

United Way of the Tri-Valley Area

INVESTING LOCALLY

CHANGING LIVES



2019 Community Partners

Care and Share Food Closet

PO Box 38 West Farmington, ME 04992 (mailing)
508 Fairbanks Rd., Farmington, ME 04938
Contact: Leiza Hiltz-Scerbo or Dana Bullen
(207) 778-0508; careandsharefoodcloset@gmail.com
United Way helps this food pantry serve nine towns including Farmington, New Vineyard, and Temple.

Catholic Charities

307 Congress St., Portland, ME 04101
Contact: Julie Allaire (207) 781-8560
jallaire@ccmaine.org
United Way funds the SEARCH (Seek Elderly Alone, Renew Courage & Hope) Program in Greater Franklin County enabling vulnerable seniors age 60 plus to remain independent in their homes and create a long-term support system to meet their needs.

Children's Center

508 Fairbanks Rd., Farmington;
1 Alden Ave., Augusta, ME 04330 (mailing)
Contact: Katelyn Pushard (207) 626-3497
kpushard@childrensctr.org
United Way supports center-based program that works with young children with disabilities.

Community Dental

366 US Rte. One, Falmouth, ME 04105 (mailing)
131 Franklin Health Commons #1,
Farmington, ME 04938;
Contact: Susan Isenman, (207) 779-2659
Susan.isenman@communitydentalme.org
www.communitydentalme.org
Patient assistance program and sliding fee scale support to provide emergency and preventive dental care to children and adults who otherwise couldn't afford it.

Franklin County Children's Task Force

113 Church St., Farmington, ME 04938
Contact: Renee Whitley, (207) 778-6960
rwhitley@fcctf.org; www.fcctf.org
School and community-based education programs to prevent child abuse and neglect and promote healthy relationships.

Healthy Community Coalition

105 Mt. Blue Circle, Ste.1, Farmington, ME 04938
Contact: Jennifer McCormack, (207) 779-2926
jmcormack@fchn.org; www.fchn.org/hcc
Mobile Health Unit outreach program which provides free health screenings, information and education.

LEAP, Inc.

313 Farmington Falls Rd., Farmington, ME 04938
Contact: Loretta Crockett, (207) 778-3443
ldcrockett@leapcommunity.org
www.leapcommunity.org
United Way supports the DREAM program—family respite and community integration for adults with developmental and cognitive disabilities.

Literacy Volunteers serving Franklin & Somerset Counties

129 Seamon Rd. Suite A, Farmington, ME 04938
Contact: Barbara Averill, (207) 500-3131
literacyvolunteersfs@gmail.com
www.westernmaineliteracy.org
Funding supports adult tutoring and "Bring Books to Life Program" which provides free, children's books and a volunteer tutor to coach and support reading. Program is in collaboration with Head Start.

Rural Community Action Ministry

81 Church Hill Rd., Leeds, ME 04263
Contact: Janice Daku, (207) 524-5095
janice@rcam.net; www.rcam.net
Housing and homelessness programs including housing rehabilitation, shelter, and technical assistance.

Safe Voices

PO Box 713, Auburn, ME 04212 (mailing)
Contact: Elise Johansen, (207) 795-6744
ejohansen@safevoices.org
www.safevoices.org. Helpline 1-800-559-2927 or
(207) 778-6107 (Franklin County).
Franklin County outreach, emergency services, and community education for survivors of domestic violence, including court advocacy, support groups, and emergency shelter.

SeniorsPlus

8 Falcon Rd., Lewiston, ME 04240
Contact: Holly Zielinski, (207) 795-4010
hzielinski@seniorsplus.org; www.seniorsplus.org
Provides nutrition and safety checks to homebound older adults through the Meals on Wheels program.

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services

PO Box 6, Auburn, ME 04212 (mailing)
227 Main St., Farmington, ME 04938
Contact: Meagan Davis, (207) 778-9522
meagan.davis@sapars.org; www.sapars.org
School-based sexual assault crisis intervention, prevention, and support services.

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services Children's Advocacy Center

See address above
Contact: Kat Perry, (207) 778-9522 or
(207) 784-0436; kat.perry@sapars.org
Forensic interviewing of sexually abused children and cognitively-impaired adults.

United Methodist Economic Ministry

1458 Salem Rd., Salem Township, ME 04983
Contact: Rev. Michele St. Cyr,
(207) 678-2611. umem@tdstelme.net;
www.gbmg-umc.org/umem
Fostering independence and providing assistance with basic needs, including housing repairs, food, clothing, and fuel in northern Franklin County.

Western Maine Community Action

PO Box 200, E. Wilton, ME 04234 (mailing)
20A Church St., East Wilton, ME 04234
Contact: Jim Trundy, (207) 645-3764
jtrundy@wmca.org; www.wmca.org
Funding supports emergency heating assistance.

Western Maine Homeless Outreach

547 Wilton Rd., Farmington, ME 04938
PO Box 830, Farmington, ME 04938 (mailing)
Contact: (207) 491-4100
bwheeler@wmca.org

Funding provides training support for shelter staff.

