

# COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS IMPACT

## GRANT YEAR 2025-26: MIDYEAR REPORT

More than 40 percent of households in Southeastern Michigan struggle to afford basic needs like food, housing and health care. Community investments are one of the key ways that United Way works to make a difference for these families. Thanks to our donors, we've invested \$5.3 million into 95 local organizations this year. We work together to meet the community's immediate needs and help families move from crisis to stability, and from stability to prosperity.



**UNITED WAY**  
Southeastern  
Michigan

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: ALL FUNDS



This year, United Way has invested **\$5.3 million in 95 community organizations** who are striving to be a network of partners positioned to meet the community's immediate needs, support families' paths towards stability, and address root causes of ALICE through systems change and a more integrated system of care.



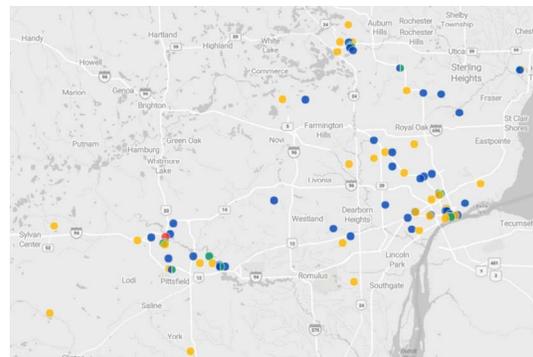
This investment of flexible dollars has **supported frontline staff** vital for ensuring individuals and families receive timely, respectful support. It has **filled funding gaps** created by cuts, freezes and confusion at the state and federal level **allowing continuous access to services** as need increased in community.



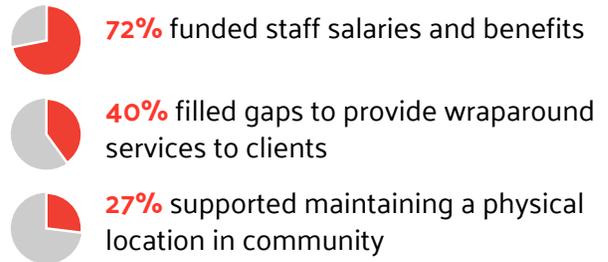
Collectively, this year's partners have served **202,490 individuals and households** through the first half of the grant, **99% of whom fall below the ALICE threshold**. Many of those served are receiving supports in multiple areas, helping to maintain stability across the board while they also navigate their most pressing needs.

## 2025-26 Partners

- Capacity Building
- Community Access
- Systems Change
- Wraparound Services



## Top Ways Partners Utilized Award Dollars



## 172,526 Individuals Served Received Food Services

Youth Opportunity	20,939
Other Basic Needs	13,049
Navigation	12,229
Legal Services	3,704
Transportation	3,193
Economic Mobility	3,105

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: COMMUNITY ACCESS & RESPONSE



The Community Access and Response Fund invested **\$1.2 million in 37 community organizations** that are meeting immediate, acute needs in four priority funding areas: emergency food supports, homelessness diversion or prevention, out-of-school-time supports, and interventions that address chronic absenteeism.

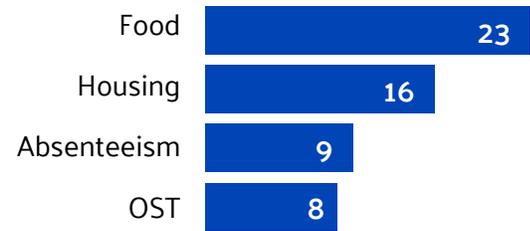


This investment of flexible dollars has **supported frontline staff**, allowing many partners to increase services to meet the growing needs in our community. It has also allowed partners to **provide direct assistance** other funding sources do not cover and **reach populations above traditional income thresholds**.

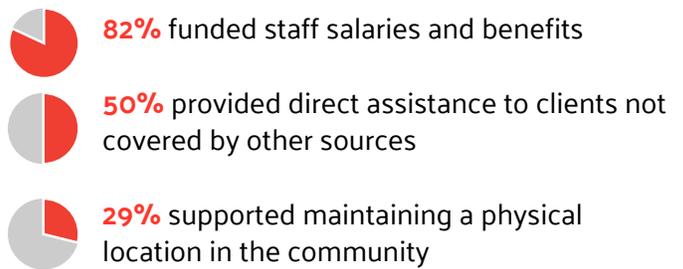


Collectively, the Community Access and Response partners have served **77,738 individuals and households** through the first half of the grant. That's a little **more than 66% of the projected number** of individuals and households served over the course of the full grant, and two in five partners have already surpassed their targets. Nearly **100%** of the individuals and households served **fall below the ALICE threshold**.

