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2023-2024 IMPACT REPORT



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Leadership Reflection

Reflecting on the 2023-2024 campaign reminds us of what makes United Way so successful: community. It's a simple yet powerful word that is at the core of who we are. In fact, during the Fall 2023 kickoff, we asked guests to share words that describe why or how they LIVE UNITED. Over 33% responded with "community," alongside other inspiring and fun words that shaped the word cloud on page 13.

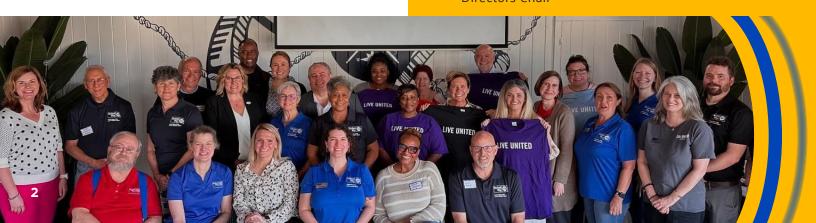
"Community" resonates in many ways, but at its heart, it represents the countless efforts we make to improve lives—helping those we know and those we may never meet. Lifting others up creates a ripple effect that extends far beyond a single act of kindness. This vision was the foundation of our work in 1944, and it continues to drive us today. Whether it's lending a hand, donating money, sharing time and talents, or learning someone's story, every effort makes a difference.

Our focus remains on increasing access to better health, wellness, youth opportunities, and financial security for all. We are deeply grateful for the donors, volunteers, and nonprofit, community, and foundation partners who supported us throughout the 2023-2024 campaign. Together, we are impacting the lives of more than one in three neighbors.

However, over 43% of local households are ALICE®—struggling to make ends meet each month. Together, we can do more to connect these neighbors with essential resources, healthcare, education, and career pathways. By mobilizing our community into action through giving, volunteering, advocating, and collaborating, we can inspire hope and build a brighter future for all generations.

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\$994,000+ Invested 33 Partners 60+ Programs





Disaster Cycle & Emergency Services \$14,000



Critical Home Repair \$20,000



Pediatric Therapy Services \$9,000



Social Determinants of Health \$1,944



Hospice Program \$17,000



After School/Summer Enrichment \$25,000



Substance Free Housing for Women \$4,100



Medical Transportation Senior Rural Support Community Action Center: Emergency Food and Homeless Prevention \$24,500



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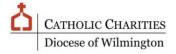
Mentoring \$17,500



Emergency Shelter
Emergency Food Assistance
Homeless Prevention/
Rapid Rehousing
\$34,000



Roof & Repair Assistance Community Home Building \$16,000



Seton Center
Basic Needs, Food
& Case Management
\$40,000







At UWLES we invest in partnerships and direct programs that improve health and well-being, expand opportunities for youth, and build a stronger financial future for every generation. By providing neighbors with the resources they need to succeed, we build a more resilient and united community.

However, more than 2 in 5 local households are ALICE® (Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed), working hard but still struggling to cover basic needs each month. Thousands of our neighbors face ongoing challenges with housing, food, transportation, healthcare, childcare, and other essentials.

Through strategic partnerships and impactful programs, United Way helps bridge the gap—empowering individuals and families to move from merely surviving to truly thriving.

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Investing in Today For a Thriving Tomorrow



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\$10.000

MD 211 Lower Shore CASA \$48,000



Meals On Wheels LifeBridges \$142,957



Pantry on the Go \$10,607



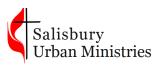
Dorchester School Based Conflict Resolution \$9,000



Girls Mentoring \$5,747



Community Center \$16,000



Kids Café Community Health/ Rx Assistance \$12,000



Emergency Shelter \$17,500



Legal Advocacy \$504



Community Activities \$902



Creative Engagement for Caregivers \$250



Lower Shore

Youth Education/Latchkey
Youth Sports
Older Adult Ministries
Social Services
\$35,000



Steps to Success Transitional Living \$22,000



Through our partnership with UWLES, we have been able to assist hundreds of clients with mental health therapy costs. This has allowed people to have access to care who would not have been able to otherwise. Thank you for helping us 'help people shine.'

