



2021-2022 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

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United Way of
Hunterdon County

It is our pleasure to introduce our annual community impact report for 2021-2022. This has been a year of transition, with a change in leadership at United Way, and our continued recovery from the impact of the pandemic as a community. We are grateful that social connection and face-to-face interaction are once again normal, and we continue to move forward with optimism and perseverance in our work to support the community. As we reflect on the programs and services delivered over the last year, we remain grateful for the continued support of our dedicated volunteers, donors and partners. The impact of our efforts is only possible because of you.



Brenda Esler
CEO



Rob Crane
2021-2022 President,
Board of Trustees

Mission

To bring people and resources together to improve lives and conditions and to advance the common good of our community.

Vision

United Way of Hunterdon County is a community center of volunteerism, leadership and philanthropy that envisions a community where all individuals deserve an opportunity to thrive.



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2021-22 PROGRAMS

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Thriving Communities

Thriving Communities provides public health outreach to our Latino community to encourage healthy behaviors and reduce health disparities. This year, Thriving Communities focused on continuing COVID-19 awareness and prevention through distributing information, home test kits and hosting vaccine clinics.

 **18**
events sponsored by UWHC.

 **844**
health education bags distributed.

 **380**
number of vaccines.

 **2,417**
COVID test kits distributed.



Hunterdon Hygiene Connection

With the support of our generous donors, Hunterdon Hygiene Connection helps to relieve the financial burden, which can average \$1200 per year, of personal hygiene products that are essential for health and wellness. Diapers, period products and adult incontinence products are distributed to individuals and families in need through a collaborative network of 14 community partner organizations. Originally established as the Hunterdon Diaper Bank, this initiative was rebranded to reflect the expansion of available products.



Hunterdon Hygiene Connection – Distribution Partners

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|---------------------------------------|
| Delaware Valley Food Pantry |
| Fisherman's Mark |
| Flemington Area Food Pantry |
| Friendship Center |
| Hunterdon Helpline |
| Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon |
| NORWESCAP Head Start/Early Head Start |
| Open Cupboard Food Pantry |
| Pluckemin Medical Equipment Ministry |
| Readington Township Social Services |
| RVCC Resource Center & Food Pantry |
| SAFE in Hunterdon |
| Traditions Rest Home |
| YMCA of Bucks & Hunterdon Counties |

 **89**
number of donors.

 **\$28,847.45**
value of supplies distributed.

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Holiday Hands – December, 2021

During Holiday Hands, the Volunteer Center was transformed into a holiday shop, stocked with gifts from our generous donors. The store model was a great success because it gave each family the opportunity to make their own selections of gift items for their children and households. By alleviating the financial stress of gift shopping, Holiday Hands made the holidays a little brighter for ALICE families whose budgets are already stretched thin.



90

number of volunteers.



249

number of donors.



801

number of families served – 1,133 adults/1,120 children.



\$92,145.03

value of donations (GIK + monetary).



Tools 4 School – Summer, 2022

Tools 4 School is an educational initiative that support students and families in need prepare for the upcoming school year. Working with Hunterdon County schools, the program aims to ensure that students have the necessary tools, supplies, and resources to start the school year successfully. The program involves collecting and distributing school supplies such as backpacks, notebooks, pens, pencils, calculators, and other essential items donated by individuals, businesses, and community organizations.



274

number of families served – 673 students.



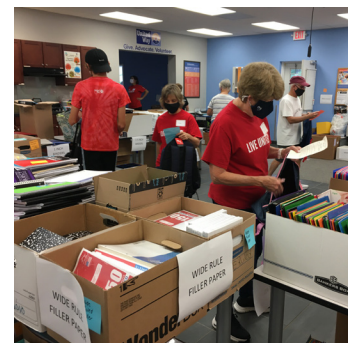
\$40,399

value of donations collected (GIK).



\$40,000

value of supplies distributed.



CLIENT SERVICES

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VITA – Tax Year 2021

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, funded in part by an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) grant, offers free tax preparation services to individuals and families with low to moderate incomes. The program is run by certified volunteers who receive training from the IRS to assist taxpayers in accurately preparing their tax returns.

VITA volunteers provide guidance on tax credits and deductions to help taxpayers maximize their refunds. They can also help individuals determine if they are eligible for certain tax benefits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC). The VITA program aims to ensure that eligible taxpayers receive all the credits and deductions they are entitled to, thereby maximizing their financial resources.



 **\$26,680**

value of tax prep savings (\$200 ea.)

 **9,000+**

number of VITA volunteers or volunteer hours.

 **\$1,945,890.00**

value of returns.