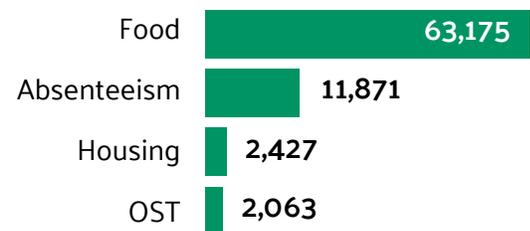
## Partners by Priority Funding Area



## Top Ways Partners Utilized Award Dollars



## 4 out of 5 Individuals Served Received Food Services



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: WRAPAROUND SERVICES & STABILITY



This year the Wraparound Services and Stability Fund invested **\$3.5 million in 41 community organizations or collaboratives** that go beyond addressing individual, immediate needs and provide programs that address multiple conditions that impact an ALICE family's well-being, quality of life, and path towards stability.



This investment of flexible dollars has **supported frontline staff**, ensuring organizations have the right people in place to give families seeking support the time and attention their cases need. It also **helped ensure supplies and other program needs were available** during the government shutdown when federal funding stopped.



Collectively, the Wraparound Services and Stability partners have served **124,752 individuals and households** through the first half of the grant. That's nearly **70% of the projected number** of individuals and households to be served over the course of the full grant. **99% of individuals and households served fall below the ALICE threshold.**

## Services Partners Provide



### Basic Needs

- Behavioral Health Services
- Food Services
- Health Care
- Housing Services



### Economic Mobility

- Employment/Workforce
- Financial Coaching



### Navigation

- Case Management
- Benefits Assistance



### Transportation Support



### Youth Opportunity

- Early Childhood Programming
- OST Supports



### Legal Services

## Top Ways Partners Utilized Award Dollars



**71%** funded staff salaries and benefits



**41%** provided direct assistance to clients not covered by other sources



**37%** used the funds for supplies and other program costs

## 109,351 Individuals Served Received Food Services

Navigation	12,229
Other Basic Needs	10,622
Youth Opportunity	7,005
Legal Services	3,704
Transportation	3,193
Economic Mobility	3,105

# INVESTING IN SYSTEMS CHANGE

“ There is value in the short and long term to building these relationships to ensure that we are able to serve people in need in a collaborative way and coordinate efforts when possible.”

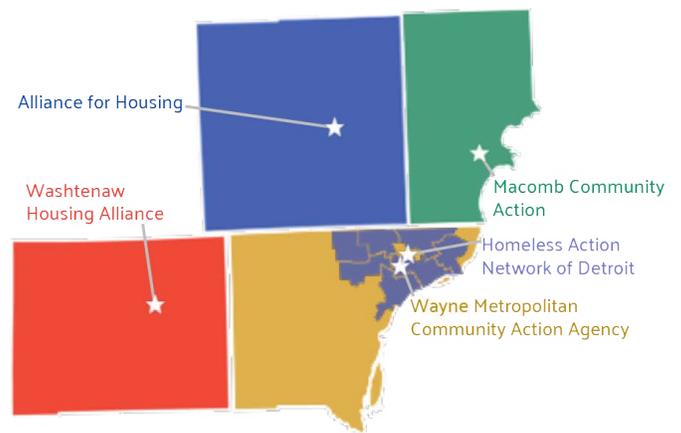
-Macomb Community Action

## A Regional Response to Homelessness

People experiencing homelessness move between Continuums of Care (CoCs) frequently based on family circumstances, employment opportunities, and availability of services and resources. The Regional Homeless Response Affinity Group pulls together lead and key agencies from across the four-county region to create a community-based system that allows for flow of information partnerships, data sharing, centralized access to information and ongoing planning.

Over the last six months, the affinity group has served as a space for relationship building and collaboration across organizations, a platform to learn about the practices of other CoCs, and a time to process and respond to funding uncertainty and priority changes within the federal government. Affinity Group members have been connected to advocacy resources and trainings, identified key partnerships across CoC boundaries, taken steps to elevate and formalize the voice of lived experience, and improved service delivery and coordination through technology and diversified funding.

