, the Summer Feeding United
Program is a partnership between United Way,
Feeding Westchester, Mount Vernon Library,
Ossining School District, and the Peekskill School
District. It serves about 750 families.

In Putnam, United Way partners with the Food
Bank of the Hudson Valley, Carmel School
District, and Cornell Cooperative Extension
Putnam County to organize the Summer Backpack
Program for 100 families.

Check out the photos of some of the groups who volunteered to help put the program together.



Groups from **Another Step** helped prep the books for the activity kits.



The **Webster Bank** crew set up the weekly bags of fresh produce at Feeding Westchester for families in Westchester.



IBMers worked on getting the backpacks ready for the students.



Costco donated almost 800 backpacks to support the summer program.



The Nicholas Center assembled the introduction folders for the participating families.



Employees from **M&T Bank** filled the backpacks with school supplies.



The **MVP Health Care** team assisted with distributing thousands of backpacks to homes in Westchester.



Staff from **Hudson Valley Credit Union** constructed one week of activity kits, filled with books and fun for the families.



Helpers from **ARC Westchester** dropped off completed activity kits.



High school students from **Carmel High School** and **John Jay High School** assembled weekly food bags for Putnam families.

RIDE UNITED TRANSPORTATION ACCESS PROVIDES 6,000+ RIDES



Joanne, a senior from Rye, is disabled and has difficulty getting around. She began using United Way's Ride United Transportation Access (RUTA) program to access free Lyft rides to get to doctor appointments and to the supermarket.

"I suffer from many balance issues and anxiety associated with the absence of accessible sidewalks," said Joanne. "United Way helped to alleviate much of the fear and isolation associated with leaving my home. Something as simple as doing groceries and medical appointments seemed insurmountable to me... particularly during frigid temperatures or bad weather. This is an amazing program!"

RUTA addresses unmet transportation needs for individuals and families across Westchester and Putnam counties. It partners with local nonprofits and government agencies to identify clients benefiting from the service.

"The Ride United program helped me a lot, since I'm a single mom with 3 kids and need to get them to their appointments," said Olivia from Valhalla. "I don't have enough money for taxis, so the program, it's excellent for people with low budget. Thank you."

Since January 2023, the program has supplied more than 6,000 rides, and 10,000 rides since 2021.

"Closing the transportation gap for residents opens them up to services and opportunities that otherwise would not be available," said UWWP Chief Impact Officer Faith Ann Butcher. "Offering free rides to clients brings equity to marginalized populations by providing them a hand up rather than a handout."

RUTA offers free Lyft rides to residents without access to a vehicle or public transportation. These rides can be used for non-emergency medical appointments, job interviews, workforce development training, court appearances, and other health and human service-related meetings.

"Thanks very much to the Ride United program," said Amparo of Yonkers. "I was able to attend my classes without transportation and punctuality problems. By having access to round-trip transportation, I was able to complete my training program at BOCES."

To ensure inclusivity, UWWP offers different ways to schedule rides once a client is enrolled in the program. There are codes for smartphone users, and if a person has difficulty using the computer, UWWP communicates with the client directly and schedules the rides for them.

FOUR AWARDED RUTH TAYLOR SCHOLARSHIPS









Ruth Taylor Scholarship winners pictured left to right: Layla Barreto of Port Chester; Stephanie Blackwell of New Rochelle; Christopher Chino-Marin of New Rochelle; and Arden Taylor Guice of Larchmont.

United Way of Westchester and Putnam announced scholarship awards collectively totaling \$16,000 from its **Ruth Taylor Scholarship Fund** to four Westchester graduate students pursuing master's degrees in social work or public health.

The four recipients are **Layla Barreto**, 21, of Port Chester; **Stephanie Blackwell**, 46, of New Rochelle; **Christopher Chino-Marin**, 25, of New Rochelle; and **Arden Taylor Guice**, 26, of Larchmont.

"Being chosen for the Ruth Taylor Scholarship serves as a reminder that I am not alone in my educational journey," said Chino-Marin. "Having this financial help will help reduce the burden of money-related anxiety, loans, and some daily stress about being able to afford basic essentials."

Blackwell, Barreto, and Guice are earning their master's degrees in social work from Fordham University, Hunter College, and Columbia University, respectively. Chino-Marin is pursuing a master's degree in public health at SUNY Downstate.

