

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 and 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 and Martinsville.

Your support allows us to provide financial support to 29 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 remaining received awards through donor-designated contributions.

Despite the challenges that 2023 brought, your United Way was able to generate over \$515,000 towards our annual campaign! Thanks to your support, UWHCM 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.
- **Piedmont Community Services** – Families work to reduce risks and build resiliency so they may raise healthy children who are ready to learn.
- **Stepping Stones** – Community engagement for the area's intellectually disabled, allowing them to be more a involved, active part of the community's fabric.
- **Friends of Infinity Acres Ranch** – Interactive, animal-assisted learning organization with an emphasis on providing therapeutic opportunities to individuals of all abilities.
- **Girl Scouts** – Community outreach, offering scouting program opportunities to girls within the community.
- **MHC Partners for Children** – 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

Financial Stability

- **Bridges out of Poverty** – Works to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty through the provision of an intensive 16-week curriculum for participants.
- **Community Dream Center** – Stable housing for area men and their families experiencing homelessness and in need of financial stability assistance.
- **Dollars and Sense Reality Fair** – Event support, UWHCM'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

- **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, as well as to monitor their progress so no individual falls behind.
- **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.
- **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.

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 emergency, with a requirement that upon 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 emergency assistance, community meals, food pantry, emotional and spiritual care, emergency local disaster services, and summer camp for children and adolescents who 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.
- **Patrick & Henry Community College Foundation** – Food pantry, serving students facing food insecurity.

About United Way of Henry County & Martinsville

With more than 150 volunteers and over 2,500 donors in Henry County and Martinsville each year, UWHCM 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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