

News Release

United Way Waterloo Region Communities

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United Way Waterloo Region Communities distributes \$718,871 through the General Community Fund.

Funding to support 55 local agencies and programs

Waterloo Region – United Way Waterloo Region Communities (UWWRC) is pleased to announce the distribution of \$718,871 to 55 local agencies and programs through the General Community Fund for this quarter. The monies will fund services and programs that support basic needs, provide mental health support, and reduce isolation. The total funds requested during this application period were \$2,350,000. The demand for funding far outweighs what is presently available and the situation is becoming more critical as the cost of food, housing, and other basic needs continues to increase.

UWWRC's General Community Fund is now distributed every 3 months in order to be more responsive to community needs and provide rapid local solutions. There is an [open call for applications](#) quarterly to fund the most relevant programs and organizations, with a more agile and focused application process, including a stronger emphasis on equity and inclusion. All funds are raised locally and are distributed to local organizations.

During this round of applications UWWRC granted out \$182,000 from The Tomorrow Fund, an endowment fund targeted specifically to programs and organizations serving the Cambridge and North Dumfries communities. The grants from The Tomorrow Fund are focused on programs and/or organizations that address emerging or long-term community needs through new or innovative programs or to build capacity to meet those needs. Recipients of The Tomorrow Fund are noted below (**). Gifts given to the fund remain in the fund forever and only the income is used, thereby maintaining all gifts for the benefit of future generations. If you'd like to learn more about how to contribute to this ongoing legacy, please contact us.

Funding Recipients (January - March 2023)

1. [211](#)
2. [A Better Tent City Waterloo Region](#) (Sponsor: Social Development Centre)
3. [Adventure4Change](#)
4. [Argus Residence for Young People**](#)
5. [Big Brothers Big Sisters of Waterloo Region](#)
6. [Brain Injury Association Waterloo-Wellington](#)
7. [Bridges to Belonging](#)
8. [Bring on the Sunshine](#)
9. [Cambridge Food Bank**](#)
10. [Cambridge Shelter Corporation**](#)
11. [Canadian Aweil Youth Association \(CAYA\)](#)
12. [Carizon Family and Community Services](#)
13. [Child Witness Centre of Waterloo Region](#)
14. [Children & Youth Planning Table \(CYPT\)](#) (via Region of Waterloo)
15. [CNIB Foundation \(formerly Canadian National Institute for the Blind\)](#)
16. [Community Care Concepts of Woolwich, Wellesley and Wilmot Townships](#)
17. [Community Justice Initiatives of Waterloo Region](#)
18. [Community Support Connections](#)
19. [COPE Kids**](#) (Sponsor: Porchlight Counseling & Addictions Services, formerly Family Counseling Centre of Cambridge and North Dumfries)
20. [Crow Shield Lodge](#)
21. [Food4Kids Waterloo Region](#)
22. [Frontier College](#)
23. [Greenway-Chaplin Community Centre**](#)
24. [House of Friendship](#)
25. [Interfaith Community Counselling Centre \(ICCC\)](#)
26. [John Howard Society of Waterloo-Wellington**](#)
27. [Kinbridge Community Association**](#)
28. [Kind Minds Family Wellness](#) (Sponsor: Community Justice Initiatives)
29. [Kitchener-Waterloo Access-Ability](#)
30. [Kitchener-Waterloo Multicultural Centre**](#)
31. [Langs**](#)
32. [March of Dimes Canada](#)
33. [Muslim Social Services Waterloo Region](#)
34. [Nutrition for Learning](#)
35. [oneROOF \(Reaching Our Outdoor Friends\)](#)
36. [Peace for All Canada](#) (Sponsor: Social Development Centre)
37. [Porchlight Counseling & Addictions Services \(formerly Family Counseling Centre of Cambridge and North Dumfries\)**](#)
38. [Preston Heights Community Group**](#)
39. [Reception House Waterloo Region](#)
40. [Regional Municipality of Waterloo](#) (on behalf of the Immigration Partnership)

41. [Sanguen Health Centre Foundation](#)
42. [Services and Housing in the Province \(SHIP\)](#)
43. [Sexual Assault Support Centre of Waterloo Region](#)
44. [Shalom Counselling Services Inc.](#)
45. [Smart Waterloo Region Innovation Lab](#)
46. [Social Development Centre Waterloo Region](#)
47. [Spectrum Waterloo Region's Rainbow Community Spac](#)
48. [The AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo and Area](#)
49. [The Healing of The Seven Generations](#) (Sponsor: Family and Children Services Waterloo Region)
50. [The Literacy Group of Waterloo Region](#)**
51. [Volunteer Action Centre of Waterloo Region](#)
52. [Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region](#)**
53. [YMCA of Three Rivers \(Midwestern Ontario\)](#)
54. [YWCA Cambridge](#)**
55. [YW Kitchener-Waterloo \(aka YWCA KW\)](#)

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About United Way Waterloo Region Communities

United Way is the second largest funder of social service programs across the country, second only to government. Thanks to generous donors and partners, United Way is creating change on key social issues such as food security, mental health, and isolation in seniors by investing almost \$3.2 million in critical services to 209 agencies and programs across Waterloo Region in 2021.

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