



UNITED WAY
of Tri-County

UNITED FOR YOU

2025 IMPACT REPORT





5,415,209

Pounds of food distributed at
our 3 food pantries



493,537

Calls received from
our Mass211 and Call2Talk
24 hour call lines

A MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends and Supporters,

This past year has been one of both profound loss and unwavering purpose for our organization. Following the passing of our beloved President & CEO, Paul L. Mina, we have reflected deeply on the extraordinary legacy he leaves behind - one rooted in compassion, service, and an unshakable commitment to helping those in need. Paul dedicated his life to strengthening our community, and as we move forward, we do so with a renewed commitment to providing the high level of care, support, and service that he would expect and deserve in his memory. We remain steadfast in our mission, honoring Paul's legacy by continuing the work he cared so deeply about.

Food security remains one of the most urgent challenges facing our neighbors. Through our three food pantries and two hot meal programs serving MetroWest, Marlborough, and Greater Clinton, we provided groceries and thousands of nutritious meals to individuals and families in need. These programs offer more than nourishment - they provide dignity, comfort, and hope during difficult times.

Our 24-hour helplines also continue to serve as critical lifelines. Mass211 connects callers with essential health and human services, while Call2Talk offers compassionate mental health and suicide prevention support to people facing emotional distress. Together, these programs ensure that no one has to navigate crisis alone.

We remain equally committed to investing in the future through education. Our Ready to Read early literacy initiative helps young children build the foundational skills needed for lifelong success, while our Tools for School program equips students with backpacks and school supplies so they can begin the year prepared and confident.

During the holiday season, your support helped bring comfort and joy to countless families. Through Feed-A-Family, households received holiday meals they may not otherwise have had, and our Hope for the Holidays program provided gifts to children throughout the community, reminding them they are cared for and valued.

None of this would be possible without you - our donors, volunteers, partners, and friends. Your compassion and commitment make this work possible every single day. Thank you for standing with us and for believing in the power of community to change lives.

With gratitude,



Kristen Pope, Board Chair, United Way of Tri-County
CEO, Pope Productions

FOOD SECURITY

Hunger isn't just an issue for the homeless or unemployed—it also affects the underemployed, seasonal workers, veterans, and the elderly. Every day, suburban families must choose between paying for food and covering housing, utilities, medications, childcare, transportation, or education.

In 2011, the United Way of Tri-County (UWTC) launched its Food Security Initiative to help people meet nutritional needs and ensure everyone has the chance to reach their full potential. When families are food secure, children focus in school, adults perform better at work, and seniors are more likely to live independently—benefiting both individuals and communities.

FOOD PANTRIES



UWTC's three food pantries serve residents of MetroWest, Marlborough and Greater Clinton. Last year UWTC met the demand to make more healthy food available to low-income families by providing over 5.4 million pounds of food to people in need.

Clients can visit our food pantries each month

to receive healthy food including non-perishable items, fresh produce, dairy, eggs, bread and frozen meat.

UWTC partners with the Greater Boston Food Bank, the Worcester County Food Bank as well as many local restaurants, food distributors and private individual donors to keep our pantry shelves filled throughout the year.

HOT MEALS



UWTC's hot meals program serves nourishing meals five nights a week at our cafés in MetroWest/Framingham and Greater Clinton. Guests enjoy a restaurant-style, three-course sit-down dinner shared with friends and neighbors.

In addition, breakfast is offered daily at our MetroWest/Framingham location, and lunch is available for take-out at both locations to anyone in need.

To support vulnerable populations, we also deliver lunch and dinner to several senior centers in Clinton and nearby communities.

In total, UWTC provided 196,907 meals last year across the communities we serve.

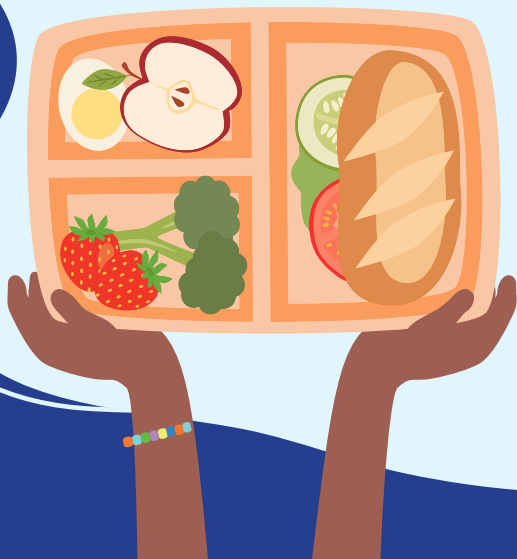
Chef Shelly and volunteers prepare the evening meal for guests at the WHEAT Community Café.