"These individuals are excellent choices for this scholarship," said United Way President and CEO Tom Gabriel. "It truly benefits everyone to have people as dedicated as them to reach their full potential, and if we can help along the way with a scholarship, we are happy to do it. We can't wait to see each of them continue to thrive."

The fund was established in tribute to Ruth Taylor upon her retirement as Westchester County's Commissioner of Public Welfare, recognizing her nearly four decades of outstanding service. United

Way of Westchester and Putnam, Westchester County Government, and the Urban League of Westchester County sponsor the annual awards. Applicants must be residents of Westchester County and enrolled in graduate studies in Social Work or Public Health on a full-time basis.

Since 2008, United Way has awarded a collective total of \$216,000 to 77 graduate students through the Ruth Taylor Scholarship Fund.

AJANI BROWN, RECIPIENT OF AAMW'S WILLIAM L. CARTER PERSEVERANCE AWARD



In partnership with the African American Men of Westchester (AAMW), United Way awarded Ajani Brown of Peekskill with the William L. Carter Perseverance Award and a \$2,500 scholarship at the AAMW's 23rd annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Youth Awards Luncheon.

211 HELPLINE SEES 23% INCREASE IN CALLS, REFLECTING GROWING COMMUNITY NEEDS

211 because she had no heat and needed emergency help from HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program). She tried to contact the HEAP Unit but had no luck connecting with them. 211 staff did advocacy on behalf of the caller and explained her situation to the case manager and

was able to expedite the process.

Gladvs thanked the 211 community

resource specialist for helping her.

During a follow-up conversation,

Gladys of Mount Kisco called

Gladys is one of thousands of individuals who have called United Way's 211 Helpline in 2023. The White Plains community resource center for the 211 Helpline which serves the Hudson Valley, Long Island, and Adirondack regions, has reported a remarkable 23% surge in call volume from January to

December 2023, compared to the same period in 2022. This upswing in calls underscores the critical role that 211 plays as a lifeline for community members seeking essential support and resources.

The 211 Helpline is a crucial hub for connecting individuals and families in need with vital social services and resources, serving as a onestop destination for information on housing, healthcare, food assistance, employment opportunities, and more. The notable increase in call volume reflects the evolving and pressing needs of communities across the region, especially amid ongoing challenges.

For instance, Jamie from Yonkers called 211 seeking rental assistance after being denied service by the Department of Social Services.

The community resource specialist advocated on her behalf with a local nonprofit, which was able to secure the funding she needed. Jamie was so grateful for the help from 211. She said, "Your caring made me cry, and I am not a crier."

Of the call increase, there has been a rise in calls related to income support (up 69%), food insecurity (up 43%), transportation (up 48%), and employment (up 32%). These increases continue the unprecedented increase in call volume, which began during the pandemic and continued throughout 2021 and 2022. As the economic landscape shifts, more individuals and families are contacting 211 to access information and assistance in these critical areas. The dedicated team of call specialists at the White

A Look at 211 Call Volume

Category	% increase 2023 from 2022	% increase 2022 from 2021
Clothing and Personal Items	45%	43%
Education	51%	28%
Employment	32%	27%
Food Insecurity	43%	80%
Housing	41%	11%
Income Support	69%	-5%
Legal	-169%	16%
Transportation	48%	86%
Utilities	-13%	116%



From left to right: Cassandra Rajcumar, 211 Director of Programs and Services; State Senator Peter Harckham, UWWP President and CEO Tom Gabriel, NYS Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, United Way's Chief Information and Referral Officer Lini Jacob, and Rachel Estroff, Chief of Staff for State Senator Shelley Mayer.

Plains community resource center has worked tirelessly to address each caller's needs with empathy, professionalism, and a commitment to finding the best possible solutions.

"We are seeing a clear reflection of the dynamic nature of community needs through the rise in calls to our White Plains 211 Helpline community resource center," said Lini Jacob, United Way's Chief Information and Referral Officer who manages the White Plains 211 Helpline community resource center. "This increase is a testament to the essential role that 211 plays in connecting individuals with the resources they require to overcome challenges and improve their quality of life."

The White Plains community resource center's ability to efficiently handle the increased call volume can be attributed to its dedicated staff, robust technology infrastructure, and strong partnerships with local

organizations, government agencies, and service providers. Together, they form a united front in the fight against food insecurity, financial instability, and other pressing issues facing our communities.

