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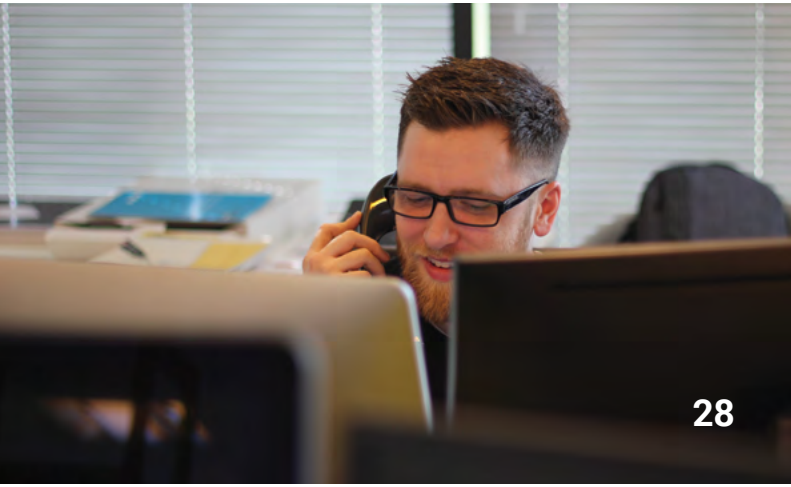
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United Way of Bucks County MISSION

Since 1952, United Way has been improving lives in Bucks County by uniting donors, advocates, and volunteers around the common good. We seek out Bucks County's toughest challenges and work with others to develop strategies that will make an impact. Then, we tackle those big challenges in a United Way.

OUR MISSION

United Way of Bucks County creates opportunities for quality education, financial stability, and good health to ensure real, lasting change for individuals and our communities.

OUR COMMITMENT TO BUCKS COUNTY

United Way fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in every community.

HOW WE DO IT

- We take a coordinated approach to preventing—and ending— homelessness in Bucks County.
- We put access to healthy food first in our fight against hunger.
- We know quality education is key to success, so we expand access county-wide.
- We work to stabilize the whole family because when families thrive, so does Bucks County.

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Message from CEO Marissa Christie & Board Chair Paul Bencivengo

"We bring the local experience and expertise needed to get things done – and when needs in our community grow, so do we."

"We're here for you, Bucks County."

Over the past few years, that has become our mantra. Through COVID, floods, tornadoes, and more; through crises that impact the world, a community, or a single family, United Way of Bucks County is here.

Our focus is always local, our response is immediate, and our approach is holistic.

Our board and staff are a passionate and diverse group. We bring the local experience and expertise needed to get things done – and when needs in our community grow, so do we. We continue to build capacity within our own team so we can always pivot and respond.

When 100-year floods destroyed homes in Lower Bucks County, we worked with the County of Bucks, Habitat for Humanity, and The Elevated Studio to repair and rebuild dozens of homes for low- and moderate-income homeowners. These local families are now safe, secure, and stably housed.

As refugees continue to arrive from Ukraine and resettle locally – often with nothing more than a backpack – their first stop is our HELP Center (see pages 20 and 21). Families access essential goods like clothing, personal hygiene items, food, and school supplies.

But our help doesn't end there. We work with VITA Education and Regeneration Church allowing adults to access language lessons. We work with bilingual Pre-K partners so young kids can prepare for school. And we work with our local business partners, connecting our new neighbors with open jobs.

We work locally because we are committed to building a strong, healthy, and prosperous Bucks County.

We respond immediately because that's what we would want for our own families in a crisis – and acting with urgency is one way we can show people that we respect them and that they matter.



We work holistically because children can't learn when they're hungry. Parents can't work if they don't have childcare or transportation. When our neighbors are in distress, they can't even identify higher-level goals, let alone move toward them.

Over the past year, our board and staff spent considerable time reflecting on our higher-level goals, too. How can we do more, and what can we do better? As part of the process, we gathered feedback from partners, donors, elected officials – and most importantly, hundreds of people we serve.

The answer is clear: We need a new, expanded HELP Center for our shoppers, our guests, our volunteers, and our nonprofit partners. We want our new home to be the kind of space that rises up to meet people. We want every person who walks through the door to decompress a little, knowing that they will get help and be treated with kindness, dignity, and respect. You will hear more about this project over the next year.

As we look ahead to new opportunities, please know how grateful we are to have such generous partners, donors, and volunteers on our team. Together, you make our work possible.

Together, we can continue saying, "We're here for you, Bucks County."



Marissa Christie
President & CEO

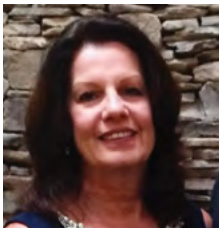


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Board Excellence Award MATT HANSON

Our Board of Directors is composed of dedicated people who make sure everything we do connects back to our mission—creating opportunities for quality education, financial stability, and good health to ensure real, lasting change for individuals and our communities.

The **Board Excellence Award** pays homage to the Kelton and Sauerbry Awards. These past awards were named after Dr. Stanton Kelton and Paul Sauerbry who over their years of service with the organization, exemplified what it means to serve our community. The Board Excellence Award combines those awards to recognize a Board Member who excels both in board leadership and service to the community by advancing United Way's mission.



This year, Matt Hanson is being honored for his dedicated service to United Way of Bucks County. Matt joined the Board of Directors in 2022 and immediately got to work supporting the organization without hesitation. Matt Co-Chairs the HELP Center Visioning Committee, Chairs the Personnel Committee, and is a member of the DEI Committee, Finance Committee, Resource Development Committee, and Marketing Committee.

Matt's colleagues say, "His work on several committees has been invaluable. From the Visioning Team to the Personnel Committee, Matt's input and feedback have helped the organization move forward. He also sends input on various aspects of UW Bucks to better everything about the processes and programs."

How did you first get involved with United Way? Why were you interested in joining the board? I got involved with the United Way after Paul Bencivengo reached out to me to see if I was interested in being nominated to the Board. After researching the United Way of Bucks County, I realized how incredibly important the work is and how much it helps our neighbors. I was immediately interested in joining the Board because I felt my skills and background could help grow the organization and help even more of our neighbors. I was so excited to get involved and learn about every aspect of what UW Bucks does.

What aspect of board leadership has been most rewarding? I have to say two things here. The first aspect that has been rewarding is hearing the stories and testimonials of how our programs are impacting the lives of our neighbors and building a better community; that is what motivates me every day to work harder and do more. The second aspect that has been rewarding has been seeing the dedication, positivity, and drive of the great staff and Board; everyone is working towards the same mission with passion and that's how UW Bucks is so successful.