196,907
Meals served at our 2 cafés
in Framingham/MetroWest and
Greater Clinton



32,992
Families served at our
3 food pantries and 2 cafés



METROWEST CROSS DOCK

In partnership with the Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB), the United Way of Tri-County helps 32 local food programs access additional food for their clients. Each week, the GBFB delivers food to our MetroWest Cross Dock in Framingham. Smaller hunger relief programs—often lacking staff, volunteers, vehicles, and financial resources—can pick up food at the MetroWest CrossDock, eliminating the need and cost of traveling to Boston.

FEED-A-FAMILY

Each September, we launch our fall fundraising campaign, Feed-A-Family, which provides a complete holiday meal or a week’s worth of food to families in need—so they too can enjoy the tradition of a home-cooked holiday meal with loved ones. The campaign runs from September through December, when many struggling families can’t afford the added cost of a holiday meal.

A few days before the holiday, registered families line up at our three food pantries to receive a complete holiday meal with all the trimmings. Since its start in 2012, the program has supported thousands of families through challenging times.

HUNGER TO HOPE

As the number of families and individuals using our food pantries continues to grow, so does our need to secure additional funding. Our spring campaign, Hunger to Hope, helps support our food pantries through the spring and summer months—times when donations are typically at their lowest.

Many of our pantry clients work minimum-wage jobs that no longer keep pace with the rising cost of basic necessities like food, medicine, housing and utilities. While inflation affects us all, it disproportionately impacts lower-income families.

Hunger to Hope ensures our food pantries remain open and stocked during the summer, providing vital support to families in need.

GUS THE FOOD PANTRY BUS



Food insecurity continues to be an urgent crisis across the Commonwealth. In response, UWTC is proud to introduce Gus the Bus—a mobile solution bringing food and essential services to communities with limited access to affordable, healthy options.

Gus stops at various “pop-up” locations, where clients can receive monthly groceries and hot meals—no transportation needed.

But Gus offers more than food. Onboard case managers help connect visitors with vital social services, including housing, healthcare, employment resources, and more.

To donate to our food security programs, visit us online at uwotc.org/FEED or text FEED to 91999.

OUR TOP 50

MOST SUPPORTIVE COMPANIES

TJX

NYPRO Foundation

Illinois Tool Works Inc.

FM Global

Eversource

Jabil

National Grid

Main Street Bank

Rockland Trust Company

Wegmans (Northborough)

St. Mary's Credit Union

Boston Scientific Corporation

Dimeo Construction Company

Avidia Bank

Intel Massachusetts

City of Marlborough

Hannaford - Corporate

Penguin Solutions

United Health Group, Inc.

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Helping Hearts Foundation

Fitts Insurance Agency, Inc.

Epilepsy Foundation

Shaws Supermarkets

Eli Lilly and Company

Starkweather & Shepley Insurance

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Concord Group Insurance

US Bank Corp

Berry Global

Barrett Distribution Center

Advocates, Inc.

Haley-Ward

Rockwell Automation

Marlborough Bahai Fund

Vertex

Liberty Mutual

Town of Hudson

Mirick O'Connell

Raytheon

Spectra Energy

Legacy Publishing Group, Inc.

MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

The Marlborough Community Cupboard (MCC) has been a vital resource for Marlborough residents in need since 1992. In 2011, it became a program owned and operated by the United Way of Tri-County, allowing it to expand its reach and strengthen its impact throughout the community. MCC's mission is to provide support with dignity, compassion, and respect—ensuring that individuals and families never have to face food insecurity or other basic needs alone.

Each month, MCC provides groceries and produce to residents in need. In addition to monthly food distributions, MCC

offers a weekly opportunity to access fresh fruits and vegetables through the Open Marketplace—ensuring clients can include nutritious foods in their diets that might otherwise be too expensive at a grocery store.

MCC also recognizes the specific needs of older adults in the community. Through its partnerships with the Marlborough Council on Aging and BayPath Elder Services, the Senior Mobile Market delivers groceries directly to the homes of homebound seniors. This program allows elderly residents to maintain their independence and continue living safely and comfortably.

Beyond food assistance, the Marlborough



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- Moses

Community Cupboard helps clients apply for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), commonly known as food stamps. The application process can be overwhelming, and MCC staff are trained to guide individuals through it, helping them secure the benefits for which they are eligible.

In addition to food, MCC offers gently used clothing at no charge to anyone visiting the food pantry. Whether it's a warm coat for winter or everyday essentials for children, the clothing room helps ease financial strain for many households.

Recognizing that financial hardship can extend beyond food, MCC, through various partnerships, helps residents apply for support with heating oil, gas, and electricity—keeping homes safe and warm during the winter months.