## Southeast Michigan Continuums of Care Lead Agencies and Service Areas



## Regional Homeless Response Affinity Group Partners

- Alliance for Housing
- Community & Home Supports
- Community Housing Network
- Homeless Action Network of Detroit
- Macomb Community Action
- Ozone House
- Shelter Association of Washtenaw County
- SOS Community Service
- Washtenaw Housing Alliance
- Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency

# INVESTING IN SYSTEMS CHANGE

## (CONTINUED)

### Changing Systems through Advocacy

Over the past six months, the Advocacy cohort has made significant progress in addressing the systemic barriers that hinder long-term stability for ALICE households. They advanced a wide range of policy priorities, including housing affordability, renters' rights, paid family leave, maternal and infant health, education, workforce development, and the instability and uncertainty in state and federal budgets.

Members of the Advocacy cohort delivered in-depth legislative analysis and testified before the legislature on proposed bills and budget measures. Through direct engagement with policymakers, national experts, and advisory boards, they have helped shape the state policy response to federal changes to SNAP and Medicaid. At the local level, cohort members mobilized around shared advocacy priorities, developed and shared toolkits, lead field-based community education campaigns, and supported voter-mobilization efforts in historically under-participating neighborhoods.



# 56,481

Individual Advocates Activated

# 885

Engagements with Federal, State, and Local Elected Officials

### Advocacy Cohort Members

- BlueGreen Alliance Foundation
- Child Care Network
- Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness
- Michigan League for Public Policy
- Mothering Justice
- Oakland Forward

# CELEBRATING SUCCESS

“By complementing more restricted grants, United Way’s flexible operating support helps us expand access to emergency food assistance, reduce stress for working families, and provide dignified, timely support to households striving to remain stable despite financial constraints.”

-Metro Detroit AFL-CIO

## Flexible Funding Fills in the Gaps

The flexible nature of United Way’s funding allowed partners to fill gaps created by federal funding cuts, freezes, and delays and react quickly as needs arose, serving as steady, reliable resources to the community.

For some partners, this meant using their grant dollars to maintain staff positions that had been previously funded through federal grants, ensuring their programs are available when families need them. For partners providing emergency food supports, this meant being able to meet the increased need in community when SNAP benefits were paused.

Beyond the gaps created by the sudden changes in federal funding, the flexibility of these grants also meant partners were able to “respond quickly to emerging needs and tailor assistance to the unique circumstance of each household” -**Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency**, when using these dollars along side more restrictive grants.

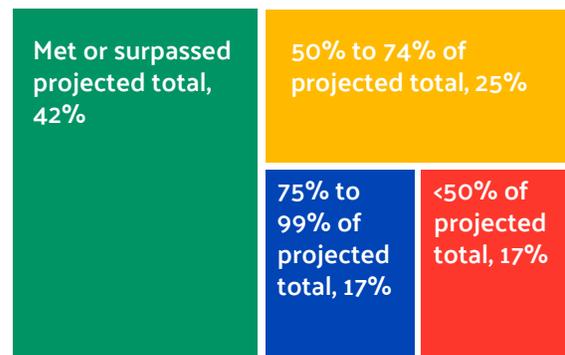
## As Need is Rising in Community, Partners Are Meeting It Head On

While the pause in SNAP benefits caused an immediate spike in requests for emergency food supports, our region was experiencing increased need for support across multiple service domains long before that.

Utilizing this grant to cover the increased operating costs, many partners have been able to meet the rising needs by extending their hours, adding additional service locations or days, or hiring additional staff. Taking these steps has led to increases in clients served by more than 30 percent in the last six months for numerous partners, and one partner reported that they cut their waitlist in half after hiring an additional Success Coach.

Other partners have been meeting the increased need, not by serving more clients, but by offering assistance above what they might have considered standard in the past. Additional staff members means frontline staff have the capacity to spend more time with each client, dig deeper, and gain a more complete understanding of the barriers they are facing.

Half-way through the grant, **42% of partners have already met or surpassed** their projected number of individuals served.



# CELEBRATING SUCCESS (CONTINUED)

“ Many ALICE households are over income for traditional public assistance programs and therefore fall through the cracks of the safety net...[We can] serve these households by providing assistance that is not limited by strict eligibility thresholds.”

-Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency

## Reaching Populations Traditionally Left Out

Many funding sources have strict income, geography, age, or other restrictions, but the need for services doesn't always stay within those defined lines, so families on the brink of stability often fall through the cracks. Through these grant dollars, partners were able to support populations traditionally ineligible through other funding.

One of the most common populations partners reported reaching were ALICE households, who although employed and above the Federal Poverty Level, struggle at times to stretch their paycheck to cover the bare bones basics. Other organizations were able to extend their services to individuals who reside across a county border, extend their services to individuals who had previously been ineligible due to residing across county lines. A Youth Opportunity partner had a mismatch between the age for services covered by another grant and the age of students who were most often referred for assistance.

Regardless of the restrictions, though, partners utilized United Way's grant dollars to ensure people who reached out for assistance received the support they needed.

### Learn more about ALICE

[ALICE Report - United Way for Southeastern Michigan](#)



## Working as a Network and Across Sectors

Partners recognize, though, that the barriers individuals and households in our region face are best tackled together. Nine out of 10 report actively collaborating, either formally or informally, with other organizations within United Way's cohort and in partnerships they formed through their work in community.

In some cases, collaboration is being driven by a desire to share resources or knowledge—this may look like coming together to share learnings and work through challenges, or formal agreements for shared services to trim operating costs. In other cases, especially those that cross sector lines, collaboration sprung from a desire to build on existing community trust, deepen volunteer pools, or diversify funding and in-kind contributions.

Although the spark may vary, the result is a stronger network of resources that improves client experiences and results.



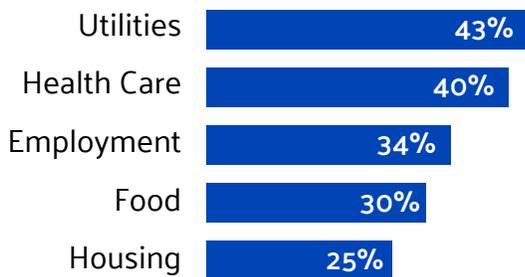
# ACKNOWLEDGING CHALLENGES

## Need in Community Is Increasing

Partners face growing need in community driven by uncertainty about cuts to federal and state benefits programs, inflation's impact on nearly every essential cost, and added layers of complexity within the social safety net, making it harder to get and keep public benefits.

Currently, flexible dollars from this grant are helping them meet the need, but the growth is rapid and they are concerned about the sustainability of their resources, staff capacity, and supplies to continue at this pace.

Between July 1 and December 31, 2025, 2-1-1 **requests for referrals to Basic Needs services increased between 25% and 43%**, when compared to the same 6-month period the year before.



“The social safety net is wavering. Fewer resources are available for clients, including stable housing, rental assistance, public benefits, and transportation support”

-Lakeshore Legal Aid

## At the Same Time Available Funding Is Declining

The massive cuts and funding freezes that happened in early 2025 and the continuing uncertainty around many social safety net benefits has had a trickle-down effect to the pool of funds available from the state and private foundations. One partner reported that state agencies and local service providers “no longer operate with separate funding streams. Instead, we are all drawing down from the same limited pool of resources.”

Even partners who did not hold federal grants are not immune to the impact. Another partner stated, “With a cut in government funding, foundations are focusing more on supporting nonprofits that rely on government grants and supports” and they are having a harder time securing funds from foundations because they were not directly affected.

About **33%** of nonprofit service providers **experienced a disruption in government funding** in 2025<sup>1</sup>

**Government funding** made up **42% of total revenue** for service providers who experienced disruptions.<sup>1</sup>

**29%** of providers hit by funding cuts reduced their staff<sup>1</sup>

And **21%** were forced to serve fewer people<sup>1</sup>

# ACKNOWLEDGING CHALLENGES (CONTINUED)

## Doing More with Less Is Taking A Toll

As they navigate the competing realities of increased requests for assistance and decreased resources to meet those requests, partners are facing high rates of staff turnover, longer periods of vacancies, and the tough decisions to not rehire for positions at all.

Remaining staff find themselves with heavier caseloads and are at increased risk of compassion fatigue and burnout. Some partners are taking steps to prioritize staff mental well-being and care, but this too comes with the question of how to find the resources to support these much-needed efforts.



