



# PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

When you donate to United Way of Greater Stark County, you are making an investment into our community. Your donation supports programs that address the immediate needs of today and build long-term solutions for tomorrow.

As trusted stewards of your contributions, we hold ourselves and our partners accountable to show impact in measurable and lasting ways. We make your dollars go further with strategic investments in the areas of health, education and financial stability.

Our goal is to ensure that every dollar donated is invested wisely. We rely on a volunteer review process to help us determine which local programs receive funding. Our councils and committees consist of nearly 50 community leaders who offer diverse backgrounds, experience and expertise. These volunteers evaluate data about our community, identify the pressing needs and offer recommendations on the best way to make the greatest impact.

Visit [uwstark.org/investment-priorities](http://uwstark.org/investment-priorities) for more information.

## BASIC NEEDS

Meeting the basic housing needs of community members remains of great concern to United Way.

**2-1-1 Information and Referral** instantly connects you to hundreds of local resources for emergency housing, health care services, food assistance, and more. Available 24/7/365 via phone, [211stark.org](http://211stark.org) or by texting your zip code to 898-211. Every call is free and confidential and connects families and individuals in need to current resources in Stark and Carroll Counties.

**ID Programs** provide birth certificates and photo IDs to those living in a Continuum of Care shelter, those entering an addiction recovery program, individuals seeking re-entry into the workforce, or those needing identification for employment.

*Partners:*

- Canton City Public Health Department
- CommQuest Services, Inc.
- Crisis Intervention & Recovery Center
- Domestic Violence Project, Inc.
- Ohio BMV
- Phoenix Rising Behavioral Healthcare and Recovery, Inc.
- Refuge of Hope
- Stark County Health Department
- YWCA Canton

**Emergency Assistance Collaborative** provides streamlined and client-centered emergency assistance services to Greater Stark County residents who are at risk of a crisis and are seeking temporary assistance for rent or utilities.

*Partners:*

- Catholic Charities Serving Portage & Stark Counties
- The Salvation Army  
(Alliance, Canton & Massillon)

**Basic Needs Partner Programs**

- Alliance Emergency Residence, Alliance for Children and Families
- Alliance Family Services, YWCA of Alliance
- Canton Shelter, Domestic Violence Project, Inc.
- Central Intake and Assessment, Homeless Continuum of Care Stark Housing Network
- Direct Assistance Emergency Assistance Collaborative
- Emergency Assistance Overhead
  - Catholic Charities Serving Portage & Stark Counties
  - Salvation Army - Alliance Corps
  - Salvation Army - Canton Citadel
  - Salvation Army - Massillon Corps
- Emergency Shelter, Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter
- Emergency Shelter, YWCA of Canton
- Family Living Center, CommQuest Services, Inc
- Housing Stability, Community Legal Aid Services
- Western Shelter, Domestic Violence Project, Inc.

## EDUCATION: CHILDHOOD & YOUTH SUCCESS

We envision a community where all children enter school ready, are successful in primary school and gain the knowledge, skills and credentials to obtain family-sustaining employment.

**CARE Team** is comprised of teachers, administrators, and staff from multiple community agencies, including law enforcement, mental health, and other social services. The team works together in a school-based environment to address challenges facing at-risk students. Non-academic barriers facing students and their families are identified and the team serves as a liaison between students and community resources. This helps break down the barriers that interfere with student progression and students begin to successfully learn in school, increasing their potential through education.

*Partners:*

- Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Stark County Educational Service Center
- Stark County Family Council
- Stark County Family Court
- Stark County Job & Family Services
- Stark Education Partnership
- StarkMHAR

**Success Summit** provides female-identifying students with practical tips to succeed in life and career.

*Partner: Huntington Bank*

**Get Connected** provides services to create pathways for students to explore education-to-workforce options. Through life and career connecting, follow-up and outreach services, students and families can gain skills and resources to achieve career and financial success. Services include removing barriers, goal setting, financial literacy, and career navigation. Services are implemented via workshops and/or one-on-one meetings.

*Partner: Canton City School District*

**Imagination Library** provides free books to children under the age of five. Through our partnership with Ohio Governor's Imagination Library, any child from birth to age five in Stark and Carroll Counties is eligible to receive a new book in the mail each month at no cost to the family.

*Partners:*

- Bowerston Public Library
- Brown Local Schools
- Carroll County Chamber of Commerce
- Carroll County District Library
- Carrollton Exempted School District
- Carroll County General Health District
- Carroll County Job & Family Services
- Family & Children First Council
- Stark Library

### Education Partner Programs

- Child Care, YMCA of Central Stark County
- Childhood Resiliency Program Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation, CommQuest Services, Inc.
- Children's Dyslexia Center, Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc.
- CHW Mentoring and Youth Development Project, Access Health Stark County, Inc.
- Early Childhood Learning Center, YWCA of Canton
- Early Education, JRC
- F.A.M.E. (Focus on African American Males in Education), Stark State College Foundation
- Project Learn Middle School After School & Summer Enrichment Program, Boys and Girls Club of Massillon
- Social Service Support & Program Coordination, AHEAD Inc.
- SPARK Alliance, Early Childhood Education Alliance
- SPARK, Early Childhood Resource Center
- SPARK Massillon, AHEAD Inc.
- Synergy Alliance, YWCA of Alliance
- What If 101, TomTod Ideas

## ECONOMIC MOBILITY

The Economic Mobility programs provide wraparound services that help participants build long-term financial independence, creating a cycle of economic success throughout the community.