What might people be surprised to know about you? I love giving back to my community in any way possible. I started my focus on volunteering when I was in 8th grade. I was selected

to be the Recycling Liaison from our middle school to the municipal recycling committee (my big achievement - I got paper recycling bins in every classroom at the middle school!). Since then I have dedicated many hours to volunteering with LGBTQIA+ school groups and non-profits as well as Chambers of Commerce and beyond. I am motivated to help people and give back because I believe that each person can help to improve their community. The other fun fact - I have a Maltese named Jenfer that makes me smile on those extra tough days.

How can we inspire the next generation of donors, advocates, and volunteers? This is a challenging question. I think we can inspire the next generation by promoting our mission and educating individuals about all that UW Bucks does. It's also important we have ways for individuals to get involved, help, and find ways to be inspired. I think this is an area every non-profit can spend some strategic thinking time on because it's important to continually grow and motivate.

What is your hope for the future of Bucks County? My hope for the future of Bucks County is a community where everyone helps their neighbors when they're in need. My hope is that we focus on helping each other rather than focusing on ourselves so much. I believe when a community is focused on the well-being of all then it's a great place for everyone to live, work, and play.



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 TO OUR
**CUSTOMERS AND
 OUR COMMUNITIES**



United for Community Award ONE HOUSE AT A TIME (OHAAT)

The **United for Community Award** is presented to a United Way of Bucks County Member Agency or community partner who has worked effortlessly alongside our team to improve conditions in Bucks County within the last year. This award honors and recognizes the recipient's commitment to our community and their vital role in successful collaborations.

One House at a Time (OHAAT) is this year's United for Community Award winner. OHAAT's mission is to help families who are currently lacking resources to establish (or reestablish) a self-sufficient life by providing them with the necessities of a functional home environment. Through their Beds for Kids program, they provide children and youth living in poverty with beds, bedding, and tools that encourage healthy bedtime habits, so they can get the quality and sufficient sleep they need to thrive.

Over the past year, OHAAT has collaborated with United Way's HELP Center to ensure that clients have the resources they need to make their house a home – from bedding and linens to kitchenware and more. By working together, we provided 69 children with brand-new, comfortable, and clean beds in 2022. Our partnership with OHAAT exemplifies how collaborating with community partners amplifies our impact in Bucks County.



Interview with Kate Fay, Executive Director, One House at a Time (OHAAT)

In a community like Bucks County, why are collaborations important? Collaborations are key for the families and individuals who need us most. When you find yourself in the midst of a crisis it can sometimes feel like you are navigating through a bewildering forest to access the help you need. Knowing that there are effective partnerships in place to help navigate the individual needs of each situation is vital to ensuring access to the many wonderful resources that are available through our partners in Bucks County. This attention to the details, and listening to individual stories is how we show people that we truly care, and we will not let them fall.



What is your favorite part of working alongside United Way of Bucks County? For me, our relationship with United Way of Bucks County embodies the true spirit of community partnership. Staff on both teams know each other, we know and trust that by referring families to the HELP Center they will find a listening ear and receive the support they need to help them through a crisis, and vice versa. We have re-directed donations of new goods that we are not able to use to the HELP Center and they have done the same. There is a true spirit of working together to help people in need.

What might people be surprised to learn about OHAAT? Often people are surprised to hear how small our team is! We have one full-time member and 3 part-time members of staff. We are proud of what our small, but mighty dedicated team is able to achieve and look forward to continuing to exceed people's expectations to support more and more families in need.

Can you share something exciting happening at your organization right now? We are in the process of fundraising for a new delivery truck! One of the essentials we have been reliant on to make the Beds for Kids Program possible has been our trusty box truck. Unfortunately, our reliable 1997 box truck has not been so reliable in recent months. As the truck has aged each year it needs more investment to keep it on the road and running well and safely for our volunteers. We have certainly put it through its paces, but we are excited to be able to hopefully replace it soon with something much more reliable.

What is your hope for the future of our community? My hope and dream is for us to work together as a community and work through issues that might divide us to support those in crisis. In 2023 no child in our community should have to be sleeping on the floor each night. Every child deserves a bed of their own so that they can get the sleep they need to thrive. Addressing this inequity gives a child the gift not only of improved physical health, but emotional health and chances of doing well at school. We have such strength when we work together and focus on what unites us, rather than what divides us.



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United in Service Award JULIE FRANTZ

The **United in Service Award** is presented to an individual who has displayed outstanding volunteer service in the community within the last year. The recipient is a volunteer who has dedicated themselves to sharing their time and talent throughout the year. They help us accomplish things that wouldn't be possible otherwise and make our community a better place. They also help promote the spirit of volunteering with United Way. We are truly grateful for their service.



Julie Frantz of Yardley, PA is this year's United in Service Award winner.

Julie has been a part of the United Way family for many years. She is not only a dedicated volunteer but also gives generously to support our mission. She started volunteering with us in 2021 at the HELP Center and has been volunteering with us consistently each week ever since.

Julie ensures that our guests have a dignified shopping experience and she welcomes everyone with a warm smile. Julie exemplifies what it means to LIVE UNITED and we are proud to present her with the United in Service Award.

Why did you decide to volunteer with United Way of Bucks County?

I started making financial donations to United Way of Bucks County about 5 years ago after seeing an email about their Holiday Gift Card Drive for teens. I really loved the idea of helping teens during the holidays since they are too old to benefit from toy drives and many times get forgotten. Then, when I retired in 2021, I knew I would be able to give my time to a local non-profit and the United Way of Bucks County was at the top of my list. I coincidentally got an email that the HELP Center was looking for volunteers, so I didn't hesitate to sign up.

What's been the most rewarding or memorable part of your volunteer experience so far?

Getting to work with incredible people at the HELP Center has been really rewarding. Every single staff member is kind, compassionate, intelligent, and fun. They have made me feel like part of their family. Nothing compares to being able to help those in need in the community while working in such a caring environment.

What might people be surprised to know about you?

I'm a kid at heart. I love puzzles and Legos and Harry Potter and Studio Ghibli movies. I have three sons and my husband has always joked that I'm his fourth son!

What do you like best about living in Bucks County?

Our preserved open spaces, many small towns, and remaining farmland have allowed a lot of the county to still feel quaint and rural. It's nice to feel removed from hectic city life but still

be close enough to get to Philadelphia or NYC on a short car or train ride to enjoy all those cities have to offer.

