“United Way is working to advance the common good by focusing on 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 ensuring our most basic needs are met.”

**EDUCATION**
Increasing opportunities for children and youth to succeed.

**FAMILY CARE AND EDUCATION**
Children birth-5 have expanded access to quality early educational experiences.

- **Programs**
  - Catholic Charities - Infant Toddler Care
  - Cheshire YMCA - Child Care
  - Reach Out and Read – Early Literacy
  - Waterbury YMCA - Child Development

- **Initiatives**
  - Bridge to Success - Cradle to Career Community Partnership
  - Home Visiting - Literacy & Oral Language Development

**FAMILY ENGAGEMENT & POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**
Children and youth 5-18 have opportunities to experience success and achieve their potential.

- **Programs**
  - Boys & Girls Club - After School Program
  - Cheshire YMCA - School Age Care
  - Children’s Community School - Personalized Education
  - Girls Inc. - GirlStart
  - Girl Scouts – Leadership Experience
  - Nutmeg Big Brothers/Sisters – Mentoring
  - Safe Haven – Community Education
  - Waterbury YMCA – Camp, Hoops & Homework, School Age Care
  - Waterbury Youth Services – Linking Academics to Life

- **Initiatives**
  - Bridge to Success - Cradle to Career Community Partnership
  - Campership Program

**BASIC NEEDS**
Helping people become more self-sufficient in meeting their basic needs.

**HEALTH CARE**
Access to appropriate, affordable physical, dental & behavioral healthcare, including prevention & intervention services.

- **Programs**
  - American Red Cross – Disaster Relief
  - Catholic Charities – Behavioral Health
  - CT Counseling Centers – Methadone Maintenance
  - CT Legal Services – Legal Aid
  - Hartford Health Care at Home – Home Health Care
  - Hispanic Coalition – Senior Case Management
  - Mental Health Connecticut – Independence Center
  - Safe Haven – Non-Shelter Services
  - Safe Haven – Sexual Assault Crisis Services
  - StayWell Health Center – Dental, Women's Health
  - Waterbury Youth Services – Youth/Family Emergency Services/Homeless Youth
  - Wellmore – Adult Outpatient, Child Clinical, Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services, Moms House, Therapeutic Shelter, Women/Children's Program

- **Initiatives**
  - Greater Waterbury Health Partnership

**HOUSING**
Access to safe and affordable housing - temporary and permanent.

- **Programs**
  - American Red Cross – Disaster Services
  - CT Legal Services – Legal Aid
  - Safe Haven – Domestic Violence Shelter
  - Salvation Army – Family Shelter

- **Initiatives**
  - Homelessness Coordinated Access Network
  - Flexible Assistance Fund
  - EFSP- Emergency Food & Shelter Program

**FOOD**
Access to affordable, nutritious food.

- **Programs**
  - American Red Cross – Disaster Services
  - GWM – Food Pantry, Soup Kitchen
  - Hispanic Coalition – Senior Case Management
  - Salvation Army – Family Shelter

- **Initiatives**
  - Food Resource Committee
  - Stock the Pantry
  - Holiday Assistance
  - Healthy Foods
  - EFSP- Emergency Food & Shelter Program

**FINANCIAL STABILITY**
Increasing financial stability through employment opportunities.

**TRAINING AND EDUCATION FOR UNDER-EMPLOYED & UNEMPLOYED YOUTH & ADULTS**
Expanded entry level employment opportunities that may lead to self-sufficiency.

- **Programs**
  - Waterbury Youth Services – Support for Self-Determination
  - United Labor Agency – Apprenticeship
  - Hispanic Coalition – Hispanics in Healthcare Careers

**TRAINING AND EDUCATION FOR EXPERIENCED WORKERS**
Expanded training and employment opportunities.

- **Programs**
  - Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board – Home Works Program

**INCOME SUPPORTS FOR WORKING HOUSE-HOLDS THAT FOSTER ECONOMIC SECURITY**
Access to programs and practices that increase household income including financial literacy.

- **Initiatives**
  - CT Association of Human Services – Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
  - CT United Ways – AILACE Saves
  - Financial Literacy
  - Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC) - Financial Opportunity Centers
  - Technology and Training
  - Waterbury Reentry Center