Having heat, light, and electricity enables families to prepare meals, children to complete

homework, and individuals to stay healthy and safe. In times when health and human services are stretched thin, the Marlborough Community Cupboard steps in to fill the gaps. Through food, clothing, support services, and a network of compassion, MCC continues to make a lasting difference in the lives of Marlborough residents.

Located at:
255 Main Street, Room 113,
Marlborough, MA 01752

Pantry Hours:
Monday & Friday 9am-1pm
Wednesday 9am-1pm & 5pm-7pm

Open Marketplace:
Wednesday 5pm-7pm

Director: Barbara LaGrenade

To volunteer or donate to the Marlborough Community Cupboard, visit us online at uwotc.org/MCC



For years, Moses quietly gave his time and energy to help others by delivering surplus food from local grocery stores to MCC. Then, four years ago, everything changed.

Moses suffered a stroke that left him blind in one eye and struggling to walk. After months in rehabilitation, he was no longer able to return to his job in construction. The independence he had always known suddenly felt uncertain.

When volunteers at MCC learned about the health challenges Moses was facing, the community he had helped support began supporting him.

Today, volunteers from MCC deliver food to Moses once a month, helping offset the grocery costs he can no longer afford on his own. That support allows him to remain in his apartment and maintain a sense of stability.

“The food pantry is remarkable,” Moses says. “They are a wonderful, marvelous place that helps people who need it. I want to thank everyone who donates. You are supporting a good cause, and it's very, very important. They always need more help, so please continue to give if you can.”

PEARL STREET CUPBOARD & CAFÉ AT PARK

Since its founding in 2012, the Pearl Street Cupboard & Café (PSCC) at Park has become a cornerstone of food assistance in the MetroWest region. What began as a community-based initiative has grown into one of the largest food pantries in Massachusetts, reaching thousands of individuals and families each year who are struggling to make ends meet.

Each month, qualifying residents receive a generous supply of groceries that support the preparation of well-balanced meals at home.

Grocery packages typically include high-quality meats, fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products, bread, and non-perishable staples. The variety and nutritional value of the groceries

reflect the organization's commitment not just to providing food, but to providing good food that supports a healthy lifestyle.

The Pearl Street Café, a critical extension of the pantry's mission, serves hot meals five days a week to residents of Framingham and surrounding towns. With the help of dedicated volunteers, the Café provides both nourishment and dignity to those who visit.

Breakfast and lunch are carefully prepared and packaged to-go five days per week, and in the evening, a sit-down three-course meal is served restaurant-style by staff and volunteers.

Volunteers play a central role in the success of

Sara

Like many of our clients, Tammy wasn't sure where to turn when she began struggling to afford food. "There were times I had no food in the house," she told us. Friends encouraged her to come to Pearl Street, assuring her that she would be welcomed and supported, and that's exactly what she found.

As her health declined due to diabetes and her mobility became a challenge, something as simple as picking up groceries became overwhelming. When she shared this with us, the answer was simple: we would bring the food to her.

Last September, Tammy underwent coronary surgery. It was a frightening time, but she came through it strong. Throughout her recovery, she continued to rely on the pantry - not just for essentials like chicken, rice, eggs, and fresh vegetables, but for reassurance that she wasn't alone.

Without donations from caring community members like you, we could not help neighbors like Tammy.

"The people who donate food and money are a true blessing to us." said Tammy.

both the Cupboard and Café. They assist with everything from sorting groceries and preparing meals to distributing food and cleaning up. Their compassion, energy, and dedication help create a welcoming and respectful environment for all who walk through the doors.

PSCC also plays an important role in supporting homebound residents. Springwell's Meals on Wheels program uses the Café's kitchen to prepare and package hot meals five days per week for delivery throughout the Framingham area. Our own drivers also deliver groceries to homebound residents when needed.

These home-delivered meals and groceries ensure that elderly or medically vulnerable residents who are unable to shop or cook for themselves still receive consistent, nutritious food. This vital service promotes independence and health for one of the most at-risk populations in the community.

PSCC works with the Greater Boston Food Bank, local businesses, and donors to ensure

a steady supply of nutritious food.

With the growing demand for food assistance across MetroWest, the Pearl Street Cupboard & Café remains a lifeline for many of our neighbors.

Located at:

***46 Park Street, 1st Floor,
Framingham, MA 01702***

Pantry Hours:

Monday - Friday 9am-1pm

Café Hours:

Breakfast: Monday-Friday 9am-10am

Lunch: Monday-Friday 12pm - 1pm

Dinner: Monday-Friday 5:30pm-7pm

Director: Joe Mina

***To volunteer or donate to the Pearl Street
Cupboard & Café, visit us online at
uwotc.org/PEARL***

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visited Pearl Street,
I felt welcomed and
supported.”**

- Tammy



WHEAT COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

WHEAT Community Connections has served residents of the Greater Clinton area since 1982 and, in 2012, became a direct service of the United Way of Tri-County. WHEAT continues to provide a high level of service to area residents. Our mission is to support individuals and families experiencing economic and personal challenges by providing emergency assistance and programs that promote self-sufficiency.