The 211 Helpline in New York State is a public-private partnership. It is funded by New York State, local municipalities, and a third by local United Ways. This year, the NYS Legislature awarded \$2.4 million to the state's 211 Helpline network to ensure that these community resource centers continue to connect individuals who have health and human service needs to the right resources. Senator Peter Harckham (District 40), representing communities in Westchester, Putnam, and Dutchess counties. sponsored the bill into the budget.

"211 is the ultimate example of shared services and public-private partnerships," said Sen. Harckham. "It is a good investment of public dollars to make sure that someone is there to assist those in need to find the government services and nonprofit assistance available. COVID and other recent natural disasters, such as the flooding caused by Hurricane Ida, also showed how important 211 is to local and state governments for responding to disasters and emergencies."

As the 211 Helpline continues to be a beacon of hope for those seeking assistance, it stands as a reminder that we are stronger when we come together to support one another. The White Plains community resource center remains committed to serving as a dependable resource, guiding callers toward the help they need during times of uncertainty.

The 211 Helpline is available 24/7 by dialing 211 or visiting 211hudsonvalley.org. You can also text your zip code to 898211 to connect with a community specialist between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

WORKING WITH DOORDASH AND MOUNT VERNON TO REDUCE FOOD INSECURITY



From left to right: Mount Vernon Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard, UWWP President and CEO Tom Gabriel, and DoorDash's Eli Scheinholtz announced a new partnership through DoorDash's Community Credits program to address food insecurity.

The City of Mount Vernon, DoorDash, and United Way of Westchester and Putnam expanded their partnership to distribute DoorDash gift cards to residents from Mount Vernon to address food insecurity.

DoorDash is working with Mount Vernon Mayor Patterson-Howard and United Way to help reduce food insecurity tied to the company's commitment to support the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health by providing gift cards to local organizations that are working to broaden food access.

"While we've worked to fight food insecurity in Mount Vernon in a variety of ways, one of the innovations I'm most proud of is our partnership with DoorDash," said Mount Vernon Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard. "We need more public-private partnerships that help local, state, and federal governments extend their reach by leveraging what businesses do best. I'm looking forward to the positive results this partnership will have in Mount Vernon and know that, together, we can grow solutions like these to have a national impact."

"We're proud to be working with Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard and the City of Mount Vernon to provide DoorDash gift cards and help support the incredible work of the United Way to expand food access," said DoorDash spokesperson Eli Scheinholtz. "We're honored that local governments are leveraging DoorDash to access the best of their communities while broadening food access for people who need a little bit of extra help in their day-to-day life. By providing these resources, we can enable this tremendous organization to do more of what really matters: supporting the Westchester community."

"With calls to our 211 Helpline related to food insecurity increasing by more than 40% over last year, we know families and seniors are struggling with this issue," said Tom Gabriel, President and CEO of United Way of Westchester and Putnam. "We appreciate DoorDash and the City of Mount Vernon working with United Way to alleviate the issue for some folks as we kick off the holiday season."

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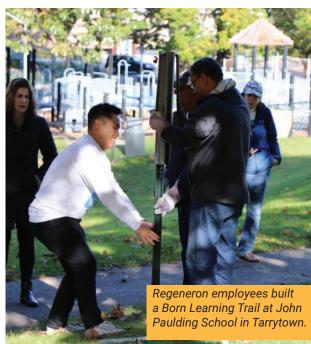












UNITED WE TRANSFORMED LIVES IN 2023

\$24,346,694

invested and leveraged in Westchester and Putnam communities.**

719,327

individuals and families benefitted**

community



administered in grants to 79 local nonprofits.



\$5.4 mil

worth of essential goods distributed to 110 schools and nonprofit partners to meet the basic needs of the people we serve.***



484,330 lbs

of groceries distributed for free to 2,176 households in Westchester and Putnam counties.

\$15 mil

to 6,178 residents from EITC-eligible tax refunds processed by VITA and the Hudson CASH Coalition.

660,000

interactions with the 211 Helpline Call Center through calls, texts, and its website.

41,050

DoorDash deliveries of food and other essential goods through the Ride **United Last Mile** Delivery Program.

\$155,748

saved by 2,150 families using the Rx Discount Card by SingleCare.

3,328

people attended job training or professional development workshops. devices were disposed of from nonprofits at UWWP's e-waste recycling event. Pa No garar
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389

students enrolled in Education United After-school Program.