What would you say to inspire someone to volunteer?

I would say that you get more than you give when you volunteer at a non-profit that aligns with what is important to you. Just find an organization and give it a try. I promise you the look on the faces of the people you are helping will draw you in and make you want to help even more.





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United for Impact Award JEANE VIDONI

The **United for Impact Award** honors individuals or groups who help build a stronger community by contributing to more than one of the interdependent areas of education, health and wellness, and financial stability. Typically, winners in this category work in concert with many partners, sharing their time, their expertise, or their financial resources. They are dedicated to creating change and go above and beyond to make a meaningful, lasting impact in Bucks County.



Jeane Vidoni is this year's United for Impact Award winner. As President and CEO of Penn Community Bank, she leads and inspires her dynamic team to fulfill the bank's mission to act as a catalyst for growth in every community it serves.

Jeane has been on the United Way of Bucks County's Board of Directors since 2014. She has also served on UW Bucks' Executive Committee as Vice-Chair of Community Impact since 2016 and serves on the Nominating and HELP Center Visioning Committees. Jeane was the 2016 recipient of the Kelton Service award recognizing her commitment to United Way's goals and mission.

She is being honored for her incredible contributions over her extended tenure with the organization. Jeane is kind and generous, and she is deeply valued, trusted, and admired by UW Bucks staff and fellow board members.

How did you first get involved with United Way of Bucks County, and what's kept you involved?

I first became involved with UW Bucks when I arrived in the area for work back in 2006. My bank at the time, First Federal of Bucks County, was a long-time supporter of the organization – but that's not the only reason I got involved. I was actually introduced to United Way in 1983 after graduating college, when I worked for a bank in the Lehigh Valley that had a very active workplace campaign. That was the start of my overall interest in service.

Why is it important to give back – by either volunteering or donating – to our local communities?

For me, giving back to our local communities is about mutual support. For me personally, there is no "hand up" or "hand out" – it is a collective embrace and we all may need that at some point in our lives. It is the connection to each other and the relationship that creates this climate of care.

How would you describe your personal mission?

My personal mission is to connect to others in relationship and create positive impact that is a constant cycle of care for each other. Whether it is with education, mentoring, laughing – all of it – it is a gift to be human and have a chance to live a great life.

What might people be surprised to know about you?

I have been in this community so long, I am not sure that there

is anything that would surprise anyone about me at this point. They know it all, including that my favorite movie is Happy Gilmore. I took a lot of flak for that one!

What are your dreams for the future of Bucks County?

My dream for the future of Bucks County is to blur the lines of service into a convenient, easy to navigate place with easy access. And then, a proven way to bring folks along to experience permanent opportunity, more equal footing for achievement, and a feeling of compassion from our community.



Making an Impact: STABILIZE FAMILIES



We work to stabilize the whole family because when families thrive, so does Bucks County.

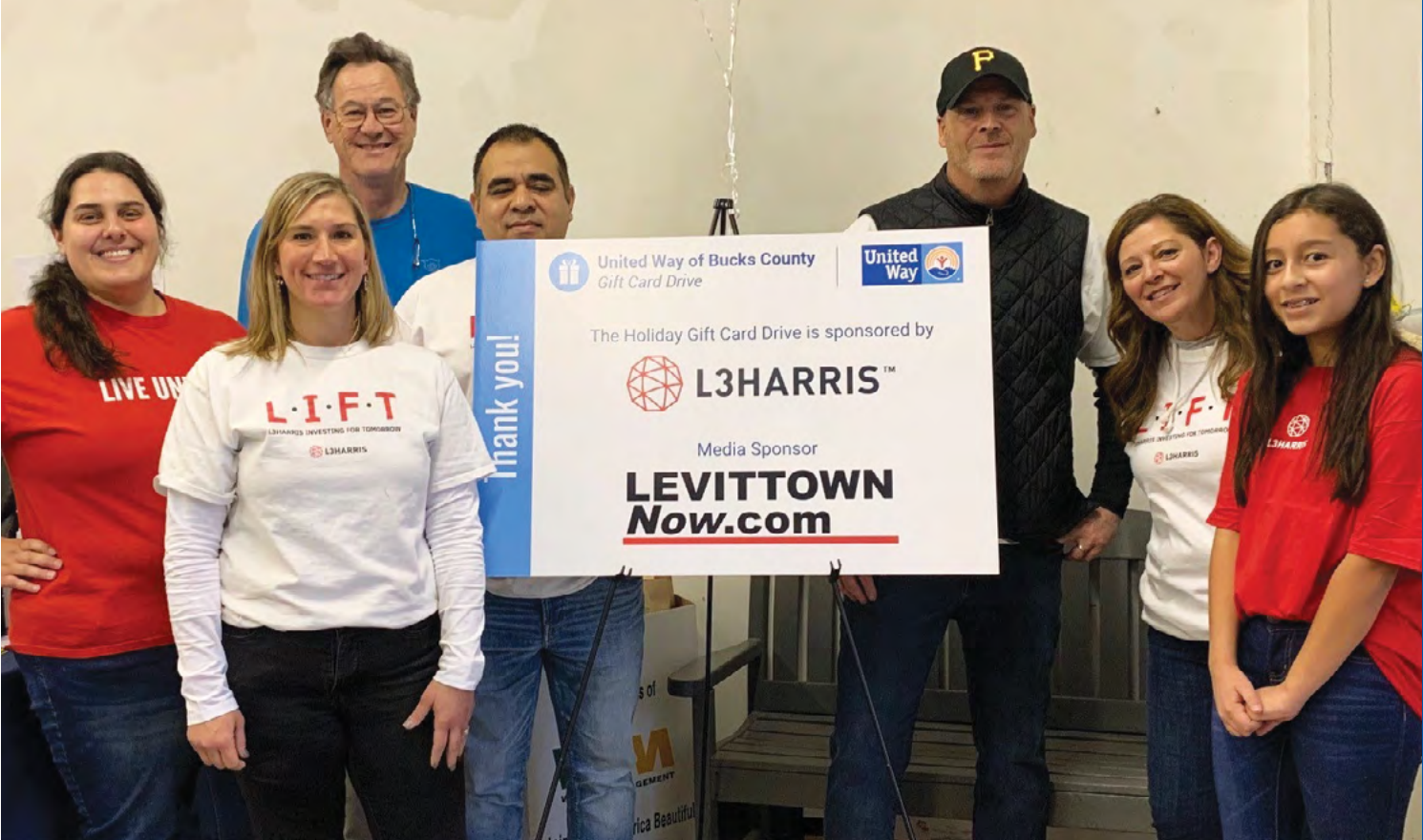
Many Bucks County residents are just one unexpected bill away from a financial crisis. Without savings, they're more likely to fall into debt and be unable to recover. When families aren't stable, neither are our communities.

