

**Windham Region United Way** 

## United Way's impact in the Windham Region in 2019-2020

294

students participated in school and/or community-based programs, improving their academic skills

5,900

individuals accessed emergency services such as rent or utility assistance, and transportation assistance

1,062

people filed their 2018 tax return at no-cost through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites in Windham and received more than \$1.7 million in earned tax credits and refunds

6,674

calls were made to United Way 2-1-1 seeking help for things like housing and utility assistance

336

hours of service committed by 100 volunteers

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Windham Middle School Students participate in afterschool activities with their Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters mentors (Pre-COVID-19)

The health and economic effect of COVID-19 has touched many, and particularly those already struggling to make ends meet.

Thanks to the support of generous donors, businesses and philanthropic partners, we raised more than **\$1 million** for COVID-19 response efforts, serving more than 13,000 people in all the communities we serve.

### These efforts in New Britain and Berlin by United Way include:

- Funding for community agencies to ensure that more than 2,300 people in the Windham Region received telehealth and counseling services; rent and utility assistance; and, material items such as food, toiletries, diapers and clothing.
- The purchase and distribution of more than 1,223,000 pounds of food to local non-profit partners and agencies through Connecticut Food Bank
- Direct financial assistance to more than 70 individuals who lost their jobs, were furloughed, or were experiencing other hardships in partnership with municipal social service directors;
- Financial coaching to help individuals navigate COVID-19 relief resources, manage debt and rebuild savings;
- Distributing more than 2,600 face masks to support nonprofit agency staff, teachers, community partners and clients;
- Public awareness campaigns on coronavirus health protocol, flu vaccinations and financial management services; and,
- Mobilizing volunteers in sending caring messages to essential workers and homebound seniors; virtual reading to children and STEM activities to youth; and safe, socially distanced support and food distributions and other community events.







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Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness\*

Connecticut Food Bank\*

Connecticut Legal Services, Inc.

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Hockanum Valley Community Council. Inc.\*

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The Village for Families & Children, Inc.

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United Way brings together the right people and resources to ensure that children succeed academically and families achieve financial security. This work is more important now than ever before. When you give to United Way, you are supporting a network of partners who are working together to address the complex needs of our community. For us, getting back to normal after COVID-19 is not enough. Join us in building a "better normal" with more equitable outcomes for all.

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