The WHEAT Community Cupboard & Café provides monthly groceries as well as fresh lunches and dinners five days a week to residents of Clinton and the surround-

ing towns. Clients can choose to dine in our café or take their meals to go. Lunches are also delivered to senior housing authorities in the towns of Berlin, Bolton, Clinton, Lancaster, and Sterling. Food is a basic need, and many area residents struggle to provide enough for themselves and their families. Our program helps support healthy aging in place for older adults.

In addition, WHEAT maintains strong partnerships with local towns and organizations such as the *Worcester County Food Bank*, *DTA*, *UMass Chan Medical School*, *Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center*, *Making Opportunity Count*, *UMass Memorial HealthAl-*



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- Mark

liance—Clinton Hospital, Nypro Foundation, JRI, RFK Community Alliance, Community Foundation of North Central MA, Greater Worcester Community Foundation, Philip J. Weihn Foundation, National Grid, Pibbles Kibbles, Growing Places, Clinton Area Community Partners, Item Appeal, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Tufts Health, YWCA, and other social service agencies to help facilitate client access to much-needed basic services in the Greater Clinton area.

At Hidden Treasures Thrift Store, we offer low- to no-cost furniture, household items, clothing, shoes, seasonal items, and more in a retail setting. All proceeds support WHEAT's hunger relief programs.

WHEAT also offers seasonal programs such as *Tools for School*, which provides backpacks and supplies for students, *Feed-a-Family*, which provides a turkey and all the fixings for a holiday meal and *Hope for the Holidays*,

which provides children with new unwrapped gifts from their personal wish lists.

Located at:
272 High Street,
Clinton, MA 01510

Office Hours:
Monday-Friday by appointment

Pantry Hours:
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 10am-1:15pm
Wednesday 3pm - 5:45pm
Closed Friday

Café Hours: (Dine-In & Take-Out)
Lunch: Monday-Friday 12:30pm-1:30pm
Dinner: Monday-Friday 5:00pm-6pm

Director: Liz Leonard

To volunteer or donate to
WHEAT Community Connections, visit us
online at uwotc.org/WHEAT

Mark never thought he would need help putting food on the table. He was working as an Engineering Director at a local high-tech company and living comfortably with his wife in Lancaster.

Life took an unexpected turn when his wife became ill and needed multiple surgeries. When the company where he worked moved overseas, Mark lost his job. Steady work was difficult to find and over time, the savings they had built slowly disappeared.

Mark works part-time in security, but it isn't enough to cover all the bills. When his recently divorced

daughter, a nursing student moved back home with her three young boys, Mark turned to WHEAT for help.

"It was humbling having to come here the first time," Mark says. "I used to donate to United Way through payroll deductions. Coming here is the last thing I imagined."

Through WHEAT's Food Pantry, Mark and his family receive the food they need with kindness and dignity.

WHEAT HIDDEN TREASURES PRODUCT PHILANTHROPY

Donating material goods is an easy way to make a meaningful contribution to your local community. Through the United Way of Tri-County's product philanthropy programs, you can donate items with the assurance that they will be used by families in need—those who may have been devastated by a house fire or are transitioning into permanent housing after living in a shelter. Others are working hard to make ends meet and benefit greatly from the ability to purchase items at significantly reduced costs. The everyday items we often take for granted can truly change the lives of others.

Hidden Treasures serves the Greater Clinton area by selling gently used merchandise at prices so low, you'll feel like you've discovered a treasure!

All proceeds help subsidize our food programs. **WHEAT Community Connections**

case managers identify individuals who receive vouchers for free items in our store.

If you're downsizing or cleaning out your closet, consider donating gently used clothing, small household items, furniture, kitchenware, and toys to Hidden Treasures.

Located at:
272 High St., Clinton, MA 01510

Store Hours:
Tuesday thru Saturday 10am - 4pm

Donations can be dropped during store hours.

For arrangements to pick up or deliver furniture (for a fee) call the store at 508-370-4941.

Director: Liz Leonard





24 HOUR HELP LINES

The United Way of Tri-County is committed to being a constant source of support for individuals and families in need—no matter the time of day. Our two helplines operate 24/7/365, ensuring that help is always just a phone call away.

Whether someone is facing a crisis, searching for local resources, or simply needs someone to talk to, our trained and compassionate staff and volunteers are ready to listen and assist.

This past year, our helplines have continued to serve as a critical lifeline across the communities we support. From connecting callers to food, housing, and utility assistance to offering emotional support during difficult times, the volume and diversity of calls we receive highlight the ongoing and evolving needs of our neighbors. We remain proud to offer this vital service, reinforcing our commitment to being there—whenever we're needed most.