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Jennifer Leggour
Executive Director
Worcester Youth & Family Counseling Services



Emergency Financial Assistance \$5,000



Mental Health Counseling \$19,500



Day Program \$2,496

UWLES Direct Programs & Initiatives



\$185,891



\$6,670



\$14.799



\$9,627



\$12,494



\$3.941

STUDENT UNITED WAY

Community & Campus Engagement \$7,566

EMERGING LEADERS

Thanksgiving Outreach
Secret Santa
Community Engagement
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Read to Succeed
Read with Me
Girls on the Run
Community Engagement
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1. Perdue Farms	\$264,641	26. Toroid Corporation of Maryland	\$ 8,736
2. TidalHealth	\$ 96,076	27. Fifth Generation, Inc.	\$ 8,500
3. Worcester County Board of Education	\$ 67,674	28. Town Of Ocean City	\$ 8,098
4. Pepsi Bottling Ventures	\$ 62,561	29. PKS & Company	\$ 8,070
5. Pohanka of Salisbury	\$ 58,945	30. Cato Gas & Oil	\$ 6,520
6. Maryland State Library Agency	\$ 55,146	31. Wigglesworth, Layton, Moyers & Chance	\$ 6,512
7. Donnie Williams Foundation	\$ 50,000	32. Peninsula Plastic Surgery	\$ 6,000
8. PNC Bank	\$ 49,481	33. Community Foundation of the	\$ 5,970
9. Avery Hall Insurance Group	\$ 45,515	Eastern Shore	
10. The Richard A. Henson Foundation	\$ 45,025	34. Pool Tech	\$ 5,825
11. Wicomico County Public Schools	\$ 35,332	35. Wicomico County Government	\$ 5,624
12. Delmarva Power, an Exelon Company	\$ 19,477	36. Risk Placement Services	\$ 5,250
13. Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay	\$ 16,934	37. Downtown Bridal	\$ 5,182
14. M&T Bank	\$ 16,917	38. George, Miles & Buhr	\$ 5,125
15. First Shore Federal Savings	\$ 16,870	39. The Insurance Market	\$ 5,016
& Loan Association		40. Gateway Pediatrics	\$ 5,000
16. Somerset County Public Schools	\$ 14,008	41. Taustin Group	\$ 4,750
17. Wor-Wic Community College	\$ 13,952	42. Salisbury University	\$ 4,550
18. Harrison Group	\$ 12,998	43. Hebron Savings Bank	\$ 4,500
19. Bank of America	\$ 12,500	44. LinkBank	\$ 4,500
20. United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore	\$ 10,140	45. Ocean Downs Racetrack & Casino	\$ 4,500
21. Carefirst Blue Cross/Blue Shield	\$ 9,880	46. Dove Pointe	\$ 4,374
22. PB Packaging	\$ 9,795	47. Atlantic Union Bank	\$ 4,000
23. Atlantic General Hospital	\$ 9,524	48. Delmarva Document Solutions	\$ 4,000
24. Maryland State Employees	\$ 8,922	49. University of Maryland Eastern Shore	\$ 3,950
25. MAC	\$ 8,788	50. Holloway Funeral Home	\$ 3,931

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Wor-Wic Community College



United We Give

Our Tocqueville, Anchor Society, and Leadership Circle donors contribute \$250 or more, fostering a strong sense of community and generosity. We are deeply grateful to those who champion the spirit of giving, inspiring others through their philanthropic commitment.



Together We Give



Each year, UWLES honors local professional groups who give together for collective impact. Many thanks to these community heroes who choose to make a lasting impact beyond their careers in service.



100 Docs, founded by Dr. Mark Edney, brings local medical professionals together to create impact beyond the healthcare they provide to our neighbors every day. Since the start of their campaign, they have raised over \$440,000. We are grateful for their generosity and dedication to strengthening our community's health and wellness.



Wicomico County Retired School Personnel Association achieved its highest giving campaign, while the Worcester County Retired School Personnel Association launched its very first! These generous retired administrators, educators, faculty, and staff continue to give back to our community in big ways. We are very thankful for our school systems and retirees for their commitment and lasting impact.