3,500

backpacks with school supplies given out as part of the Education United Student Support program. 1,783

people participated in the 21-Day Racial Equity and Social Justice Challenge.



in scholarships awarded to 4 students.

6,122

Lyft rides given to individuals with limited or no transportation access. 34,054

books and activities were distributed to families to encourage at-home learning.

hours of volunteering were completed collectively by individuals to support United Way's work.



mattresses were distributed.

UNITED WAY OF WESTCHESTER AND PUTNAM **LEADERS IN GIVING REPORT 2023**

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The United Way Tocqueville Society honors the spirit of selflessness and cooperation that a Frenchman, Alexis Charles-Henri Clerel de Tocqueville, observed during his travels through America in the 1830's. Today this spirit of voluntary action remains alive through United Way and members of this giving society who donate \$10,000 or more annually.

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UNITED WAY HONORS HARRINGTON AT ANNUAL DAY OF GOLF

United Way Westchester and Putnam (UWWP) hosted its annual Day of Golf presented by Applied Underwriters at Scarsdale Golf Club on Monday, Oct. 16. It was record-setting as it was UWWP's third straight sold-out Day of Golf. The fun-filled day served as an opportunity for friends of United Way to support its efforts and for UWWP to recognize the philanthropic commitment and community leadership of William "Bill" Harrington, Esq., chairman of Bleakley Platt & Schmidt, LLP's Executive Committee and head of the Litigation Practice Group.

"We are delighted to honor Bill," UWWP President and CEO Tom Gabriel said. "He was honored for his long-standing commitment to the nonprofit community, including United Way, as well as his dedication to helping those less fortunate and in need of a helping hand."

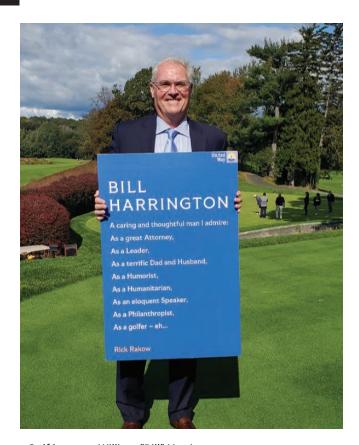
Harrington humbly accepted the honor. "Thank you for this award. I don't deserve it. But I certainly appreciate it," he said. "I'd like to congratulate the United Way and all of you for supporting it. It does incredibly important work at an incredibly important time. And congratulations to each of you for your generosity and dedication to helping others."

The best round was played by the foursome of **David Campbell**, **Steve Corletta**, **Rob Rieger**, and **Jon Renza**. The second-place finishers were **Rick Castro**, **David Rotundo**, **Jr.**, **Steven Maide**, and **Matt Pace**. Coming in third place was the foursome of **Jonathan Borg**, **Philip Schanzer**, **Michael Klein**, and **Scott Edwards**.

"Special thanks to everyone who came out, supported us, or helped put this event together," said Gabriel. "At United Way, we believe that we are stronger together. It is only by being United that we can change the world for the better. We thank you for being a part of these efforts by your presence at our Day of Golf."

The funds from the event will support UWWP programs.

The Day of Golf Committee includes Carmelo Alvarado of M&T Bank, Jonathan M. Borg, Esq. of Borg & Bryks LLP, Jonathan M. Cocchiola, CPA, of Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts, Sam Cooper of Regeneron, John M. Flannery, Esq. of Wilson Elser, Cathy Hoffman of Atlantic Westchester Inc., Tom P. Mooney of Customers Bank, William M. Mooney, Jr. of Simone Healthcare Development, William M. Mooney III,



Golf honoree William "Bill" Harrington.



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WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL HOSTS ANNUAL "TAKE A WALK IN HER SHOES" EVENT



Left to right: Board Chairman William M. Mooney III, Esq., honoree Ellen Bloom, honoree Judith Watson, UWWP Board Member Michelle A. Nicholas, and UWWP President and CEO Tom Gabriel.

Two prominent women leaders who have helped lift up families living on the financial edge were honored on December 5 at United Way of Westchester and Putnam's "11th Annual Take a Walk in Her Shoes" breakfast at Abigail Kirsch at Tappan Hill in Tarrytown.