OUR SOLUTIONS

We remove barriers to employment and continuously improve safety net programs. We step in to support families during tough times so that short-term hardships don't spiral out of control.

WHAT'S NEXT

Increase targeted assistance to promote self-sufficiency, employment, and learning.



MAKING AN IMPACT: STABILIZE FAMILIES

2,062

Older kids and teens in need received holiday help through the Gift Card Drive in 2022.

34

Flood-impacted homes rebuilt through the Bucks United Flood Recovery program.

1,563

Households served through the HELP Center Shopper Referral Program.

OUR PROGRAMS

United for ALICE

When you're living paycheck-to-paycheck, even one financial setback can be catastrophic. UW Bucks is now piloting United for ALICE, a program that provides emergency assistance to working people who earn too much to qualify for other programs, but not enough to manage unplanned expenses.

HELP Center Shopper Referral Program

Our HELP Center serves people county-wide. It looks and feels like a retail store, full of brand-new essential items like furniture, home goods, toiletries, food, and more. But unlike a retail store, everything at the HELP Center is free to those in need.

My Free Taxes

For the 13th year, United Way is providing free tax filing software accessible through MyFreeTaxes®. Taxpayers can easily and accurately file simple federal and state tax returns for free.

Gift Card Drive

When families struggle during the holidays, there is a lot of help for young kids – but older children and teens are often overlooked. Our Holiday Gift Card Drive ensures that every young person in Bucks County has a bright holiday.

LIFT United

LIFT United (Learn to Invest in Your Future and Thrive) is a collaboration with Penn Community Bank, the County of Bucks, and Credit Counseling Center. The pilot program helps local ALICE families increase financial literacy, improve credit scores, and secure low-interest used car loans.

Bucks United Flood Recovery

Bucks United Flood Recovery (BUFR) was formed in partnership with the County of Bucks after the July 2021 floods in Lower Bucks County. The program provides emergency repairs, mold remediation, and other services to ensure that the homes of low- and moderate-income flood survivors are safe, secure, and sanitary.

Making an Impact: ALICE (ASSET-LIMITED, INCOME CONSTRAINED, EMPLOYED)



Before COVID, about 6% of Bucks County residents were living in poverty, but another 24% were ALICE (Asset-Limited, Income Constrained, Employed). We believe that number is even larger now.

ALICE is above the poverty line, but often struggles to cover the cost of basic needs. ALICE workers keep our schools, stores, and hospitals running, yet they do not earn enough to support their own families.

Unfortunately, ALICE earns too much to qualify for assistance from most programs – yet there is no room in their budget for emergencies. That’s why many ALICE families are just one unexpected bill away from a financial crisis that could permanently impact their family.

UNITED FOR ALICE

United Way of Bucks County is piloting United for ALICE, a program that provides emergency assistance to working households who earn too much to qualify for other programs, but not enough to manage unplanned expenses. Our goal is to ensure that ALICE families can access the help they need.



MAKING AN IMPACT: ALICE

RYAN AND FRANK’S STORY

Ryan called us on one of the coldest days of the year. He and his dad were completely out of oil to heat their home. As temperatures dropped, so did their hope. He shared their story before asking for help.

Ryan is in his mid-20s and works at a casino, making just enough to get by. His dad, Frank, was recently diagnosed with cancer, so Ryan moved in to take care of him. Frank, a senior on a fixed income, relies on a program for low-income residents to help pay his heating bills. Unfortunately, when Ryan moved in, he had to report his income, too. That put them right over the threshold for social assistance.

Out of oil and other options, Ryan called us. He said he could work overtime to afford oil going forward; he just hadn’t known to budget for the unexpected bill this month. We called their oil company and had their tank filled with 100 gallons within a few hours that same day.

EMILY’S STORY

Emily reached out to us in December, right before the holidays. She had just accepted a new job with the government that had good benefits. She should have been celebrating – but instead, she was desperate and facing eviction.

Shortly before Emily received her new job offer, Emily’s daughter (and her newborn and toddler) moved in. She was on

unpaid medical leave and needed somewhere to recover. Then, Emily’s fiancé lost his job. Suddenly, Emily was supporting the whole household – and her new job put her just over the income limit to qualify for social support. She couldn’t afford rent that month. Even though it was her first time missing a payment, her landlord was threatening eviction.

When Emily called us, we knew we had to step in. We worked directly with her landlord to provide one-time rental assistance. That was enough to help stabilize her family while she worked out a budget based on her new salary.



Making an Impact: HELP CENTER (HEALTHY EATING & LIVING PARTNERSHIP)



Photo by Tom Sofield, Levittown Now

When families are barely making ends meet, affording basic household supplies is often impossible.

Located in Bristol, the HELP Center – a Healthy Eating and Living Partnership – is an 8,000-square-foot warehouse, distribution center, and shop for our gifts-in-kind program. HELP fills the gap for local families in need by providing essentials like cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items, clothing, food, and home goods – all brand new and completely free of charge – through a dignified personal shopping experience. The HELP Center is a collaboration between three nonprofit agencies: United Way of Bucks County, Bucks County Opportunity Council, and St. Mary Medical Center. Penn Community Bank provides generous support for the project.

WHAT'S NEXT

Work with community partners to envision a bigger and better HELP Center to serve more neighbors in need.



MAKING AN IMPACT: HELP CENTER

3,534

Households county-wide impacted by the HELP Center's services.

1,000%

Increase in walk-in shoppers served for emergencies (food, hygiene items, clothing) from 2021 to 2022.

\$2.1 MILLION

Worth of in-kind goods brought into the HELP Center and distributed to neighbors in need in 2022.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Community Collections

Every quarter, community volunteers organize drives and collect brand-new items to keep the HELP Center stocked. So many people help with this – from neighborhoods and groups of friends to places of worship and scout groups. Items needed include personal hygiene products, non-perishable food, supplies for babies and young kids, cleaning supplies, home goods, and more! If it's something you need at home, it's something our shoppers need, too. The HELP Center only accepts new items in original packaging. This is part of creating a dignified shopping experience for folks who don't always feel like they have choices.

Volunteer

Volunteers assist with general operations, processing donations, displaying merchandise, and providing excellent customer service to our shoppers.

To learn more about the HELP Center or to get involved, visit uwbucks.org/help-center.