The Urban Institute found that **one in five nonprofit leaders are concerned about staffing.**<sup>1</sup>



**50%** name **stress and burnout** as **leading contributors** to nonprofit **workforce shortages.**<sup>2</sup>

“...staff are at elevated risk of both primary and secondary trauma, burnout, and compassion fatigue. Without intentional investments in staff wellness, leadership development, and organizational infrastructure, these pressures threaten staff retention, continuity of care, and the preservation of institutional knowledge critical to effective service delivery.”

-Buenos Vecinos

## Partnership and Creativity Helps in Navigating Challenges

The work our partners do in the community is vital for the many individuals and families they serve, so they are getting creative and turning outwards to provide continuous services during this time. Nearly three in five partners specifically named forming new partnerships or strengthening existing collaborations as a key strategy for overcoming the challenges they face. Other strategies partners are utilizing include diversifying funding, expanding services or adapting service delivery to meet rising need, and advocacy.



# BEYOND THE DOLLARS: PARTNER STEWARDSHIP & CAPACITY BUILDING

## Envisioning a More Connected System

United Way's investment strategy is not about individual awards or working in isolation, but about creating a coordinated network of partners in support of ALICE families. Throughout the grant term, partners participated in a variety of engagement and capacity building opportunities to build trust, facilitate partnerships and strengthen collaboration. Together, we're creating a more connected social service ecosystem—so that no matter which door a person walks through, the phone number they dial, or the database they search, they are quickly connected to resources that meet their needs.



## Convening for Sharing and Learning

Last fall, on the heels of the pause in SNAP benefits, United Way convened staff members from five food pantries that serve as the sole provider in their area, creating space for partners to talk about shared challenges, exchange ideas, and gather in solidarity. A few weeks later, a second group was convened for organizations supporting survivors of domestic violence. They explored a data map developed in partnership with United Way and First Step and discussed how they are or can advocate for legislation that supports the survivors they serve.



**95%** of capacity-building **participants left with new knowledge or a skill** they could put to use in the next month.



On average we received **8.8 out of 10** when we asked participants if they **would recommend** a future engagement opportunity to a colleague.

## Partnering Together One Box at a Time

In November, a cross-functional team of 15 United Way staff visited Focus: HOPE to pack food boxes for seniors participating in their Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). Volunteers filled boxes with nutritious, non-perishable food – including pasta, canned vegetables, canned fruit, and shelf-stable proteins – that were then palletted and ready to be distributed monthly to 43,000 low-income seniors (60 years or older) across nine counties.

“

We absolutely treasured the Vital Services meeting that was held, as it was the first time that we were in a room with service providers that delivered in a similar manner as we do, as well as larger ones that we can collaborate and learn from.”

-Redford Interfaith Relief

# BEYOND THE DOLLARS: PARTNER STEWARDSHIP & CAPACITY BUILDING (CONTINUED)

## Filling Partner's Advocacy Toolboxes

This past summer and fall, the advocacy team hosted five trainings that provided our partners with the tools they need to advocate effectively. The training opportunities featured special guests including the Michigan League for Public Policy and All Voting is Local, who shared their expertise about how organizations can turn out the vote, use storytelling in advocacy, and navigate the state budget process. Attendees found the training helpful in understanding how to effectively advocate for change.

**50 Individuals**  
attended the Advocacy 101  
trainings, learning how to  
engage in systems change  
efforts while providing frontline  
supports to community.

## Sharing Tools for a Stronger Network

Since November 2025, United Way has offered monthly trainings on both Connect4Care Community Information Exchange (CIE) and the 2-1-1 Resource Database to support partner participation toward a more interconnected network of partners. Participants consistently described CIE as a space where they could connect with other providers and build community around shared goals. Many partners shared that they learned something they could apply in their work and in support of clients.

### Visit the CIE

[Connect4Care™: A Southeastern Michigan Community information exchange \(CIE\) - United Way for Southeastern Michigan](#)



**Over 70  
Organizations**

participated in our disaster response training, and 100% of attendees reported learning something they could apply within the next 30 days.

## Preparing for Disaster Response

In October, we hosted a series of emergency and disaster response trainings titled, "Supporting Disasters with Confidence: How to Navigate the World of Disasters to Better Help Yourself and to Support Your Community". Featuring expertise from both our 2-1-1 Resource Database team and Michigan 2-1-1, we provided an overview of what the disaster and emergency management "world" looks like, how to engage with these types of incidents or events, and what you can do now to be better prepared and to help your community be better equipped to plan for, respond to, and recover from disasters.