Judith M. Watson, RN, BSN, MPH, Chief Executive Officer of Westchester Community Health Center, and Ellen Bloom, MPH, Director of Community Affairs at NYP Westchester, NYP Westchester Behavioral Health Center, and NYP Hudson Valley Hospital, were presented with the 2023 "Woman of Distinction" award during an inspirational morning that paid tribute to women from all walks of life.

The event spotlighted the 40% of Westchester families—71% of which are headed by single, female-headed households—who live paycheck to paycheck. Con Edison, Westchester County Local Development Corporation, Transamerica, M&T Bank, New York Presbyterian, and PURE Insurance sponsored it.

"Just three years ago during the pandemic, we saw how important grocery workers, DoorDash, waiters/ waitresses, home health aides, and childcare and nonprofit professionals were," said Tom Gabriel, President and CEO of the United Way of Westchester and Putnam. "None of us could survive without them. Yet almost all live paycheck to paycheck. And that is why we are here today. Because the mission of the United Way is to lift the 40% of our neighbors living in poverty or paycheck to paycheck or what we call ALICE - Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed."

In accepting the award, Watson and Bloom told stories about their experiences.

Bloom said, "We all know that women have to work 10 times as hard, juggling work-life balance." She thanked her family and her colleagues for helping to support her in the work she does for NewYork Presbyterian helping to fund worthy causes in Westchester.

Watson, who runs a community health center that provides services to women and low-income families, said that her mother struggled to support their family on a home healthcare worker's salary. "ALICE is not just a report. We were ALICE," she said.

Proceeds from the annual Women's Leadership Council breakfast will support programs like United Way's Education United Program, Essential Goods, 211 Helpline, Ride United, Alice\$ense, and others. "I could share with you 10,000 stories of our impact from 10,000 women, children, and families who directly benefitted from our programs and services. And that doesn't include the 10,000 stories from women, children, and families helped by the dozens of amazing nonprofit organizations here today that we supported with a grant or other efforts this year. We did this and so much more thanks to your help and the help of others in the community," said Gabriel.



Left to right: UWWP Board Secretary Aleida Frederico and Westchester Director of Economic Development Bridget Gibbons.



Community leaders from throughout Westchester and the surrounding communities attended the "Take a Walk in Her Shoes" breakfast.



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The Women's Leadership Council is a unique community of women in Westchester and Putnam who share a common sense of purpose and a shared belief in strengthening our community.

We raise awareness and revenue to support children succeeding in school, and families becoming financially secure. We know that when families are financially secure, health outcomes improve, children do better in school, and our community is strong.

Beyond an annual financial contribution, we invest our time, professional expertise, and unique strengths to drive positive impact in our community, while at the same time connecting with other passionate and equally committed women.

Find out more at www.uwwp.org/wlc2023.

UNITED WAY'S IMAGINE GALA, A NIGHT OF CELEBRATION



United Way of Westchester and Putnam's annual Imagine Gala was held on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at Brae Burn Country Club, and it was a night to remember. The event-among the most successful to date-is a critical fundraiser for UWWP, raising \$315,000 for the organization's important work in the community.

"Tonight, we celebrate the generosity of our community and honor those whose spirit of caring has made a real difference in the lives of others," said Tom Gabriel, President and CEO of United Way of Westchester and Putnam. "Together, we can continue to support the vital work of United Way and ensure that our community remains strong and United."

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Spirit of Caring Awards, which recognize individuals and organizations that have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to philanthropy, corporate citizenship, and community service.

Chairman's Award: Sy Sternberg

Retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, New York Life Insurance Company

Sy Sternberg is the former chairman and chief executive officer of New York Life Insurance Company and the former chairman of Northeastern University's Board of Trustees. He is also a former director of CIT Group and Express Scripts. Mr. Sternberg currently serves on several nonprofit boards including NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, the Hackley School, the New York Historical Society, Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City, The Leadership Academy, and the Foundation for City College. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Sternberg, who met his wife Laurie at a United Way function 44 years ago, said he is happy to be a member of the United Way family and honored by the award. Sternberg's involvement with United Way spans 45 years, serving on various boards including allocation and fundraising boards that he said left him "very impressed with United Way."

"The mission statement of United Way [says] it all," Sternberg said. "United Way seeks to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities to achieve the common good. If you work with United Way, you know how true that statement is."

