

# WHAT DOES UNITED WAY OF LANCASTER COUNTY DO?



United Way of Lancaster County, Inc.

Our mission is to improve lives by bringing citizens and resources together to identify and respond to human service needs in Lancaster County. We do this by understanding the evolving needs of our community and stepping in to help by leading targeted initiatives and supporting local programs.

We work to advance the common good by focusing on education, financial stability and health. These are the building blocks for a good life-- a quality education that leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family through retirement and good health. Our goal is to create long-lasting changes that prevent problems from happening in the first place.

## Our Programs

**2-1-1:** An easy to remember, three digit telephone number that connects people with important community services to meet everyday needs and the immediate needs of people in crisis. It is a resource for finding assistance in your local community.

**Community Garden:** A partnership with Lancaster County Parks and Recreation to provide free produce to Lancaster residents. This initiative allows a place for people of all ages to garden - those that may not have the yard to do so at their home or for those who enjoy gardening with other people.

**Stamp Out Hunger:** Each year we partner with the USPS to support this annual food drive. In 2019, our county collected a total of 15,054lbs of food that was donated to HOPE of Lancaster.

**Day of Caring:** This project is to connect our local donors with individuals in need. Our annual Day of Caring offers businesses, individuals, organizations and civic clubs the opportunity to help local nonprofit human service agencies accomplish much-needed projects during one day of organized volunteerism.

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program:** This program provides free tax preparation services to individuals and families. Returns are processed by certified tax preparers who help families maximize their refund and save taxpayers the expense of professional tax preparation services.

**Stuff the Bus:** For this annual event, we collect donations of school supplies to help those most vulnerable and in need of the basic necessities for a successful education.

**Prescription Assistance Programs:** We have two prescriptions savings programs, Coast2Coast and FamilyWize. Both offer discounts and help local families save money on medical expenses.

**Lancaster Area Coalition for the Homeless:** L.A.C.H. is comprised of concerned citizens, civic leaders, law enforcement and other non-profit organizations who recognize a need for homeless services in our community. The coalition's mission is to provide access to services that allow homeless persons to improve their quality of life.

## Our Partner Agencies

- A Father's Way
- Alston Wilkes Society
- American Red Cross
- The Children's Council
- Christian Services
- Communities In Schools
- Girl Scouts of SC - MM
- HOPE
- Horse N Around Therapeutic Riding Center
- K.A.R.E.
- Lancaster Children's Home
- Lancaster County Council on Aging
- Lancaster County First Steps
- Lancaster County Partners for Youth
- Palmetto Citizens Against Sexual Assault

## United We Fight. United We Win.

### YOUR DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE

**\$1/week**

- Provides 305 pounds of food for hungry residents in Lancaster County.
- Provides free tax preparation for 50 families during tax season.

**\$2/week**

- Provides 3 greatest at risk children under 5 a book a month for an entire year.
- Provides 24 Community Garden Members with free produce from the Community Garden.

**\$5/week**

- Provides free forensic interviews or sexual assault examinations to vulnerable clients.
- Provides 8 homeless individuals with food, shelter and basic needs through the winter.

**\$10/week**

- Provides 1 at-risk child with six home visits from their future Kindergarten teacher during the summer.
- Provides 6 sessions of PATH certified equine-therapy for a child or adult with a physical or mental disability.

**\$20/week**

- Provides 1 senior citizen with 5 home delivered meals per week for 8 months.
- Provides educational programs for as many as 9 adults or children.

**To make a donation, get involved or learn more about our community, visit [www.uwaylcsc.org](http://www.uwaylcsc.org)**