

NEARLY  
**50,000 HOURS**  
OF SERVICE  
COMMITTED BY  
VOLUNTEERS

At United Way, we are committed to creating a community where every child and every family has the opportunity to succeed. This year, through the commitment and generosity of workplaces, donors, foundations and community partners, we achieved real results for people in central and northeastern Connecticut.

## YOUTH SUCCESS

### Resources mobilized:

- 2,800 volunteers mobilized
- \$3.9 million invested

### Results:

- 3,200 children enrolled in high-quality early childhood education programs
- 94 percent of children served achieved early developmental milestones
- 2,300 children in grades K-3 received books for their home libraries
- 72 percent of students served demonstrated progress toward reading at grade-level
- 1,030 middle grade youth received support to help them stay on track academically and engaged in school
- 85 percent of middle grade youth served demonstrated progress toward academic milestones

## ECONOMIC MOBILITY

### Resources mobilized:

- 530 volunteers mobilized
- \$1.3 million invested

### Results:

- 550 individuals improved their education and employment potential
- 1,200 received screening for benefits such as SNAP and WIC
- 12,000 individuals received free tax preparation services
- \$28 million in refunds returned to individuals through free tax preparation assistance
- 400 individuals gained employment
- 89 percent of individuals served maintained employment for six months

## ACCESS TO HEALTH AND BASIC NEEDS

### Resources mobilized:

- 1,450 volunteers mobilized
- \$1.8 million invested

### Results:

- 5,100 individuals accessed health insurance
- 2,000 individuals received nutritious food through programs such as *Meals on Wheels*
- 14 million pounds of food distributed through regional food banks
- 1,000 people received disaster services in response to emergencies such as a fire or flood
- 13,000 people connected to emergency resources such as rent/utility assistance, medical equipment, clothing or transportation assistance
- 900 people received emergency shelter
- 6,000 individuals found safety/ services related to sexual assault or domestic violence
- 81,500 calls to United Way 2-1-1 for information and referral services

