

# United Way of Henry County & Martinsville 2023-2024 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.

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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 27 programs and community impact initiatives for 2023-2024. 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 remaining agencies, programs, and initiatives receive their awards through individual donor-designated contributions.

During our 2022-2023 fundraising campaign the United Way was able to raise a total of \$525,000 for 2023-2024! 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 / Emergency 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 an increase in program accessibility through their Youth Transportation Project.
- **Boy Scouts** – Community outreach, offering scouting program opportunities in the community
- **Family YMCA** – Early Learning Center, supporting financial assistance for eligible families to participate in center activities
- **Friends of Infinity Acres** – Support local marketing for programming that is animal-assisted day support for adults with developmental disabilities
- **Girl Scouts** – Community outreach, offering scouting program opportunities to girls at Boys & Girls Club sites in the community
- **MHC Partners for Children** – Formerly known as Smart Beginnings Martinsville-Henry, provides various 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
- **Stepping Stones** – Fosters independence and improves quality of life for intellectually disabled persons by facilitating each individual's development of community engagement, skill building, personal care, and recreational activities through personalized Day Support programming
- **Piedmont Community Services** - Provides prevention services for Martinsville & Henry County families and schools to promote wellness and prevent substance use disorder in youth and their caregivers.

## Financial Stability

- **Bridges out of Poverty** - Works to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty through the provision of an intensive, 17-week curriculum to participants
- **Community Dream Center** – Stable housing for area men and their families experiencing homelessness and in need of financial stability assistance

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## Financial Stability (continued)...

- **Dollar and Sense Reality Fair** – Event support, United Way's annual event that exposes high school seniors to the costs associated with real-life
- **Edwards Adult Day Care** – 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
- **Southside Survivor Response Center** – Homeless support, ensuring that women experiencing homelessness have access to emergency shelter and a safe environment where they are empowered to become financially stable and self-sufficient
- **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
- **Dan River Basin Association** - Enhance community space with a Family Bonding Scavenger Hunt Trail to create an activity along a trail in Henry County for families that aspire to get and stay healthy.
- **Focus on Youth / CASA** - Provide community support for the advocacy of children deemed by Social Services or the 21st Juvenile and Domestic Courts to be abused, neglected or in danger of such actions that could lead to removal and/or placement in foster care.
- **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
- **Piedmont Virginia Dental Health Foundation** – Dental services, improving the oral health of the community's disadvantaged citizens through dental and dental hygiene services
- **Southern Area Agency on Aging** - Non-emergency medical transportation trips provided by the Miles 2 Independence program

## Basic Needs/Emergency Services

- **American Red Cross** – Provide immediate emergency assistance to victims of disasters in MHC.
- **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.
- **Rescue Squads** – Emergency services support, designating funds to support our voluntary rescue squads in Axton, Bassett, Fieldale-Collinsville, Horsepasture, and Ridgeway
- **Salvation Army** – Offers community meals, food pantry, emotional & spiritual care, local disaster services, and summer camp for eligible children & adolescents
- **Step, Inc.** – Help individuals overcome adversity and enhance their quality of life through community, economic, personal, and family development

## 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, addressing the community's immediate and long-term needs in the focus area of education, financial stability, and healthy living, which are the building blocks for a good quality of life.

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