MASS211

24 HOUR INFORMATION & REFERRAL HELP LINE

In the United States, 211 is a three-digit telephone number that connects callers to information and resources for a wide range of health and human services, including essential community services, disaster relief, and more. Since 2006, the United Ways of Massachusetts have supported and operated Mass211.

HOW 211 WORKS:

When you dial 211 in Massachusetts, your call is routed to our call center, where trained Information & Referral Specialists provide information and referrals to a wide range of services and resources.

WHAT 211 CAN HELP WITH:

- Finding housing and emergency shelter options
- Accessing food pantries and soup kitchens
- Applying for childcare financial assistance
- Getting information about government benefits and services
- Connecting with nonprofit organizations and support groups
- Finding volunteer opportunities and donation programs
- Accessing disaster relief and emergency information
- Finding after-school programs, and care for aging parents
- Finding resources for addiction and substance abuse
- Finding resources for utility expenses
- Mental and behavioral health resources

WHO 211 HELPS:

Mass211 is designed to help anyone in need of assistance, including the elderly, individuals with disabilities, non-English speakers, those experiencing a personal crisis, people with limited reading skills, and those who are new to their communities.

211 AVAILABILITY:

Mass211 is available 24/7/365 and in more than 150 languages other than English.

Mass211 is the official hotline for:

- Emergency information, through its partnership with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
- Childcare services, through its partnership with the MA Department of Early Education and Care
- Children Requiring Assistance and the Runaway Assistance Program, through its partnership with the MA Executive Office of Health and Human Services
- Housing and shelter support, through the MA Office of Housing and Livable Communities

TOP 5 REASONS FOR CALLS



Childcare
& Parenting
12.5%

Mental Health
28.8%

Housing &
Emergency Shelter
22.5%

Utility Assistance
8.5%

Legal Assistance
2.7%

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Mass211 served as the Commonwealth's official hotline, providing residents with the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding the virus.

The impact of Mass211 is far-reaching. Children can be enrolled in quality childcare programs, families can maintain housing and find ways to manage rising utility costs, and individuals can access information on food pan-

tries and community meals to support health and nutrition. Local services—from job training programs to support groups—are also available.

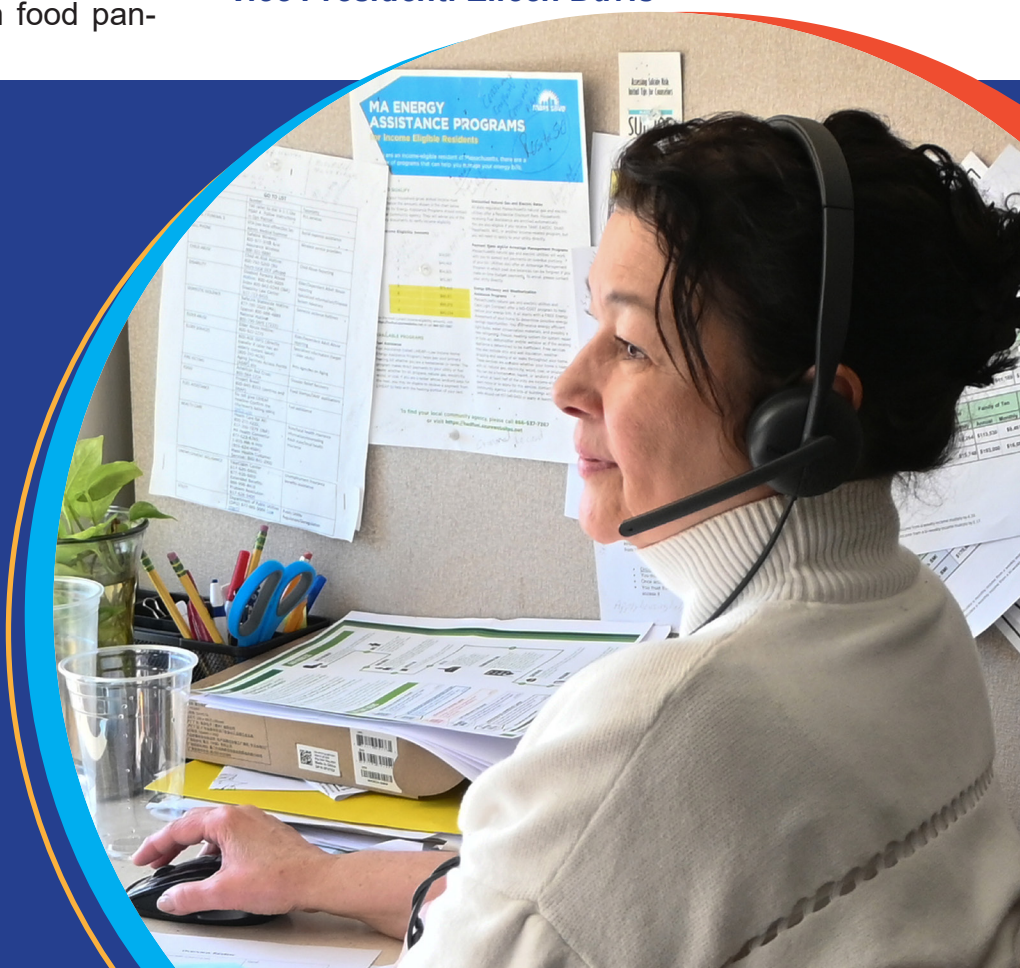
Mass2-1-1 is available 24/7 across Massachusetts. Simply dial 2-1-1 from your phone or visit us online at [Mass211.org](https://www.mass211.org)