Corporate Citizenship Award: Webster Bank Philanthropy Award: John R. Ciulla and Erin Fuller CEO. Webster Bank

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As Webster's primary charity, the bank and its colleagues have raised more than \$20 million for United Way over two decades through employee pledging, fundraising, and the corporate match, serving communities across its franchise. Locally, Webster Bank is a proud partner of United Way of Westchester and Putnam. Through volunteerism, employee giving, and corporate grants, Webster supports United Way's continuing efforts to improve the lives of the 40% of local individuals and families who live paycheck to check or in poverty. Whether providing United Way with support during the pandemic or its early literacy and essential goods programs, Webster continues to demonstrate its



Board Chairman William M. Mooney III, Esq., UWWP President and CEO Tom Gabriel, and honorees Erin Fuller and John R. Ciulla.

commitment to the communities and residents it serves.

John R. Ciulla is the President & CEO of Webster Financial Corporation and CEO of Webster Bank, N.A. headquartered in Stamford, Connecticut. United Way is Webster's primary philanthropic program, growing each year and producing record results in its employee campaigns throughout the global pandemic. John and Erin are longstanding Tocqueville Society members. Their generous giving has had an impact on thousands of residents across New York, Connecticut, and Southern New England.

The couple lives in the area and have two college-aged children.

"Volunteers are the backbone of our workplace campaign, as they are to United Way at large," Ciulla said during their acceptance speech. "Webster's commitment to community service finds our colleagues sorting food, conducting food drives, and cleaning out summer day camps, just to name a few of their efforts. It's for all these reasons that Erin and I also personally choose to support United Way of Westchester and Putnam. We live here in the county with our kids and see firsthand the difference the organization makes for those who need support most. We are thrilled to support the United Way partners who remain [ready] to respond to the needs of our communities by forming partnerships, helping individuals and families during these uncertain times."

Community Service Award: June K. Blanc

Community Leader, Past Chair, Board of Directors United Way of Westchester and Putnam

June K. Blanc has served on the United Way of Westchester and Putnam Board of Directors since 2013



Honoree June Blanc with Derek Anderson, Executive Director of Northern Westchester Hospital.

and was its chair from 2018-2020. June is a founding member of United Way's Women's Leadership Council and is the current Chair-Elect of the United Way of New York State. In the early 1980s, June returned to New York with her husband, Roger, and their three children, settling in Chappagua. Now retired from planning, she remembers the words of her grandmother, who founded schools in China, to always work to serve one's community, and found her way to the Junior League of Northern Westchester. Over the decades, June held leadership positions on the boards of the Junior League of Northern Westchester, Northern Westchester Hospital and its Foundation Board, Hope's Door, Teatown Lake Reservation, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. and numerous other local organizations. She was also appointed to the New Castle Zoning Board and later, the New Castle Planning Board.

According to Blanc, volunteerism comes naturally and was a habit her parents instilled early on. When her parents came to the United States as students in the late 1930s and early 1940s, they had hoped to take what they learned back to a democratic China. They did return, Blanc said, but once they knew their dream for their country was not to be realized, they took their young family and moved to San Antonio, Texas.

"That energy and what they had hoped for [China] they put into being citizens of the United States and residents of San Antonio, Texas," she said. "For my parents, there was always a great deal of gratitude, appreciation, and love of the United States, so they got involved in everything. Forward moving, we moved to Westchester, and it was just very natural for me to serve the community. I am really humbled and surprised by this award, because it felt so natural."

SIX NEW MEMBERS JOIN THE UNITED WAY BOARD

United Way of Westchester and Putnam's Board of Directors appointed six community-minded professionals to its roster in 2023. Joining 24 sitting board members are Ellen Bloom, Megan M. Hurley, Esq., Sean D. Maloney, Nina M. Patton, Laura C. Picone, and Matthew Saidman. Their term is for three years.

"We are extremely fortunate to have a group of highly respected people from our community who have chosen to give back to their communities through the United Way of Westchester and Putnam." said William Mooney III, Esq., UWWP Board Chairman. "Each of them brings valuable skills to our organization. We look forward to their input and working with them as new board members."

Ellen Bloom

Ellen Bloom is the Director of Community Affairs for New York-Presbyterian Hospital in Westchester County. Prior to this. Ellen was the Vice President of Development at St. John's Riverside Hospital. Ellen serves on several Boards, such as the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce, Caring for the Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill, and the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce. Ellen holds a bachelor's degree from Lehman College of the City University of New York, a master's degree from New York Medical College, and is a Leadership Westchester graduate. She lives in Tarrytown.