**89 Individuals**

attended the CIE 101  
and 2-1-1 Resource Directory  
trainings, getting introduced  
to the basics of what these  
tools offer.

# BEYOND THE DOLLARS: PARTNER STEWARDSHIP & CAPACITY BUILDING (CONTINUED)

## Connecting through Network Meetings

United Way for has convened virtual Partner Network Meetings as part of our commitment to expand stewardship and provide an accessible platform for community partners to learn about services that support their work. The October meeting, which focused on data resources, had 200 registrants and 96% reported they learned something new. One attendee stated it was “one of the best partner meetings”. The January meeting shifted focus to basic needs and provided an overview of upcoming grants.



“United Way’s role in convening and relationship-building is especially valuable in creating space for cross-sector learning and collaboration that supports more holistic solutions for ALICE households.”

-Child Care Network

## Washtenaw CEO Convenings

In November and December of 2025 United Way hosted more than 50 executive directors of Washtenaw County-based nonprofits at two coffee talks hosted by Dr. Hudson. Together, participants and United Way leadership made sense of the current moment, engaged in open Q&A, and engaged in networking with fellow nonprofit leaders.

In all, United Way staff had over 75 engagements with partners in the first 6 months of the grant year.



# PARTNER QUOTES



Without this flexibility, CCN would be limited in its ability to provide the personalized, relationship-based support that helps families stabilize and remain engaged in care.

## -Child Care Network

Ultimately, United Way's flexible operating support strengthens CFDI's ability to stabilize families, expand access to care, and deliver responsive services that reflect the real world challenges faced by ALICE households. By filling gaps left by other funding sources and complementing reimbursable services, this grant enables us to provide timely, person-centered support that promotes long term stability and self-sufficiency.

## -Centers for Family Development

By removing barriers and complementing restricted funding, this flexible support ensures that DPC can provide holistic, accessible, and responsive programming that strengthens the youth and families we serve.

## -Detroit Phoenix Center

Overall, flexible operating support from United Way provides the stability and responsiveness needed to navigate funding volatility, sustain trusted neighborhood-based services, and meet families where they are—particularly those living just above the poverty line who often fall through the gaps of traditional funding streams.

## -Brilliant Detroit

Overall, flexible operating support from United Way directly strengthens BGCSM's ability to deliver the B.E.S.T program in a way that is accessible, responsive, and meaningful for ALICE households.

## -Boys and Girls Club

This grant has helped us go beyond food distribution to create stability and reassurance during a time of uncertainty. When families feared their SNAP benefits would be exhausted, our pantry became a place of calm and consistency. Flexible funding allowed us to respond quickly, increase food purchasing, extend hours, and expand mobile pantry deliveries without interruption. That stability mattered deeply to the emotional and physical well-being of the people we serve.

Finally, this grant has reinforced our role as a frontline safety net and a trusted partner in a larger system of care. United Way's investment affirms our ability to adapt, lead, and respond to real-time community needs, and it strengthens our capacity to be part of a coordinated network that moves households from crisis toward lasting stability and hope.

## -Operation Refuge



# PARTNER QUOTES

(CONTINUED)



This grant is essential to keeping our pantry running. Because funding for salaries is extremely limited, this support made a direct and immediate impact on our ability to serve this community. This grant allowed us to maintain staffing and keep our doors open while continuing to show up for these neighbors in need.

## **-Catholic Charities of Washtenaw County**

This grant's support for staff salaries enabled us to respond to this period's increases in demand. When November brought 91 pantry visits - our highest month ever - we didn't need to turn people away, reduce services, or compromise quality. Our staff had the capacity to schedule appointments, assist with shopping, manage inventory, process intake paperwork, and provide the personalized attention that preserves client dignity.

In a rural community like ours, where ALICE households and seniors on fixed incomes often face compounding barriers - limited transportation, geographic isolation, fewer service providers, and stigma around seeking help - having adequately compensated, trained staff who can build trusting relationships over time is essential. United Way's investment in our staff capacity creates the organizational stability that allows us to leverage all our other resources effectively and respond with both competence and compassion when our community needs us most.

