

News Release

United Way Waterloo Region Communities

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United Way facilitates distribution of \$663,371 through 2023 General Community Fund

47 local agencies funded to support and critical programs addressing issues rooted in poverty and ambivalence.

Waterloo Region – United Way Waterloo Region Communities (UWWRC) recently shared their second cycle of 2023 local community funding of \$663,371, distributed amongst 47 incredible organizations. Thanks to the generosity of donors these funds will be distributed in April to programs contributing to critical social supports, aligned with the vision of a healthy, safe, and inclusive region.

Despite ongoing social and economic challenges, which continue to affect people from all walks of life, UWWRC remains committed to mobilizing generosity and investing in community-wide solutions. The problems in our region, and around the world continue to grow and solutions are as complicated and multilayered as the issues. Funding was distributed with a lens of inclusion and consideration to the diversity of needs and geography in our region as well as through focused cause areas. This funding round saw housing and homelessness, safety and wellbeing, and mental health frontline supports as the top funded areas based on the applications received and ongoing community need.

UWWRC quarterly grants allow for agile and timely funding to a large network of local organizations for specific programs or general operating expenses. “We strive for responsive and holistic funding”, says Amanda Melnick, Senior Director Impact and Stewardship. Each quarter, with the support of a group of trained volunteers, applications are reviewed and selected using segmented criterium, group review, and careful evaluation. Community members are urged to support the united effort to enhance quality of life in our region. We are in this together. **Without you, there is no way.**

United Way Waterloo Region Communities General Community Fund Recipients (April-June 2023)

1. [211](#)
2. [All Saints Community Centre](#)

3. [A Better Tent City Waterloo Region](#) (Sponsor: Social Development Centre)
4. [ACCKWA \(The AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo and Area\)](#)
5. [Argus Residence for Young People](#)
6. [Big Brothers Big Sisters of Waterloo Region](#)
7. [Brain Injury Association Waterloo-Wellington](#)
8. [Cambridge Food Bank](#)
9. [Cambridge Shelter Corporation](#)
10. [Canadian Arab Women Association](#) (Sponsor: Greenway-Chaplin Community Centre)
11. [Carizon Family and Community Services](#)
12. [Child Witness Centre of Waterloo Region](#)
13. [Children & Youth Planning Table \(CYPT\)](#) (via Region of Waterloo)
14. [Community Care Concepts of Woolwich, Wellesley, and Wilmot Townships](#)
15. [Community Justice Initiatives of Waterloo Region](#)
16. [Community Support Connections](#)
17. [Compass Refugee Centre](#)
18. [Crow Shield Lodge](#)
19. [United for Literacy \(formerly Frontier College\)](#)
20. [Greenway-Chaplin Community Centre](#)
21. [House of Friendship](#)
22. [Immigration Partnership](#) (via Region of Waterloo)
23. [Interfaith Community Counselling Centre \(ICCC\)](#)
24. [John Howard Society of Waterloo-Wellington](#)
25. [Kinbridge Community Association](#)
26. [Kind Minds Family Wellness](#) (Sponsor: Community Justice Initiatives)
27. [Kitchener-Waterloo Access-Ability](#)
28. [Kitchener-Waterloo Multicultural Centre](#)
29. [Langs](#)
30. [Muslim Social Services Waterloo Region](#)
31. [Nutrition for Learning](#)
32. [oneROOF Youth Services](#)
33. [Peace for All Canada](#) (Sponsor: Social Development Centre)
34. [Porchlight Counseling & Addictions Services](#) (formerly Family Counseling Centre of Cambridge and North Dumfries)
35. [Services and Housing in the Province \(SHIP\)](#)
36. [Sexual Assault Support Centre of Waterloo Region](#)
37. [Sexual Health Options, Resources & Education Centre \(SHORE Centre\)](#)
38. [Social Development Centre Waterloo Region](#)
39. [Spectrum Waterloo Region's Rainbow Community Space](#)

40. [The Healing of The Seven Generations](#) (Sponsor: Family and Children Services Waterloo Region)
41. [The Literacy Group of Waterloo Region](#)
42. [Volunteer Waterloo Region](#)
43. [Wilmot Family Resource Centre Inc.](#)
44. [Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region](#)
45. [YMCA of Three Rivers \(Midwestern Ontario\)](#)
46. [YW Kitchener-Waterloo \(aka YWCA KW\)](#)
47. [YWCA Cambridge](#)

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About United Way Waterloo Region Communities

United Way Waterloo Region Communities is dedicated to helping people live better lives in every one of the seven communities we serve, and we focus on understanding issues and solutions unique to our community. Thanks to generous donors and partners, we are privileged to collaborate with people, non-profits, and businesses to empower multiple innovative, impactful, and measurable solutions. We are fundraisers and local community builders that support a network of agencies whose programs and services are locally focused, informed, connected, and deeply invested in helping people reach their full potential. To ensure critical agencies, programs and services get the funding they need, and to ensure donors have a clear line of site to the work we do, we have focused on cause-based giving. Campaign for a Cause is a targeted community campaign that provides the opportunity for you or your workplace to give back in a way that aligns directly with your values and goals. To learn more, connect with us at www.uwaywrc.ca.

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