Megan M. Hurley, Esq.

Megan M. Hurley, Esq. is Senior Vice President, General Counsel at PepsiCo Beverages North America. Prior to this, she was their Vice President, Assistant General Counsel. Megan served on the Board of the YMCA of Central and Northern Westchester and the School of the Holy Child in Rye. Megan holds a bachelor's degree from Providence College and a Juris Doctor from Rutgers Law School. She lives in White Plains.

Sean M. Maloney

Sean M. Maloney is Vice President of Marketing and Communications at MVP Health Care. Prior to MVP. Sean worked at Accolade. Inc. as the Vice President of Solutions Marketing & Management and Senior Director of Product Marketing, Sean also served as the Director of Marketing Strategy at RealSelf, and earlier in their career. Sean held various roles at Microsoft and Mount Sinai Health System. Sean holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Rochester, a Master of Public Administration from New York University, and a Master of Business Administration from Columbia Business School, Sean resides in White Plains.

Nina M. Patton

Nina M. Patton is the Managing Director, Not-for-Profit Banking at Webster Bank. Prior to Webster Bank, she was Senior Portfolio Manager, Vice President at Sterling National Bank. Nina has more than 13 years of experience as a Notfor-Profit Banker and experience working with the nonprofit community to assist them with

growing their organizations, and succeeding in their missions. She earned a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Scranton and currently resides in Somers.

Laura C. Picone

Laura C. Picone is the Vice President, Senior Relationship Manager, Community Banking at TD Bank. Prior to this, she was their Assistant Vice President, Credit Portfolio Manager/ Credit Analyst. Laura serves as the treasurer for Open Door's Foundation Board, the Business Line Lead for the Commercial Bank on TD Bank's Metro NY Regional Diversity Council and is a graduate of Leadership Westchester. Laura holds a bachelor's degree from Mount Saint Mary College.

Matthew Saidman

Matthew Saidman is a Regional Sales Director at Mutual of America Financial Group, Matt has worked at Mutual of America since 2014, beginning as an Account Representative and is now responsible for overseeing sales operations in Westchester and Putnam counties, as well as 15 other counties in New York. Earlier in his career. Matt was a Financial Advisor with Principal Financial Group and served as a volunteer Hockey Coach for young players on Long Island. Matt has been a longtime supporter of United Way and a member of our Golf Committee since 2021. Matt holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Hofstra University and has more than 10 years of experience in finance and accounting.

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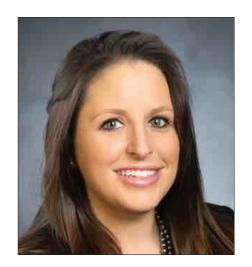




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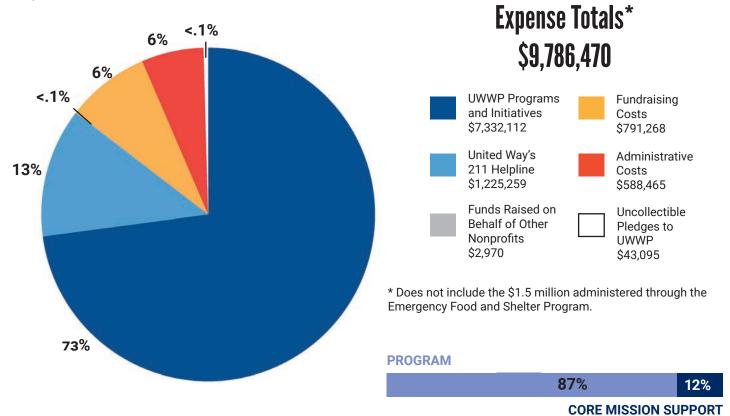
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*Below are the revenue and expense charts from the audited financial statement of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.



Revenue Totals = \$9,932,962

Category	Dollar Amount	Percentage	
Campaign Results and Government Grants	\$4,039,110	40.66%	
Gifts-in-Kind	\$5,466,258	55.03%	
Bequests and Other Public Support	\$48,476	0.46%	
Other Income	\$170,168	0.02%	
Investment Income	\$255,015	2.57%	
Total	\$9,932,962	100%	



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