ANNA'S STORY

Anna, a married mother of a two-year-old, first reached out to us for emergency food assistance. Her family was struggling; they'd just had to move in with her mother-in-law and could barely afford food. A friend recommended the HELP Center. During Anna's visit, she shared that despite her husband working full-time, they still couldn't make ends meet. She was scheduled to start a new job the next day, but she couldn't afford gas to get back and forth until she got her first paycheck. She asked if we could help. It was easy to see that Anna needed more than food and a tank of gas. Her son struggles with asthma and needed an air purifier and a heater for his room. She left that day with food, a gas card, and those items for her son. We've gotten to know Anna quite well since that first call for help. Anna credits the HELP Center with helping her to regain her financial self-sufficiency. Getting what she needed to fill the gaps meant she and her family could work on building themselves back up. She says finding these essential resources in a warm and welcoming place made all the difference.

Making an Impact: FIGHT HUNGER



We put access to healthy food first in our fight against hunger.

Hunger means more than missing a meal. Vulnerable groups like children and the elderly experience serious issues when they don't have balanced diets.

Expanding access to nutritious food improves the overall health and well-being of our neighbors – and our communities.

OUR SOLUTIONS

We adapt our hunger-fighting programs to meet changing needs and feed vulnerable populations. We focus on providing nutritious options, so our neighbors are both fed today and healthy tomorrow.

WHAT'S NEXT

Increase food supplies by identifying untapped resources and new partnerships.



OUR PROGRAMS

Bucks Knocks Out Hunger

BKO Hunger is our community's biggest hunger relief event. Each year, thousands of donors, advocates, and volunteers unite to fight food insecurity and ensure lasting health in Bucks County.

Fresh Connect

Our free, mobile farmers market brings healthy options like fresh produce, eggs, and dairy to the same four locations in Bucks County each week, year-round.

Senior Produce Boxes

The Senior Produce Box Program improves the health of low-income seniors by supplementing their diets with fresh produce, delivered directly to their doors or a senior center they visit regularly.



29,203

Visits from neighbors in need to our Fresh Connect sites in Bucks County.

100,000

Shelf-stable meals packed by volunteers at BKO Hunger for food pantries county-wide.

1,736

Produce boxes provided to low-income seniors through the Senior Produce Box Program.

Making an Impact: EXPAND EDUCATION



We know quality education is key to success, so we expand access county-wide.

Education forms the foundation for a child’s future. Investing in early care is one of the best ways to close the achievement gap and break the cycle of poverty. It’s critical to the health and well-being of our communities.

OUR SOLUTIONS

We actively engage in educational and advocacy efforts to build a community of young people who maximize their true potential. We ensure access to high-quality Pre-K education and provide essential school supplies year-round.

WHAT’S NEXT

Expand both public and private support for Pre-K scholarships. Long term, this early investment gives us better-educated adults – adults who are ready to be financially self-sufficient contributors to Bucks County.



MAKING AN IMPACT: EXPAND EDUCATION

OUR PROGRAMS

Pre-K Counts

We help children get on a path to academic success by expanding early educational opportunities through the PA Pre-K Counts programs.

Through Pre-K Counts, we provide quality Pre-K education to 3- and 4-year-old children at no cost to eligible families, giving our youngest neighbors a strong start in school and in life.

Private Pre-K Scholarships

Every \$1 invested in early childhood education saves up to \$17 long-term and generates \$1.79 in economic activity immediately.

That’s why we provide private Pre-K scholarships to children in need through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and United Way funding. These flexible scholarships support working families who might not qualify for other sources of financial help.

Stuff the Bus

When a child starts school with a backpack full of the supplies they need, they can focus on what really matters – learning. Stuff the Bus, our school supply drive for children in need, gives kids the tools and confidence that they need to excel in the classroom.

To learn more about our education initiatives or to get involved, visit uwbucks.org/expand-education.

\$2,287,066

Invested in Pre-K education including Pre-K Counts and Pre-K scholarships.

448

Vision and hearing screenings provided to children enrolled in Pre-K Counts programs, free of charge.

3,300+

Children in Bucks County received a backpack filled with school supplies for a fresh start to a new school year in 2022.

Making an Impact: END HOMELESSNESS



We take a coordinated approach to preventing – and ending – homelessness in Bucks County.

Our goal is always to prevent homelessness. If we can't prevent it, we work with a strong network of community partners to ensure that in Bucks County, homelessness is a rare, brief, and one-time experience.

OUR SOLUTIONS

Ending homelessness takes a coordinated, collaborative, and community-wide approach. We invest time and money in proven solutions. We also pilot promising new programs that help address gaps in service.

WHAT'S NEXT

Increase targeted support for our most vulnerable neighbors to ensure they remain stably housed.

OUR PROGRAMS

Emergency Needs Fund

The Emergency Needs Fund helps local families with things like utilities, rent, and transportation so that a one-time issue doesn't result in homelessness.

United for ALICE

When you're living paycheck-to-paycheck, even one financial setback can be catastrophic. UW Bucks is now piloting United for ALICE, a program that provides emergency assistance



to working people who earn too much to qualify for other programs, but not enough to manage unplanned expenses.

Emergency Food and Shelter Program

EFSP provides shelter, food, and supportive services for residents experiencing non-disaster-related emergencies. UW Bucks administers this federal program locally, providing funding to eligible agencies.

Street Outreach

Locally, homelessness is nearly invisible – and therefore hard to address. Street Outreach connects with the most vulnerable people in our community and gets them on a path to stable housing.



555

Individuals served through the Street Outreach program in 2022.

\$1,073,870

Distributed through the Emergency Food and Shelter program administered by the United Way of Bucks County in 2022.

524

Residents helped through the Emergency Needs Fund.

Making an Impact: PA 211



PA 211 is a free, confidential, 24/7/365 service that connects Pennsylvanians to available resources for finding food, paying housing bills, and other essential services. Calls are answered by live professionals who are part of the PA 211 network. Individuals can also search for assistance or chat with a resource navigator online at pa211.org.

NEW TOOLS

United Way and PA 211 have implemented a new chat translation tool at pa211.org that allows customers to interact with 211 in 75 different languages. Individuals can connect via live chat with real-time translation — enabling the customer and agent to converse in their native languages.

PA 211 COUNTS

PA 211 continues to offer the best real-time data on the needs of individuals in our communities. PA 211 Counts (pa.211counts.org)

is a dashboard to understand these needs in counties, zip codes, legislative districts, and regions across the state.