**Auto Repair** helps local families get back on the road by providing financial assistance for costly vehicle repairs that the family cannot afford.

*Partner: Stark County Job & Family Services*

**Brighter Day** is a 6-session workshop that shares practical tips and insights regarding financial fundamentals, habits, credit recovery, budgeting, and goal setting. (Available to DVPI and Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter)

**Cars to Careers** is a loan program that helps secure small-dollar, low-interest vehicle loans.

*Partners:*

- CSE Federal Credit Union
- United Way of Greater Stark County's Women United

**Financial Coaching & Counseling** is a client-driven program that works with low-to-moderate income individuals. The focus is increased economic mobility and independence. A financial coach works with the client to facilitate self-awareness about their goals and underlying values, and to align the clients' behavior with their desired outcome.

**Prosperity@Work** is dedicated to improving workplace retention, productivity, advancement, financial stability, and the well-being of employees. A dedicated Resource Connector helps employees address non-work related, personal, and family challenges that interfere with their ability to be productive and focus on work and their career. The Resource Connector refers individuals to services in the community that will help reduce barriers in their life so they can find success at work and strengthen their family.

*Partners:*

- Aultman Health Foundation
- Gervasi Vineyard and Twisted Olive
- H-P Products
- M.K. Morse Company

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** helps moderate-to-low-income households meet basic needs and build financial assets as they continue to achieve long-term financial independence. Trained volunteers help individuals file taxes for free, looking for all possible credits.

*Partners:*

- Community One Credit Union
- Carroll County Public Library
- CSE Federal Credit Union
- DoverPhila Federal Credit Union
- Malone University
- Massillon Recreation Center
- University of Mount Union
- OhioMeansJobs (Stark County)
- Stark Library (Main, East Canton, Madge Youtz and Sandy Valley)
- Rodman Library
- Stark State College
- United Way of Tuscarawas County
- Walsh University

## HEALTH

We envision a community where every individual and family has access to healthcare and works to improve their health.

### Partner Programs

- Adult Day Center, JRC
- Alliance Rape Crisis Program, CommQuest Services, Inc.
- Backpacks for Kids, Stark County Hunger Task Force
- Canton-Stark County THRIVE Pathways Community HUB, Canton City Health Department
- Child Health Clinic, Margaret B. Shipley Child Health Clinic
- CHW Expansion: Accessing and Promoting Healthcare within Vulnerable Populations, Access Health Stark County, Inc.
- Crisis Services, Coleman Professional Services
- Family H.E.A.L.T.H., Alliance for Children & Families
- Healthy Habits for a Lifetime, JRC
- Home Care, Westark Family Services, Inc.
- Integrated Behavioral Health Services, CommQuest Services, Inc.
- Meals on Wheels, VANTAGE Aging
- Meals on Wheels Plus, YWCA of Alliance
- Mental Health Program Manager, Alliance Family Health Center, Inc.
- Mobile Grocery Market, StarkFresh
- Pantry Support Network, Stark County Hunger Task Force
- Post-Adoption, Pathway Caring for Children
- Prevention Services, CommQuest Services, Inc.
- Seniors, Salvation Army Canton Citadel
- Sexual Violence Trauma Counseling, COMPASS, Inc.
- Transitional Age Youth Services, Coleman Professional Services

## COMMUNITY BUILDING

We are committed to building a stronger community through support and participation in programs that engage diverse populations.

**Project Blueprint** is designed to identify, recruit, train and place BIPOC volunteer leaders into policy making roles to enhance the effectiveness of nonprofit agencies and improve diversity in board leadership and on committees.

*Sponsor: Run to You Racing*

**Dismantling Racism Coalition of Stark County** was formed with the goal of raising awareness of systemic racism in our communities. The Coalition has reached thousands of community members through various initiatives to continue deepening awareness of all levels of racism and how it impacts us locally: 15- and 8-day Unity Challenges, online community conversations and organizational discussions, “Why didn’t I learn this in school” social media campaigns, participation in Divided Communities Project workshop, and more.

Visit [dismantlingracismstarkcounty.org/unitychallenge](https://dismantlingracismstarkcounty.org/unitychallenge) for more information.

### Partners:

- Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health
- Coming Together for Good (formerly Coming Together Stark County, now a mission program of Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland and East Central Ohio)
- The Greater Stark County Urban League
- Kent State University at Stark
- Ohio Department of Education State Support Team Region 9
- Stark County Collaborative on Race Relations
- Stark Education Partnership
- Stark County Educational Service Center
- Stark County Health Department & local health departments (Alliance, Canton City and Massillon)
- StarkMHAR
- YWCA Canton

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