100 Docs \$20,062 Wicomico County
Retired School Personnel
Association
\$22,888

Worcester County
Retired School Personnel
Association
\$1,165



The 1944 Legacy Circle, now 18 members strong, honors donors who have pledged their support for UWLES' future through planned giving. These thoughtful investments ensure that our community will thrive for generations to come, extending the impact of our work beyond today. See our members and discover how you can create a lasting legacy, too, at **uwles.org/PlannedGiving**.

During our annual kickoff, supporters shared these words when asked:

How or Why Do You LIVE UNITED?



Annual Kickoff

Hosted in Partnership with Salisbury University

The annual kickoff in Fall 2023 brought together community leaders, partners and stakeholders to explore how we all LIVE UNITED. Videos by local supporters and partners showcased the impact of United Way's work. Guests participated in a "speed networking" challenge to find 12 new friends with different United Way connections. The activity fostered lively discussions and meaningful interactions among nonprofit partners, donors, board members and volunteers.



Annual Awards Honoring Excellence Hosted in Partnership with University of Maryland Eastern Shore

Volunteer of the Year: Maggie Fulkrod

Coordinators of the Year:

Avery Hall Insurance Solutions



Flame of Excellence:

Worcester County Public Schools

Legacy Award:

Jennifer Cannon and Amy Wingate Perdue Farms

Spirit of the Shore:

Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore

Affinity Leader of the Year:

Ricky Pollitt

Jim Barrett Leadership Award:

Dr. Bryan Newton Wor-Wic Community College



Volunteers are the backbone of a nonprofit's success. The Get Connected Volunteer Center shares local needs to inspire deeper community engagement. About 200 nonprofits use the volunteer center website to expand their reach and connect with volunteers. All

local nonprofits can use this free platform to share needs, promote events, and recruit support. Volunteers can explore causes they're passionate about and easily respond to opportunities that resonate with them. Key features such as tracking volunteer hours and cost savings for nonprofits, generating on-demand volunteer resumes, schedule reminders and more - are all part of this free tool for nonprofits and community members. Check it out and get involved at **ShoreGetConnected.org**.



STUDENT UNITED WAY

The Salisbury University Student United Way (SUSUW) Club connects students with the local community through service, fundraising, and collaboration. Partnering with United Way and

area nonprofits, members support events and initiatives like Chesapeake Housing Mission, Maryland Folk Festival, Wicomico Humane Society, Seagull Century, Chefs for Habitat, and UWLES' Campaign Kickoff and Holiday Ball. The club also hosts nonprofit guest speakers and leads fundraising efforts to benefit local programs, inspiring a strong spirit of community engagement both on and off campus.



Emerging Leaders united to assist the greatest number of neighbors to date. Thanksgiving meal baskets, kindly contributed through the collective

efforts of TidalHealth's nursing team, Perdue, and the Maryland Food Bank, were distributed to 25 households.

In addition, their Secret Santa initiative brought holiday joy to more than 116 children across 39 families, complete with breakfast packages for each household. The year wrapped up on a high note with their annual Christmas in July fundraiser, where Emerging Leaders connected with local young professionals from the Chambers during a Delmarva Shorebirds game.



 Women United is a vibrant network dedicated to supporting women, children, and families in our community. Through Community & Conversations events, women come together

to connect, unwind, and learn about local needs and how to get involved. Their literacy initiatives expanded, adding Read with Me for kindergarteners alongside Read to Succeed for 2nd and 3rd graders, helping students reach grade-level reading milestones. Girls on the Run pairs volunteers with elementary and middle school girls to build confidence, self-esteem and empower them to complete a 5K. Creative fundraisers hosted by Women United fuel these and other impactful programs year-round.





United Way's 4th annual UW Open Golf Tournament on May 3, 2024 brought together golf lovers on the links at the beautiful Green Hill Golf & Country Club. Volunteers and supporters enjoyed a full day of fairway contests to DRIVE local impact in our community. The event was a fun way to network, engage and play FORE a better tomorrow for our Lower Shore neighbors.

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FRISBEE GOLF





On October 6, 2023, Risk Placement Services (RPS), Gallagher, and UWLES hosted the 10th Annual Disc Golf Tournament at Schumaker Pond Park to support the Imagination Library® program. The event brought together 30 teams and multiple sponsors for a day of friendly competition, networking, and fun. Participants enjoyed a scenic day on the course, complete with lunch, games, and opportunities to connect, all while raising funds to bring a full year of free books to hundreds of local children.

