

UNITED WE FIGHT.

With your help, United Way of Lackawanna & Wayne Counties are able to support critical programs to improve the lives of all - these are just a few examples.

A B C EDUCATION

- Summer Learning - 500 children participated in STEM learning projects at 6 locations.
- Piloted 570 Reads, where over 300 children read five or more books during the summer.
- Provided over 300 scholarships for income eligible children to attend high quality early learning centers.

\$ FINANCIAL STABILITY

- 11,000 families received assistance with emergency service programs such as food, clothing, shelter and/or heating assistance.
- VITA - 2,285 free tax returns were completed with an average federal return over \$725. Over \$350,000 was saved in tax prep fees.



❤️ HEALTH

- Over 360 individuals without medical insurance received medical care.
- 445+ individuals received behavioral health counseling.
- Over 600 older adults participated in our ROAM program, helping them self-manage their health thru weekly vital screenings. Over 9,000 vital signs taken, almost 30% fell outside a healthy parameter.

Please give.



UNITED WE WIN.



CHARITY NAVIGATOR
★★★★★
Four Star Charity

United Way of Lackawanna and Wayne Counties

For the 8th consecutive year, we've earned the highest possible 4-star rating for strong financial health, accountability and transparency from Charity Navigator.

Only five percent of charities perform at this level nationally, indicating our United Way far exceeds industry standards and outperforms most other charities in America. We're also ranked #1 among United Ways in Pennsylvania!

Nearly 98¢ of every dollar stays HERE in Lackawanna and Wayne Counties to help OUR neighbors.



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100 YEARS...

...COMMUNITY FOCUSED
...COMMUNITY DRIVEN



100 years ago...



The year was 1920 - 1921. Scranton's population stood at 137,783, making it the 47th largest city in America, just behind Hartford, Connecticut. In the midst of tremendous growth, Scranton was still reeling from the effects of the Spanish flu pandemic of 1918, the deadliest in history. In Scranton, close to 1,000 people died in 3 months. Hospitals set up separate wards for those infected while temporary emergency hospitals were also implemented throughout our community. Thousands were out of work.

And in the center of this turbulence the community sprung to action providing a helping hand to those who were suffering ... the Community Chest of Scranton, the forerunner of what is today The United Way of Lackawanna and Wayne Counties, was born.

#LiveUnited

Who could have predicted that 100 years later, history repeats. The COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020 has infected over 2,000 individuals with over 200 deaths in Lackawanna and Wayne counties. Businesses, schools, restaurants, gyms shuttered. Hospitals set up quarantine and emergency wards and our neighbors were told not to leave their homes. The ubiquitous face masks became the new normal in all essential environments and public gatherings. Employees were furloughed, unemployment soared, and the need for emergency help was greater than ever.

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As in 1920, thanks to the overwhelming support and kindness of the people of our region, your United Way is in the forefront to answer the call for help...gather the necessary resources...and address the immediate needs to keep our neighbors safe. Volunteers were mobilized to deliver hundreds of food orders to the homebound and help pack and distribute bags of food at local drive-through food banks. Residents needing emergency shelter were temporarily provided a safe place to stay. Staff worked with those facing the possibility of eviction or utility termination to ensure protection and security. And United Way did what United Way does best; organize and collaborate daily with a cadre of local social agencies, non-profits and business groups to maximize resources and coordinate services to help ensure the safety and well-being of all.

#InThisTogether

Thanks to your on-going faith in our mission of helping those who need help the most, The Community Chest - Red Feather Campaign - LUF - United Way of Lackawanna County - and today, The United Way of Lackawanna and Wayne Counties has been there to provide a helping hand and develop innovative programming to address the most pressing problems of our community.

For 100 years - together - we have survived illness, World Wars, Civil Rights struggles, the Great Depression, Prohibition, mass shootings, terrorist attacks, floods, hurricanes and tornados.



Together - we will survive the COVID-19 Pandemic! We will survive because of the kindness and generosity of those who call Lackawanna and Wayne Counties home.

*Pictured Top Left: Young couple walk through Scranton amid the Spanish Flu Pandemic of 1918
Pictured Above: Old Forge Elementary Student and her Mother receive a Grow Kit project to learn sustainability over the summer, Old Forge, PA
Pictured Right: United Way of Lackawanna & Wayne County Volunteer helps pack groceries at the United Neighborhood Center Food Pantry, Scranton, PA*

The next 100 years are a mystery. But the constant will remain...YOU! Our community is blessed because of YOU! We Thank You on behalf of the hundreds of thousands who have been helped...who have been given a hand up...throughout this past century of service. We Thank You for your faith in the United Way, for your volunteer and financial support ... for your concern for others. Together we will survive, no matter the challenge!

Thanks to YOU!

It Works for ALL of US!



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