## **-Manchester Community Resource Center**

This funding helps cover core operating expenses such as rent and staff salaries, which are costs that are often excluded from restricted program funding but are foundational to our ability to serve clients. This flexible funding fills essential gaps left by other funding sources and allows Hospitality House to maximize the impact of restricted grants and donated food. Without needing to divert program dollars to cover basic operations, we can focus resources directly on expanding access, reducing barriers, and serving more families with dignity.

## **-Hospitality House**

We remain profoundly grateful for the support of UWSEM in our mission to provide homebound seniors with the food and support they need to continue aging in place, in the community they call home.

## **-Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels**



# 2025-2026 COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS PARTNERS

## Community Access & Response Fund Partners

 Housing
  Food
  OST Supports
  Absenteeism

  826Michigan	 Interfaith Hospitality Network at Alpha House
  Accent Pontiac	  Journey to Healing
  Aid in Milan, Inc	 Legal Aid and Defender Association, Inc.
  American Red Cross of Southeast Michigan	 Macomb Community Action
  Bridging Communities, Inc.	  Mercy Education Project
    Buenos Vecinos	 Metro Detroit AFL-CIO
 Catholic Charities Washtenaw County	 Oakland HOPE
 Community Resource Center	 Operation Refuge
 Crossroads of Michigan	  Playworks Education Energized
   Detroit Public Schools Foundation	 Pontiac Meals on Wheels Foundation
 DRMM - Detroit Rescue Mission	 Pope Francis Center
    Faith in Action	 Redford Interfaith Relief
 Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry	 The Friends of Parkside
 Furniture Bank of Southeastern Michigan	   The Konnection
  Gay Elders of Metro Detroit (MiGen)	  The Salvation Army Great Lakes Division
 Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County	 Urban Neighborhood Initiatives
 HAVEN	 Winning Futures
 Hospitality House	 Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels
 Housing Bureau for Seniors	

## Capacity Building Partners

Nonprofit Enterprise at Work

# 2025-2026 COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS PARTNERS

## (CONTINUED)

### Wraparound Services & support Fund Partners

-  Basic Needs
-  Economic Mobility
-  Navigation
-  Transportation
-  Youth Opportunity
-  Legal Services

 	ACCESS		Legal Services of South Central Michigan
    	Alternatives for Girls	   	Mariners Inn
    	Black Family Development	   	Matrix Human Services
   	Boys and Girls Clubs of SE Michigan	   	Neighborhood Service Organization
  	Brilliant Detroit	 	Oakland Family Services
  	Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan	   	Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency
    	Chaldean American Ladies of Charity (CALC)	    	Peace Neighborhood Center
    	Chaldean Community Foundation	  	Racquet Up Detroit
 	Child Care Network	    	Ruth Ellis Center, Inc.
    	Community & Home Supports, Inc.	   	SafeHouse Center
   	Community Action Network	   	SER Metro-Detroit
 	Community Housing Network	   	SOS Community Service
    	Detroit Phoenix Center	  	South Oakland Shelter (Lighthouse)
   	First Step	  	Starfish Family Services
    	Focus: HOPE		Student Advocacy Center of Michigan
	Food Gatherers	   	Turning Point, Inc.
	Forgotten Harvest	   	United Community Housing Coalition
	Gleaners Community Food Bank	  	Washtenaw Health Project
  	Jewish Family Service of Metropolitan Detroit	    	Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency
   	Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County	   	Zaman International
	Lakeshore Legal Aid		

# THANK YOU

Together with our partners, help us reach more families in our community.

When you Give, Advocate and Volunteer with United Way, you help power a partner network that local families rely on in times of crisis. From the initial call to our 211 helpline through a journey that takes various paths through programs provided by our partners, United Way is there every step of the way, moving families from crisis to stability and from stability to prosperity. Your support makes a difference for ALICE families in Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties.



**GIVE**

Donate to support the availability of food, health care, youth, and housing services through community grants.

<https://ignite.stratuslive.com/unitedwaysem/get-involved/donate/main-donation-page>



**ADVOCATE**

Take action. Sign up for advocacy alerts and use your voice to create long-lasting change in our community.

<https://unitedwaysem.org/get-involved/advocate/>



**VOLUNTEER**

Give the gift of time. Visit our volunteer portal to find the opportunity that's a perfect fit for you.

<https://liveunitedsem.galaxydigital.com>



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