Vice President: Eileen Davis

“The person I spoke with was very helpful. She explained to me many benefits my family is entitled to that I knew nothing about. I am so glad I called.

I no longer fear being homeless with my family.”

- Beth



CALL2TALK

24 HOUR MENTAL HEALTH/SUICIDE PREVENTION LINE

In 2023 (the most recent data available), 648 individuals died by suicide in Massachusetts—more than four times the number of homicides.

Despite these statistics, many mental health professionals are unable to accept additional clients, day programs are at capacity, and inpatient units have a limited number of beds and are also full. The need for mental health and emotional support has never been more critical.

Communities with helplines show a reduced burden on first responders for incidents related to self-inflicted injuries, emotional distress, and disturbances.



Call2Talk provides a confidential and potentially lifesaving service that offers support to individuals experiencing emotional distress or suicidal thoughts who have nowhere else to turn.



“ For many months Peggy has been calling me, and I very much appreciate our special connection. Her time, patience, kindness and commitment helps keep me motivated and my spirits in check”

- Maria
Telecheck participant

Call2Talk is the mental health, emotional support, and suicide prevention line operated by Mass 211. It operates 24/7 and provides confidential listening and support to individuals who may be feeling isolated, despondent, or potentially suicidal. Call2Talk is accredited by the International Council of Helplines. In addition to answering its local lines, it is also part of the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

Beyond its primary function as a helpline, Call2Talk also offers the following programs:

TELECHECK

A phone check-in service for older adults, where trained peer volunteers provide weekly connections by reaching out to seniors. These calls offer support and friendly conversation following sudden life changes such as illness, grief, or mobility challenges. The program promotes engagement, meaningful communication, and a sense of belonging.

LOSSTEAM METROWEST

Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (LOSS) is an immediate crisis support team. Volunteers, who are themselves suicide loss survivors, are activated to respond to the scene of a suicide within the first 12 to 24 hours to provide support and local resources to the newly bereaved.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Informal presentations and best-practice awareness trainings are available for community members and include: Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Training, Mental Health First Aid, safeTALK, and Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST). Sessions can

be held virtually or in person.

CANTOR JODI M. SCHECHTMAN MEMORIAL LENDING LIBRARY



An in-house library dedicated to bereavement, loss, grief, hope, and renewal. The lending library serves as a source of comfort for those who are grieving and as a resource for students studying in this field. Books are available on-site and through our website.

MOVE 4WARD

A virtual support group for women who have lost a spouse or life partner to suicide. Survivors come together to navigate their grief journey and reduce feelings of shame, isolation, and stigma.

An in-person support group for all types of suicide loss is also available.

Call2Talk is available 24/7. Dial 988 or Call 508-532-2255 or 413-505-5111 or Dial 2-1-1 ext. 25 or Text C2T to 741741

Call2Talk Director: Eileen Davis

EDUCATION

Education is a cornerstone of success in building thriving communities. Through its programs, the United Way of Tri-County invests in children, providing them with the tangible tools and academic skills they need to enter school ready to learn and succeed in life.

READY TO READ

One of the root causes of poverty is the inability to read and write. Research shows the critical role literacy plays in addressing achievement and income gaps in communities and recommends early intervention through literacy programs—particularly during the key brain-building years from birth to age five.

The United Way of Tri-County launched its Ready to Read early literacy initiative in 2014 to meet the need for more early learning opportunities for economically disadvantaged children. Through Ready to Read, UWTC provides children with 12 new, age-appropriate books each year from birth until they enter kindergarten.

By putting books directly into the hands and homes of young children, Ready to Read helps them develop the skills they need to succeed academically, graduate from high school on time, pursue higher education, and begin a strong career path.

A small investment at an early age makes a world of difference.

To volunteer or donate to Ready to Read, please visit us online at uwotc.org/readytoread

or contact the program coordinator Jennifer Bray at 508-370-4826.