“I wish I’d known about this years ago!”

Cheyenne stays at home to care for her daughter, who was born with a lung condition. Her husband works to provide for the family, but it’s hard to make ends meet on one income. They were falling behind on rent and utility bills, and when the shutoff notice for the water arrived, she decided to reach out to 211.

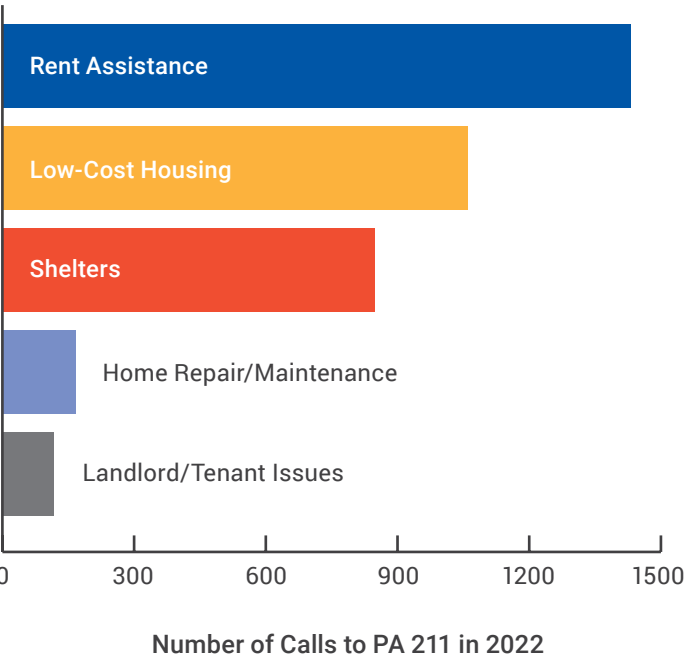
She explained her situation to our Resource Navigator, who identified a few local programs that might be able to help. Not only were there programs in place to keep families like Cheyenne’s from having their utilities shut off, but there were resources to help with rent, food, and other expenses.

“I wish I’d known about this years ago! I’m calling these programs today.” – *Cheyenne, Southeastern PA*



TOP HOUSING & SHELTER REQUESTS MADE TO PA 211

Inquiries about Housing & Shelter remained one of the top reasons for calls to PA 211.



9,239

Calls received in Bucks County in 2022
(38% increase from 2021).

TOP 4

Most common needs of Bucks County callers in 2022:

1. Housing & Shelter (40%)
2. Utilities (12.4%)
3. Food (9.9%)
4. Clothing & Household (9.8%)

Making an Impact: DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION



Below is United Way of Bucks County’s Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Statement of Principle which outlines our commitment to building sustainable, inclusive, and resilient organizations and communities.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION STATEMENT

- We believe every person brings a unique perspective and experience to support our mission and advocate for health, education, and financial stability in our community.
- We welcome everyone in Bucks County to have equal access to our programs, resources, services, and facilities.
- We ensure that our policies and procedures are fair and equitable to our diverse members.
- We commit to advance our culture and business practices to be a model of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging.

ANTI-RACISM STATEMENT

United Way of Bucks County stands against racism and ethnic discrimination in any form and we acknowledge that systems, policies, and institutional practices have perpetuated these problems in society. We are committed to advocating for social justice where all citizens experience equity and equality

at all levels. We will focus our time, funding, and effort on improving conditions for those with the greatest need. With our donors, partners, and allies we will serve the community and fight to eradicate racism in all forms.

**These statements have been endorsed by the United Way of Bucks County Board of Directors.*

INVESTING IN SOCIAL JUSTICE

United Way of Bucks County believes in the power of collaboration. To advance social justice in the region, we invest in community-wide training called Belonging – Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (B-JEDI). Our sponsorship of this series, hosted collaboratively by the Bucks-Mont Collaborative, Interagency Council of Norristown, and Tri-County Community Network, ensures that the program is free to anyone who wishes to participate.

The topics respond to timely organizational needs and offer practical application to further develop organizations to be high-performing and centered in JEDI values and principles. The series is facilitated by Quaiser Abdullah, Ph.D., Owner, and Principal, Statera Coaching and Leadership Consulting.



Educating Ourselves for Change

Quaiser Abdullah, Ph.D., Owner and Principal, Statera Coaching and Leadership Consulting shares:



The nation underwent a re-awakening in the aftermath of the murder of George Floyd. Individuals and organizations began to ask intentionally difficult questions around racism, systemic injustice, and privilege subsequent to that incident. For some organizations, this was new; for others, this renewed energy around justice allowed them to engage the discussion at a deeper level.

The Bucks-Mont Collaborative, in partnership with United Way of Bucks County, made the intentional choice to raise the level of awareness and engagement around social justice and equity.

B-JEDI engages individuals and member organizations to ask themselves, “How am I being an ally, advocate, disruptor, and conspirator for belonging, justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion in my organization and my community?” My hope for this series is that we discover that there is no one path to dismantling systemic injustice and racism, but that there is a path for everyone who truly wishes to engage with authenticity and humility.

“We are grateful to partner with the United Way of Bucks County to bring this B-JEDI training series to our region! Building belonging is an intentional practice required at all levels, inviting us to co-create new spaces for discussion, learning, and action together. When we focus on building and bridging authentic belonging, the principles of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion join us. We can all B-JEDI together!”
- Kristyn DiDominick, MSW, Executive Director, Bucks-Mont Collaborative

“The B-JEDI series has been invaluable to us as an organization. The opportunity to be able to work in collaboration with other local providers and partners on this essential work and have access to exceptional trainers who have provided engaging and thought-provoking sessions has been transformational. It has allowed us to challenge ourselves individually and collectively and underlined our sense of urgency to effect change internally, locally, and nationally.”
- Kate Fay, Executive Director, One House at a Time (OHAAT)

Additional training opportunities with the Bucks-Mont Collaborative

The Bucks-Mont Collaborative Training Institute offers free professional development opportunities for organizations in our community. Year-round trainings can be found at bucksmontcollab.org/services/the-training-institute.

Making an Impact: BY THE NUMBERS

United Way fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in every community. Here is how our programs are making an impact.



\$2,287,066

Invested in Pre-K education including Pre-K Counts and Pre-K scholarships.



29,203

Visits from neighbors in need to our Fresh Connect sites in Bucks County.



1,000%

Increase in walk-in shoppers served for emergencies (food, hygiene items, clothing) at the HELP Center from 2021 to 2022.




\$68,271

Value of time provided by UW Bucks volunteers.

