

United Way of Henry County & Martinsville 2024-2025 Grant Awards

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Thank you... Because of your support, United Way of Henry County & Martinsville has continued to advance the common good by creating opportunities for success for our most vulnerable families. We have brought together caring individuals, organizations, and businesses throughout the area to support and identify solutions to our region's toughest challenges.

Please visit our website to learn more information about our work, UnitedWayofHCM.org.

We are grateful to all donors who choose to contribute to United Way of Henry County & Martinsville.

Your support allows us to provide financial support to 31 programs and community impact initiatives for 2024-2025. While some funds are donor designated, the majority of these programs and initiatives are part of a rigorous vetting process from a group of 20 to 30 volunteers each year to ensure our investment with your donation has the greatest community impact. The remainder receives their awards through donor-designated contributions.

Despite the challenges that 2023 brought, the United Way was able to generate over \$515,000 towards our annual campaign! Thanks to your support, United Way awarded funds to the following Partner Agencies and Programs in support of their highly commendable efforts to meet critical community needs in our focus areas of education, financial stability, healthy living, and Basic Needs Assistance.

In addition to the campaign, we also leveraged grant funds to support our resilient framework to mobilize the area's caring power. Initiatives within this framework are highlighted in purple.

Education

- **Boys & Girls Club** – Bridging learning gaps using Project Learn complimented with literacy Initiatives for preschool club members and K-5th grade students
- **Boy Scouts** – Providing young people with an opportunity to build self-confidence and leadership skills through Scouting's values-based educational program and summer camps
- **Family YMCA** – Early Learning Center, supporting financial assistance for eligible families to participate in center activities
- **Friends of Infinity Acres Ranch** – Interactive animal assisted learning organization with an emphasis on providing therapeutic and interactive opportunities to individuals of all abilities
- **Girl Scouts** - Community outreach, offering scouting program opportunities to girls within the community
- **MHC Partners for Children** – Various youth program support, such as Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, an initiative where children from birth to age five receive a book in the mail each month
- **Piedmont Community Services** - Families work to reduce risks and build resiliency so that they can raise healthy children who are ready to learn
- **Stepping Stones** – Community engagement for the area's intellectually disabled so that they are more involved and part of the community's fabric
- **Virginia Museum of Natural History Foundation** - supports the mission and programs of the Virginia Museum of Natural History.

Financial Stability

- **Bridges out of Poverty**- Works to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty through the provision of an intensive, 16-week curriculum to participants
- **Community Dream Center** – Stable housing for area men and their families experiencing homelessness and in need of financial stability assistance
- **Dollar and Sense Reality Fair** – Event support, United Way's annual event that exposes high school seniors to the costs associated with real life

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Financial Stability Continued...

- **Edwards Adult Day Center** – Program support for adult services during the day, including financial assistance for eligible families
- **Financial Wellness at Work** – Program support, providing a workplace program to help our workforce attain the confidence needed to invest their money and make informed financial decisions
- **MARC Workshop** - provides individuals with disabilities a place within the community to learn, gain experience in a real work situation and develop to their maximum potential through employment and work adjustment training.
- **Virginia Legal Aid Society** – Crisis and Income Protection offering critical legal services to area residents at a time they need it most and when there is nowhere else to turn
- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** – Program support, offering free income tax preparation assistance to eligible individuals and families

Healthy Living

- **ANCHOR** – Provides comprehensive care and individualized treatment to assist youth and their families in achieving optimal health and well-being
- **Focus on Youth/CASA** - Recruits, screens, trains, supports, and provides community volunteers to advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court proceedings
- **Martinsville-Henry County Assistance Network** – Program support, providing agencies the use of a shared database to connect individuals and families to emergency financial and medical assistance opportunities and to monitor their progress so that no one falls through the cracks
- **Mountain Valley Hospice** - Program support, creating the best experience for those facing serious illness. Every patient, every family, every time.
- **Southern Area Agency on Aging** - Non-emergency medical transportation trips provided

Basic Needs/Emergency Services

- **American Red Cross** – Provides immediate emergency assistance to local victims of disasters
- **Grace Network** – Crisis intervention, helping eligible individuals and families in times of crisis with a requirement that receipt of these services they participate in a program designed to change the circumstances that caused their need
- **Henry County Food Pantry** - Supporting food insecure families by providing food access and community resource connection.
- **MHC Warming Center** - Seasonal facility which provides warm shelter for individuals and families during harsh winter conditions.
- **Patrick & Henry Community College Foundation** - Food pantry serving students facing food insecurity
- **Rescue Squads** – Emergency services support, designating funds to support our voluntary fire & rescue squads in Axton, Bassett, Fieldale-Collinsville, Horsepasture, and Ridgeway
- **Salvation Army** – Offers emergency assistance, community meals, food pantry, emotional and spiritual care, emergency local disaster services, and summer camp for children and adolescents that are eligible
- **Step, Inc.** – Help individuals overcome adversity and enhance their quality of life through community, economic, personal, and family development
- **Southside Survivor Response Center** - Emergency shelter provided to women and children needing safety from DV/SA situations

About United Way of Henry County & Martinsville

With more than 150 volunteers and over 2,500 donors in Martinsville-Henry County each year, United Way is the area's largest privately-funded nonprofit. We address the community's immediate and long-term needs in the focus area of education, financial stability and healthy living: the building blocks for a good quality of life.

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