TOOLS FOR SCHOOL

The start of the school year brings a nervous excitement for children of all ages. Will there be a lot of homework? How will they like their teachers?

Some children have other worries: Will they have the supplies they need for class projects and homework?

UWTC's Tools for School program is a collaborative effort between local businesses and individuals to provide children in grades K–12 with new backpacks filled with grade-specific school supplies—from crayons to calculators and everything in between.

You can help give children the tools they need by donating school supplies or backpacks, sponsoring a child, or packing backpacks with supplies so that all students can begin the school year ready to learn.

To volunteer or donate to Tools for School, please visit us online at uwotc.org/backpack

or contact the program coordinator Barbara LaGrenade at 508-370-4902.

Children's books distributed to
children from ages
newborn to 5 years old

288

Backpacks filled with school
supplies distributed to school
aged children

926



“ Please know that
there are many
children's faces that
have smiles on them
as they receive their
backpacks every year
because of your hard
work.”

- Rev. Dr. J. Anthony Lloyd
Greater Framingham
Community Church



HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM

Every year, the holidays bring tremendous joy and excitement to children and their families. But for those struggling to make ends meet, the season can also bring stress and worry as they try to provide the gifts their children hope to receive.

Through our Hope for the Holidays program, the United Way of Tri-County partners with local community agencies to ensure that children in need—and adults with special needs—receive meaningful gifts during the holiday season.

Hope for the Holidays provides at least three

new gifts from each recipient's personal wish list, including toys, games, and clothing.

You can bring hope to children and families by adopting a child or family, purchasing a gift, making a donation, or volunteering to sort gifts—helping create magical moments for those who need them most.

To volunteer or donate to Hope for the Holidays, please visit us online at uwotc.org/hope

or contact program coordinator Barbara LaGrenade at 508-370-4902



“With your support we were able to provide gifts to 224 children this year. Because of your generosity, many families and children had a happy and less stressful holiday.”

-Program Director of
Voices Against Violence

VOLUNTEER CENTER



The United Way of Tri-County promotes opportunities to increase the number of active volunteers in our communities and empowers our community partner agencies to use volunteers effectively to meet their needs. Every year, volunteer engagement saves nonprofits critical financial resources.

Through our Volunteer Center, we match employees from local businesses, organizations, community groups, and individuals with nonprofit organizations.

We help volunteers find opportunities to give back in the communities where they live and work, based on their skills, interests, and schedules.

Our Corporate Day of Caring volunteer pro-

gram provides companies with project planning assistance to ensure that each volunteer opportunity becomes a meaningful experience for employees to get involved in the communities where they work.

At the United Way of Tri-County, we believe everyone has the power to make a difference. Every day, we connect people with volunteer opportunities that positively impact local community needs.

To learn more or sign up for volunteer opportunities or a Corporate Day of Caring, visit us online at uwotc.org/volunteer

or contact the Director of Volunteerism Barbara LaGrenade at 508-370-4902.

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UNITED WAY OF TRI-COUNTY SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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At St. Mary's Credit Union, we love supporting the non-profit organizations that are so important to our communities. This isn't just something we do; it's who we are. We were founded to help our neighbors succeed, and supporting our local non-profits helps our neighbors survive and thrive. This makes the whole community stronger.

We love partnering with the United Way of Tri-County because of the tremendous, necessary work they do for those in need and the volunteer opportunities they provide our team members to give back.”

*- Jim Petkewich, President & CEO
St. Mary's Credit Union*



PARTNERING WITH THE UNITED WAY OF TRI-COUNTY WILL BENEFIT YOUR COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION

- Enhance and highlight your corporate social responsibility
- Increase your company's brand awareness
- Connect with influential community leaders
- Boost your visibility through positive public relations
- Explore strategic partnerships and generate new business leads
- Feature your products through giveaways and samples
- Impact the lives of all individuals and families in our community
- Make a lasting impact

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash	917,086
Pledges receivable	257,092
Designations receivable	386,383
Accounts receivable	11,259
Current portion of contribution receivable -charitable lead trust	208,332
Due from related party	-
Prepaid expenses	7,457

Total current assets \$1,787,609

INVESTMENTS:

CONTRIBUTION RECEIVABLE - CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST, net of current portion	47,119
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net	2,563,267
Construction in Progress	573,983
Right-of-Use Assets	282,752
SECURITY DEPOSITS	12,115

Total assets \$5,779,776

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities

Current portion of long-term debt	70,167
Current portion of capital lease obligation	148,257
Current portion of deferred revenue	21,500
Accounts payable & accrued exp.	158,076
Due to related party	678,333
Designations payable	672,745

Total current liabilities \$1,749,078

LONG TERM DEBT, net of current portion	693,476
DEFERRED REVENUE, net of current portion	-
Conditional Grant Advance	320,390
Lease Liabilities, net of current portion	145,550