Making an Impact: OUR PROCESS

How do we decide where – and how – to make an impact in Bucks County?

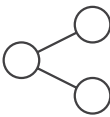
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NEEDS

We verify a demonstrated need exists that aligns with our mission.


2



ROLE

We clearly see a role UW Bucks is uniquely positioned to fill.


3



PARTNERS


We find strong and trusted partners with shared goals.

4




SERVICES

We avoid duplication of services.




5



PROGRAMS

We seek out high-impact programs.


6



EXCELLENCE

We strive for excellence in delivering those programs.


7



OUTCOMES

We confirm outcomes are measurable.


8



DIVERSE


We ensure diverse populations will be served.

9




FUNDING

We solidify funding.



10



REEVALUATE

We constantly reevaluate to ensure that our programs meet all criteria.

United Way of Bucks County

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (Pre-audit)

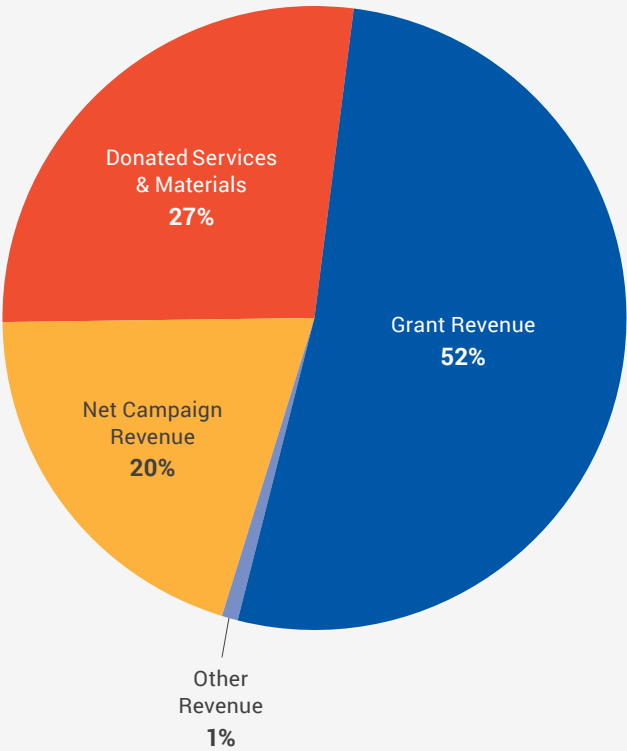
For the Year Ended 12/31/2022

PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Net Campaign Revenue	
Gross Campaign	1,739,398
Less: Donor Directed Gifts	(30,699)
Less: Provision for Uncollectibles	(66,723)
Net Campaign Revenue	1,641,976
Grant Revenue	4,189,933
Donated Services & Materials	2,125,192
Other Revenue	56,282
Public Support and Revenue	8,013,383
Net Returns on Investments	(221,728)
Public Support and Revenue (Net)	7,791,655

PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUES, BY SOURCE

as a percentage of Total Revenue



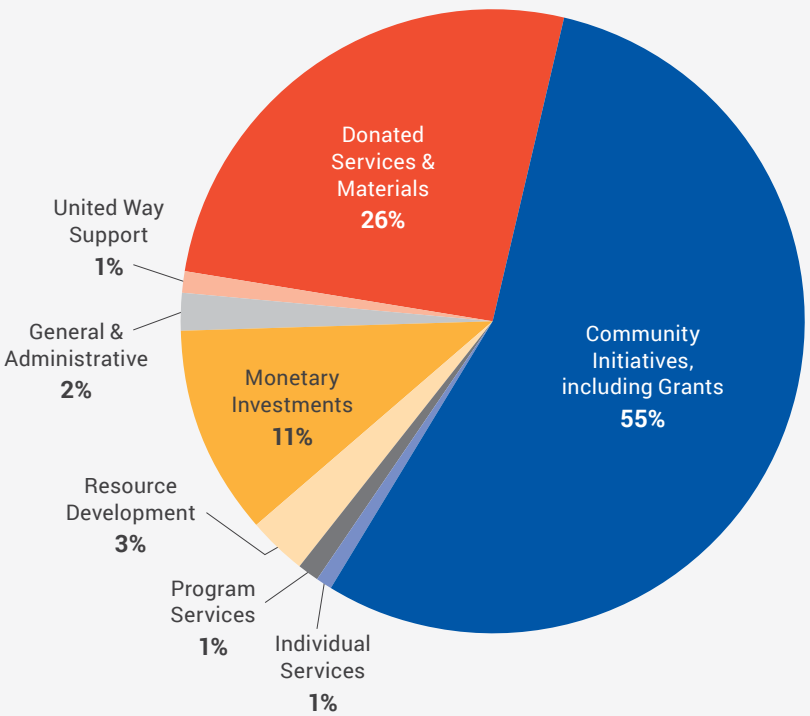
*Revenue from investments not included due to a net loss in 2022

EXPENDITURES

Community Impact Expenses	
Distributions to Bucks County	892,864
Less: Donor Directed Gifts	(30,699)
Monetary Investments	862,165
Community Initiatives, including Grants	4,462,256
Donated Services & Materials	2,125,192
Individual Services	40,532
Program Services	25,797
Full Investment in Bucks County	7,515,942
Resource Development	257,281
General & Administrative	180,944
United Way Support	61,649
Expenditures	8,015,816
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(224,161)

EXPENDITURES

as a percentage of Total Expenditures



United Way of Bucks County

EXPENDITURES MADE EASY

Each year, our Statement of Operations and Form 990 provide insight into what we raise and what we spend. They are important because they provide transparency but can be hard to understand when they are just numbers on a page.

Our total and direct investment in Bucks County is over \$7.5 million.
Here is a quick guide to our major “expenditures” in 2022:

\$862,000
Monetary Investments

This covers many programs in Bucks County, like **Fresh Connect**, our free, mobile farmers market; **Street Outreach**, getting people who are experiencing homelessness on the path home; **Emergency Needs**, for immediate help with rent, utilities, transportation, and necessities; our **HELP Center**; along with other investments. Food distributed through **Bucks Knocks Out Hunger**, supplies distributed through **Stuff the Bus**, and **Holiday Gift Cards** for teens in need are also captured here.

\$31,000
Donor Directed Gifts

Locally and through the larger United Way network, we raise money that goes directly to nonprofits that make a local impact. These gifts are earmarked by the donor for a specific program or service.