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Beverage Sponsor: Corvus Insurance

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Golf Cart Sponsors:

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Throughout the summer of 2023, **Dine, Stay, and Play United** participants, sponsors, and partners came together to raise awareness and critical funds, helping UWLES support over 100,000 local neighbors year-round. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, the generosity of Worcester County locals and visitors—along with the dedication of our community partners and hospitality businesses—demonstrated a shared commitment to making a meaningful impact and helping our neighbors thrive.

Thank you to our 2023 Community Partners and Participants:

Ocean City Maryland Chamber of Commerce OCHMRA I The Taustin Group Worcester Chamber of Commerce I Ocean City.com iHeartMedia Delmarva I Delmarva Public Media 47-ABC WMDT I Independent News Media

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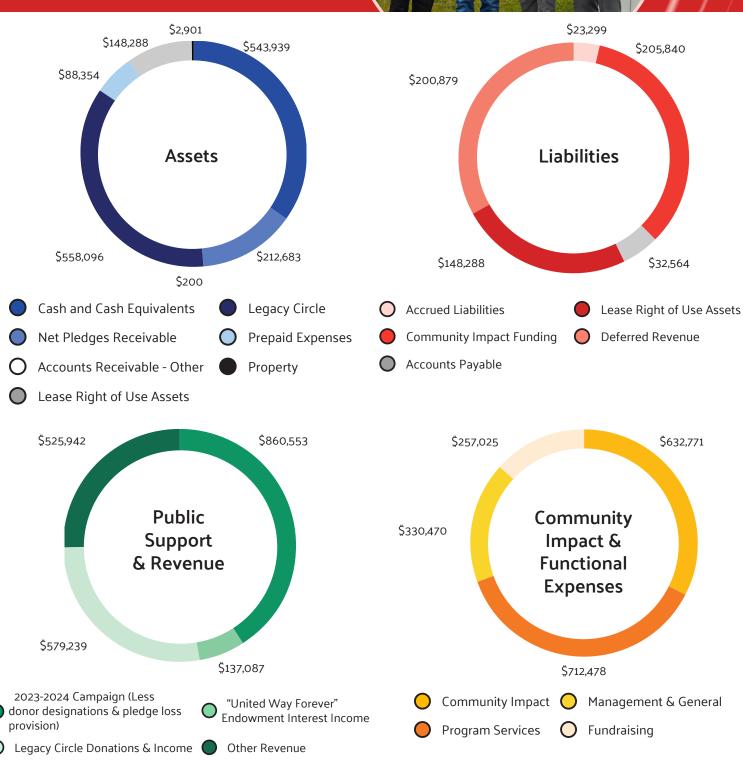
Cobalt Sponsor:

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2023-2024 Financials





There is no membership or application fee to any agency in order to receive designations or be a United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore partner.

Accounting Strategies Group is the official auditor for United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore.

The summary report noted above is based on the audit completed for FYE August 31, 2024.

A complete audit report, and 990 return are available upon request.

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UWLES' Mission and Guiding Values

United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore harnesses the power of our community to advance health, education, and financial stability. We envision a community where everyone is empowered to reach their full potential. We value:

- Compassion We empathize and treat everyone with dignity and respect.
- Fortitude We have the courage and tenacity to pursue our vision and stand for the best interest of the local community.
- Inclusion We strive to empower all members of our local community.
- Integrity We conduct ourselves in a truthful, trustworthy, unbiased, and transparent manner.
- **Stewardship** We are committed to ethical and prudent decision making in the use and care of all resources.

UWLES fosters and maintains an environment where diversity, equity, and inclusion are valued and upheld in all of the work that we do. We believe in treating everyone with integrity and value all our staff, volunteers, partners, clients, and community members.

We encourage all individuals to embrace diversity. We work diligently to treat everyone with the utmost care and compassion, honoring the human rights of every individual.

We collaborate with our community to ensure everyone has equitable access to the resources, support, opportunities, and networks they need to thrive.

We foster an inclusive, healthy, and strong community where everyone feels valued and empowered.