Western Maine Transportation Svcs., Inc.

76 Merrow Rd., Auburn, ME 04210
Contact: Craig Zurhorst, (207) 333-6972 x 6
czurhorst@westernmainetrans.org
www.wmtrans.org
Community Rides Program which allows WMTS to provide public transportation in Greater Franklin County to those who otherwise would not be able to access medical and other critical services.

Special Projects Recipients

Adaptive Outdoor Education Center

United Way funded the purchase of adaptive climbing equipment and a ski program for children with autism.

LEAP, Inc. Stone Soup Gardens

United Way provided a grant to improve the accessibility of Stone Soup Gardens and Woods for those in wheelchairs.

FOWL (Friends of Wilson Lake)

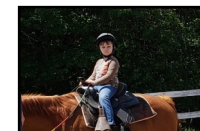
United Way funded water quality testing equipment to monitor the lake which is on the threatened lakes watch list.

W.G. Mallett School Fun for All Committee

Mallett School received a grant to build a "Walk and Wheel Path" so all individuals can fully utilize the playground regardless of their mobility.

Farmington Grange #12

Funds were provided to repair a stove so the Grange could be open in the winter for the farmers market, provide educational opportunities, and continue to work on food insecurity.



The Hope Fund

More than 100 youth have been granted a brighter future since the Hope Fund was launched in June of 2017. The fund supports things like summer camps, therapeutic recreational opportunities, sports equipment, and lessons for children with economic barriers ages 0-17.

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211 | The Community Energy Challenge | Packs for Progress & Tools for Teachers | CA\$H Maine
Maine Harvest Bucks | Franklin Volunteer Network | The Underwearness Project FamilyWize Prescription Assistance

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COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS

The UWTVA Community Fund:

Contributions to the Community Fund are flexible funds that are spread throughout our service area where the need is greatest. Community members make funding decisions based on a thorough process. Funds support local programs coordinated by 501(C)(3) non-profit organizations referred to as Community Partners.

The Hope Fund:

The Hope Fund provides assistance for unmet needs of children, removing barriers to enable low-income children to engage in a wide variety of experiences/opportunities such as after-school programs, camps, athletic team participation, etc.

The Special Projects Fund:

Flexible funding with applications accepted on a rolling basis. Support is for emergent needs. Businesses, nonprofits, coalitions may apply.

211

24/7 human service helpline supported by United Ways of Maine and the State of Maine. Call 211, text zip code to 898-211 or visit 211maine.org.

Mission:

United Way of the Tri-Valley Area strives to unite people and resources to improve lives and build a strong and healthy community; we do this by identifying local needs and addressing their root causes, raising funds to meet those needs, and collaborating on local initiatives that create a measurable difference in Greater Franklin County.

Established:

1981 as a locally-governed organization with 16 local board members. One of 9 United Ways in Maine.

Service area:

40,000 residents of Franklin County, Livermore and Livermore Falls

Staff: 3 FTEs

A look back at the past year:

Community Partners: 17

Volunteer Hours: 11,732

211: 500 calls from Greater Franklin County

Backpacks Distributed: 587

Teacher Totes Distributed: 17

Community Investments: \$110,000

Tax Refunds: \$369,248

Hope Fund Recipients: 109

Underwear distributed: 3,702

Food: 23,400 hours spent by Ameri-Corps Members in *Food for the Future*

Collaborations

18 collaborations ranging from the Western Maine District Coordinating Council to the Department of Labor Community Resource Team assembled during workforce reductions

1 in 3 Greater Franklin County residents are helped each year.



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COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

United Way Initiatives

Packs for Progress

School supplies and backpacks are collected for students throughout the region who otherwise may not be able to afford them. Almost 600 are distributed annually.

Tools for Teachers

Totes of school supplies and other needed items identified by teachers (such as cleaning wipes) are delivered to 17 area schools through Tools for Teachers.

Community Energy Challenge

Volunteer-led interior window panel project that saves money and keeps people warm. 2,432 custom-made window panels have been installed since 2009.

The Pantry Project

The Pantry Project seeks donated food and cash at area businesses and organizations that is then donated to area food pantries.

Collaborations

Western Maine CASH Coalition

Free tax program that helps save tax preparation fees and connects filers to resources to help them earn, keep and grow their hard earned money.

FamilyWize

Prescription assistance program that saves participants up to 40%. Discount card is accepted at all local pharmacies.

Western Maine Underwears Project

United Way distributes new underwear and socks throughout the region for both adults and children. Collection is spearheaded by volunteers Dave and Sue Catino.

Maine Harvest Bucks

United Way is the fiscal sponsor for Maine Harvest Bucks. For every \$1 spent in SNAP benefits at the Farmington Farmers Market, an equal amount of Maine Harvest Bucks vouchers are given to spend on fruits and vegetables.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Assistance Requests

United Way is the hub for information in the region. Hundreds are connected to information and resources every year.