 **1,334**

number of donors.

2022 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Barbara Piwinski

Volunteers are at the heart of our community impact, and each year we honor one individual who has

- Continuously volunteered with United Way for more than 10 years
- Served on a committee/board
- Acted as an Ambassador for United Way, bringing in new volunteers
- Demonstrated obvious passion for the work we do!

Barbara's commitment and support for United Way have been unwavering. She has passionately dedicated herself to numerous programs, including Tools 4 School, where she tirelessly moved supplies, built backpacks, and participated in Stuff the Bus activities. She played a crucial role in expanding the diaper bank, transforming it into the Hunterdon Hygiene Connection. During the

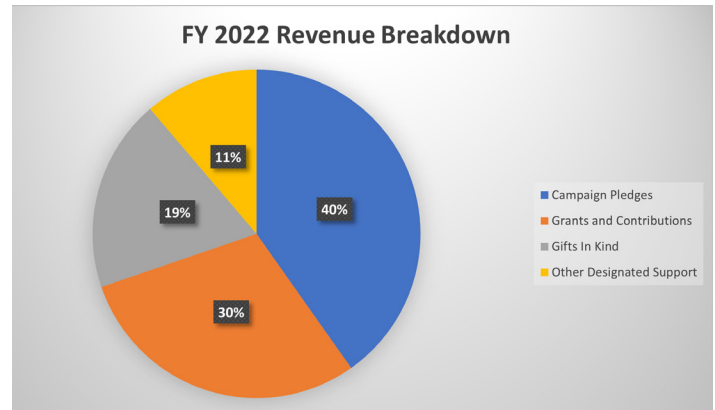
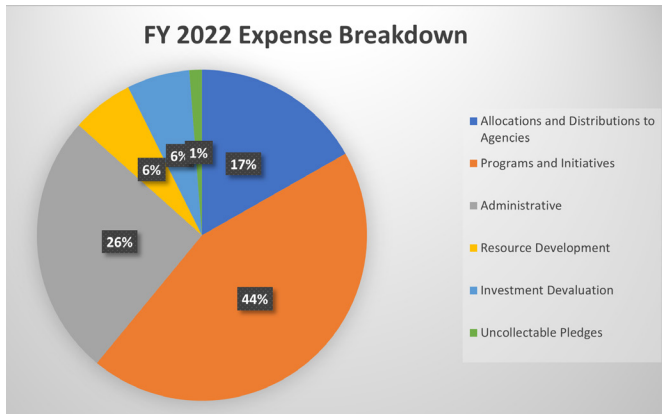
Volunteer Center's renovation in 2015, known as the Big Build, Barbara was there almost every day, generously lending a hand.

Barbara served on the board from 2012 to 2018, contributing to the Resource Development Committee and serving as committee chair from 2015 to 2017.

Barbara also served on the Volunteer Center Committee and the Executive Committee.

Her tireless efforts and unwavering commitment have left a lasting impact on the organization.





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The following is a variety of ways you can give and make an impact. Every gift helps and is very much appreciated.

Tributes, Honors and Memorials

A tribute gift honors and recognizes people close to you while showing your support for United Way of Hunterdon County. Make a “tribute” for a special occasion and we take care of sending the card either via email or postal mail – you choose the card and the method.

Stock Donations

Gifts of securities offer significant tax advantages. You can contact us for information on how to do it on your own.

Matching Gifts

Many companies have demonstrated their support for United Way of Hunterdon County by matching their employees’ gifts. Before you make a gift, ask whether your employer participates in a matching gift program, as certain steps may need to be taken.

Leadership Giving

Individuals or couples who contribute \$1,000 – \$9,999 annually to United Way of Hunterdon County become members of the Leadership Giving Circle. Leadership donors are recognized at the appropriate giving level in our Annual Report. Their gifts help to create financial stability within the organization.

Tocqueville Donation

Individuals or couples who contribute \$10,000+ annually to United Way of Hunterdon County become members of the Tocqueville Society. Tocqueville Society membership benefits include exclusive invitations to events where you can learn, network, and socialize. Members also receive special recognition in our Annual Report and UWW Tocqueville Society listings based on giving levels. Gifts at this level help to create sustainability for the many undertakings of the organization.

Endowment and Planned Gifts

Planned Gifts allow donors to leave a legacy and make a perpetual investment in the poverty prevention, financial empowerment, and wellness initiatives that are at the core of United Way of Hunterdon County. Your foresight and generosity will have a lasting impact for generations to come.

For more information on giving opportunities and benefits, please contact us at 908-782-3414.

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