

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR A BETTER LIFE



United Way puts books into the hands of children

Graduating from high school can be predicted reasonably well by the level of reading skills at the end of grade 3. That's why we launched Imagination Library this year in Danbury. This innovative partnership with the Dollywood Foundation offers free books every month to children under five years old.



RX Discounts in Difficult Economy

United Way of West-

ern Connecticut has partnered with the FamilyWize Program to distribute a prescription drug discount card. The card can offer immediate savings on prescription drugs.



Critical Need: Data Analysis

Addressing the most critical needs in our communities requires current and reliable data. This year UWWC completed two important data-driven studies of the quality-of-life conditions in our region. United Way and community leaders can now prioritize those interventions that will provide measurable success.



HOW DO YOU LIVE UNITED?

Imagine the problems we can solve and the possibilities we can create if together we:

GIVE.

JOIN HANDS. OPEN YOUR HEART.

The workplace campaign is the easiest and most powerful way to invest in our community.

ADVOCATE.

LEND YOUR MUSCLE. FIND YOUR VOICE.

You can make change happen with your voice by getting informed, educating your friends and showing your passion about local issues.

VOLUNTEER.

GIVE AN HOUR. GIVE A SATURDAY.

As a volunteer, you make a direct, hands-on contribution to your community. Visit our website to find rewarding opportunities in your area.

THINK OF WE BEFORE ME.

uwwesternct.org

United Way works to improve life in your community so that everyone receives a quality education that leads to a stable job, earns enough income to support a family through retirement and maintains good health.

WE INVITE YOU TO BE PART OF THE CHANGE.



If you or someone you know needs help, information, or referral, simply dial 2-1-1 on your phone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can also visit their website at 211ct.org. 2-1-1 is a service of Connecticut United Ways in partnership with the State of Connecticut.

Visit uwwesternct.org to find out more.

- Find volunteer opportunities
- See the impact your gift makes
- Advocate to improve your community
- Become a Leadership Giver
- Find out about local events

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GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.
LIVE UNITED

GIVE.

“I give to United Way because I know that, together, we can help all children succeed in school, graduate and lead independent productive lives.”

Sandy Rankin



EDUCATION

Education is the single most important determinant of poverty in America. When a child succeeds in school, we reduce the chance that the person will fall into poverty. When poverty is reduced, the community also saves on costs related to crime and corrections, unemployment, substance abuse and special education.

United Way is preparing our children and youth to achieve their potential in school and life by investing in early childhood education, mentoring, affordable childcare and afterschool programs.



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Give to United Way and support community efforts to help children succeed in school.
- Advocate by educating yourself on policies that benefit children and families.
- Volunteer at after-school programs and give children the extra help they need.

INCOME

Financial stability comes from having an income adequate to pay for today’s necessities and save for the future. **But almost 1 in 4 working parents do not earn enough money to provide for their families,** even though many hold multiple jobs.

United Way helps families move toward financial independence and an improved quality of life. Affordable housing, adequate income and strong job skills are just some of the issues that United Way invests in to achieve success.

This year United Way also funded a regional foreclosure prevention program.



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Give to United Way and help individuals and families access and maintain affordable housing.
- Advocate on the importance of job training and how it provides a stable future for us all.
- Volunteer at programs that help families meet their basic needs.

HEALTH

Good health is one of the building blocks for a better life. **But did you know that more than 53% of underinsured adults go without needed medical care.** That results in reduced life expectancy and an increased likelihood and severity of illness.

Whether someone lacks health insurance, suffers from childhood obesity, or struggles with mental illness, United Way improves the health of children, adults and seniors through its community partnerships and programs.



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Give to United Way and help individuals and families receive the healthcare they need.
- Advocate by speaking out to promote preventative healthcare.
- Volunteer to educate residents about the value of good nutrition and exercise.

ADVOCATE.

“It’s important for kids to have positive male influences in their lives. As a former President of our PTO, I started a Fathers & Significant Males club that had over 200 participants. The effect on the children was profound.”

Doug Taylor



VOLUNTEER.

“I have traveled since I was a little girl, and appreciate how much I have in life. I love seeing a smile on someone’s face, so I volunteer in a local nursing home. Seniors remain healthier when they know someone cares.”

Disha Damania