Total liabilities \$2,908,494

NET ASSETS:

Unrestricted:	
Unappropriated	2,341,052
Board appropriated	333,801

Total unrestricted 2,674,853

Temporarily restricted	81,091
Permanently restricted	115,338

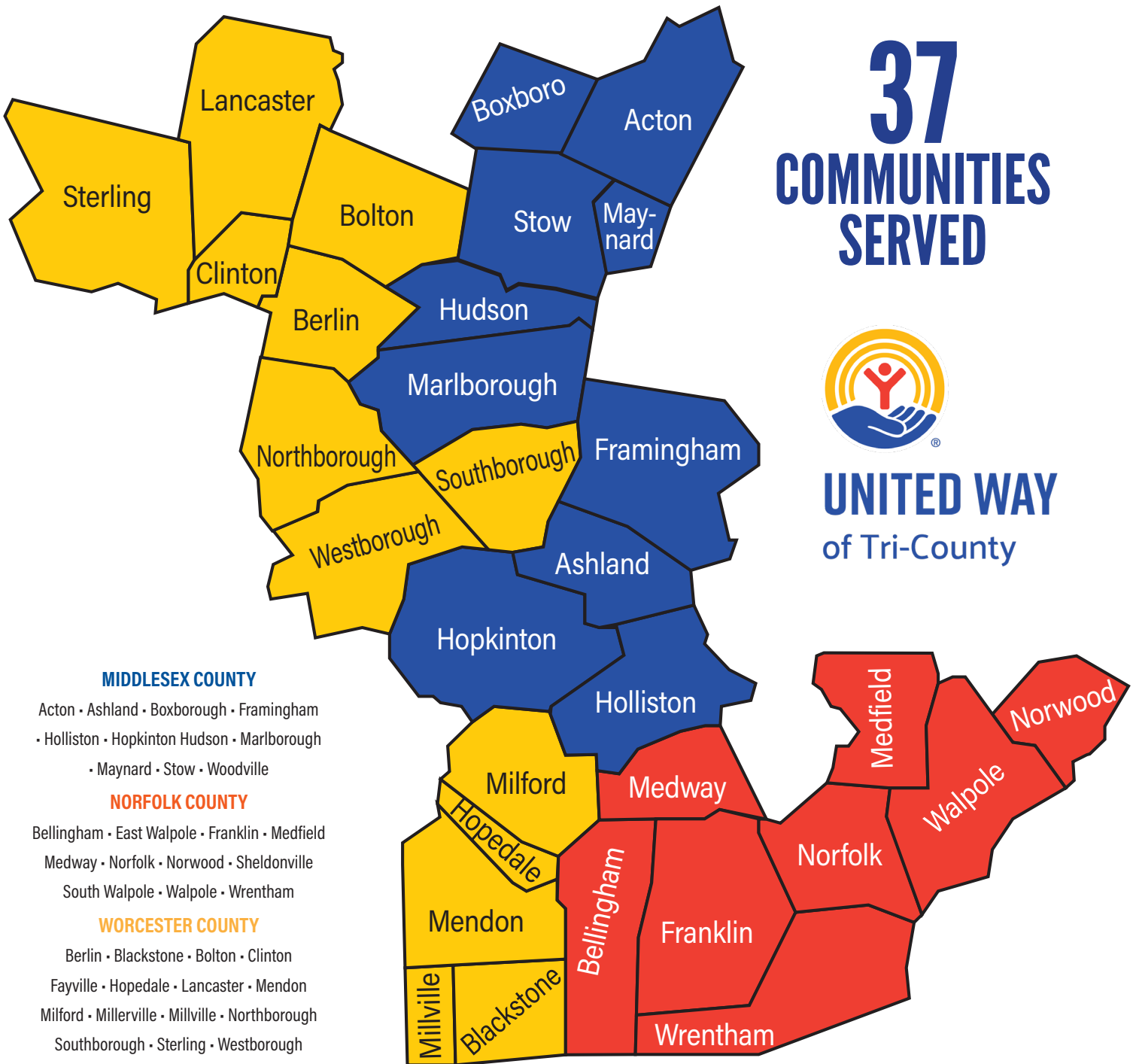
Total net assets 2,871,282

Total liabilities and net assets \$5,779,776

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COMMUNITIES
SERVED



UNITED WAY
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UNITED WAY OF TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY INVESTMENT SNAPSHOT

Total Grants and Designation Agencies:	23,051
Total Designations to Non-Profits	74,817
Direct Services 211/UWDS/Food Security	9,038,917
Donations to Holiday Program	281,035
Donated Advertising	150,000
TOTAL ANNUAL INVESTMENT IN THE COMMUNITY	\$9,525,341



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