\$4.5 MILLION
Community Expenditures, Including Grants

This goes to **Pre-K Scholarships** for low- and moderate-income families. We invest heavily in this area because this is often a family’s largest expense – and it is one of the best investments we can make. Children who get scholarships to attend our high-quality Pre-K partner sites are prepared to succeed when they enter Kindergarten, giving them the best chance at long-term academic success. Plus, these scholarships mean that parents can get to work and provide for their family. Funding for the **Bucks United Flood Recovery (BUFR)** program is included here.

\$2.1 MILLION
Donated Services and Materials

Distributed through our **HELP Center** in Bristol (see pages 20 and 21), our “donated materials” are almost entirely the value of **essential products**, which go **to families in need**. For example, families who are moving from the homeless shelter to a place of their own can “shop” for necessities with their case worker. They can select linens, kitchenware, and many other items. Thanks to our relationships with local retailers and specialized nonprofit partners, all items are brand new.

\$41,000
Individual Services

We chair the local board and act as fiscal agent for the federal **Emergency Food and Shelter Program**. Each year, the amount of funding allocated to nonprofits in Bucks County varies. This expense covers administration costs and mandatory expenses of EFSP to ensure that funds are distributed as quickly, fairly, and efficiently as possible. In 2022, EFSP directed \$1,073,870 to Bucks County programs.

\$26,000
Program Expenses

Any additional costs to run the programs that are directly related to our mission fall into this category. Every program we invest in helps us advance our goal of creating opportunities for **quality education, financial stability, and good health** in Bucks County.



making a difference together

We are devoted to being a good neighbor in every community we serve. That's why we're working with customers like you to help our communities thrive. Your support allows us to give more and do more to improve lives and make our neighborhoods stronger. Thank you for helping us make a difference.

Wegmans

United Way of Bucks County MEMBER AGENCIES

United Way of Bucks County brings people together for the greater good. Our partners now include 66 nonprofit Member Agencies, all of whom provide human services that help people right here in Bucks County. All organizations have been vetted by United Way staff and volunteers.

United Way Members enjoy many benefits including access to resources, enhanced credibility, publicity and awareness, networking, and other special opportunities. You can learn more about becoming a United Way Member Agency by visiting uwbucks.org/become-a-member.



A Woman's Place	Children's Developmental Program, Inc.	Lenape Valley Foundation	Quilts for Kids, Inc.
Advocates for Homeless & Those in Need (AHTN)	CO-Mans, Inc.	Libertae, Inc.	Rolling Harvest Food Rescue
Advocates for the Homeless in Upper Bucks	Coalition to Shelter and Support the Homeless	LifeSpan	Salvation Army, Lower Bucks Corps.
Aldie Foundation, Inc.	Credit Counseling Center	Livengrin Foundation	Salvation Army, Upper Bucks
Along the Way	Diakon Child, Family, and Community Ministries	Lower Bucks Community Centers, Inc.	Single Parent Fellowship
Ann Silverman Community Health Clinic	Easterseals of Southeastern Pennsylvania	Maternity Care Coalition	The Children's Home Society of New Jersey
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bucks County	Emergency Relief Association	Mental Health Partnership	The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania, Inc.
Bucks County Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired	Family Promise of Lower Bucks	Merakey	The Fiarria Project
Bucks County Children and Youth Social Services	Family Service Association of Bucks County	Mitzvah Circle	The Ivins Outreach Center
Bucks County Housing Group	Good Friends, Inc.	NAMI Bucks County	TLC Childcare Center
Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc.	Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County	Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA)	Trinity Christian Academy
Bucks County Workforce Development Board	Hands Holding Hearts	No Longer Bound, Prevention & Training Services	Twilight Wish Foundation
Bucks for Kids	Jewish Relief Agency	One House at a Time	Valley Youth House
Caring for Friends	Keystone Opportunity Center	PA CareerLink	Vita Education Services
Catholic Social Services	Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania-Bucks County Division	Penn Foundation	Welcoming the Stranger
		Penndel Mental Health Center	Worthwhile Wear, Inc.
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- **Online Donations:** Go to uwbucks.org/donate to make a one-time or monthly recurring donation.
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PA 211 Helpline

PA 211 is a free, easy-to-remember number that connects individuals to available resources for finding food, paying housing bills, and other essential services. Calls are answered by live professionals who are part of the PA 211 network.

HELP Center

The HELP Center fills the gap for local families in need by providing essentials like cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items, clothing, food, and home goods – all brand new and completely free of charge – through a dignified personal shopping experience.

Pre-K Education

United Way of Bucks County offers quality early education opportunities to low- and moderate-income families throughout the county.

My Free Taxes

MyFreeTaxes.com is a free web-based tool to file your taxes independently, with phone support available in multiple languages.

Senior Produce Boxes

The Senior Produce Box Program improves the health of low-income seniors by supplementing their diets with fresh produce, delivered directly to their doors or a senior center they visit regularly.

Fresh Connect

Fresh Connect is a free, mobile farmers market that provides food to families and seniors in Bucks County each week. Any resident of Bucks County who is food insecure can participate.

Holiday Gift Card Drive

The Holiday Gift Card Drive serves teens and tweens in need – a group that is often overlooked during the holiday season. Donations ensure that every young person in Bucks County has a bright holiday.

Stuff the Bus

Stuff the Bus is our annual back-to-school supply drive that gives every student the tools – and confidence that they need to excel in the classroom.

LIFT United

The LIFT United program helps ALICE (Asset-Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) residents of Bucks County increase their financial literacy, improve their credit scores and credit worthiness, and secure low-interest used car loans.

OTHER COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Bucks County Food Pantries

There are many food pantries throughout Bucks County that residents can visit. This listing has pantry locations and hours of operation. Visit bcoc.org/food-pantries for more information.

Housing Link

The Bucks County Housing Link is the centralized point of information and referral services for all residents experiencing a housing crisis. Visit buckshousinglink.org for more information.

Bucks County Hub

The Hub links Bucks County residents to services of in-house departments at the County offices and other outside partners. Visit bit.ly/Bucks-HUB for more information.

United Way programs transform lives in Bucks County. Browse programs and resources below, visit uwbucks.org/get-help, or scan the QR code to learn more.





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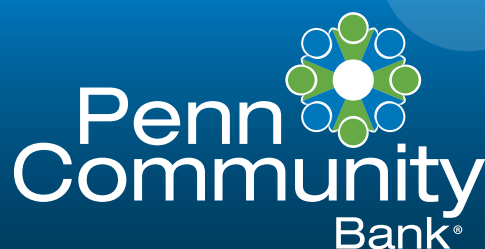
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