

UNITED WAY OF GREATER WATERBURY'S 2025/2026 COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS

“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.

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

Children birth-5 have expanded access to quality early educational experiences.

PROGRAMS

Catholic Charities Inc. - Infant Toddler Care
Cheshire Community YMCA - School Age Childcare
Cheshire Community YMCA - Early Childhood Preschool
Greater Waterbury YMCA - School Age Care
Reach Out and Read Connecticut - Rx for Success Waterbury

INITIATIVES

Literacy & Oral Language Development
Waterbury Bridge To Success Community Partnership

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT & POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Children and youth 5-18 have opportunities to experience success and achieve their potential.

PROGRAMS

Afro-Caribbean Cultural Center Inc. - Cuyo Summer Camp
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Connecticut - Community-based Mentoring
Boys and Girls Club of Greater Waterbury - After School Program
Children's Community School - Personalized Education
Greater Waterbury YMCA - Berkeley Warner Community Center
Greater Waterbury YMCA - Camp Mataucha
Greater Waterbury YMCA - Linking Academics to Life
Hang Time - CHOICES
Mattatuck Museum - Art Enrichment Program
Park Central - Out of School Enrichment

INITIATIVES

Waterbury Bridge To Success Community Partnership
Campership Program
Waterbury Promise

BASIC NEEDS

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

HOUSING

Access to safe and affordable housing - temporary and permanent.

PROGRAMS

American Red Cross Western Connecticut - Disaster Cycle Services
Brian Gibbons Homeless Outreach, Inc. - Homeless Outreach
Connecticut Legal Services, Inc. - Legal Services Housing Support Project
Greater Waterbury YMCA - Youth & Family Emergency Services
Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury Inc. - Emergency Shelter

INITIATIVES

The Housing Collective - Coordinated Access Network (CAN)
St. Vincent DePaul - Shelter Operations
United Way of Greater Waterbury - Flexible Assistance Fund

FOOD

Access to affordable, nutritious food.

PROGRAMS

American Red Cross Western Connecticut - Disaster Cycle Services
Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries, Inc.- Food Pantry
Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries, Inc. - Soup Kitchen
The Salvation Army - Comprehensive Emergency Assistance Program

INITIATIVES

Food Resource Committee
Healthy Foods
Holiday Assistance
Stock the Pantry

FINANCIAL STABILITY

Increasing financial stability through employment opportunities.

TRAINING & EDUCATION FOR UNDER-EMPLOYED & UNEMPLOYED YOUTH & ADULTS

Equitable access to opportunities that may lead to self-sufficiency.

PROGRAMS

Abilities Without Boundaries - Employment Support Expansion
Greater Waterbury YMCA - Support for Self Determination/POWER
Hispanic Coalition of Greater Waterbury - RIBA Aspira Career Academy, English as a Second Language Program

INITIATIVES

St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Waterbury - Merriman Culinary Job Training Program

INCOME SUPPORTS FOR WORKING HOUSEHOLDS THAT FOSTER ECONOMIC SECURITY

Equitable access to opportunities to increase income, build savings, and become financially stable.

PROGRAMS

Advancing Connecticut Together, Inc. - Financial Empowerment Beyond Tax Season
Wealth Generation Legacy, Inc. - Personal Finance Does Matter

INITIATIVES

Advancing Connecticut Together, Inc. - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

TRAINING FOR RETURNING CITIZENS AND THOSE PREVIOUSLY INCARCERATED

Expanded equitable employment.

PROGRAMS

Community Partners in Action - Greater Waterbury Reentry Welcome Center



United Way CT 2-1-1 aligns with all Impact Areas