

## News Release

### United Way Waterloo Region Communities

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#### **United Way Waterloo Region Communities Distributes \$716,626 to 58 Local Organizations and Programs**

***Calling on more community support to help meet the needs of our friends and neighbours.***

**Waterloo Region** – United Way Waterloo Region Communities is pleased to announce the distribution of \$716,626 to 58 local community organizations and programs this quarter, starting July 2023. Review of the 87 applications showed a full spectrum of needs; however, a trend was noted in increased requests related to mental health and social isolation in youth, with a significant intersection for community members who are Black, Indigenous and Racialized or living with disabilities.

“All the applications were good, really good”, commented CEO Joan Fisk. “Selecting how to allocate funding is getting more difficult, with more applications and less dollars to work with. We are calling on more community support to help meet the needs of our friends and neighbours.”

The Giving Report, published by CanadaHelps, reported that one in four Canadians, roughly 26% percent, expect to use charitable services this year to meet basic needs while national giving is down 12% from 2019 – 2021.

United Way grants funding, through an application process, to local agencies, four times per year. As a center of philanthropic excellence, they bring people and organizations together to meet community needs and tackle complex social issues.

#### **Funding Recipients (July 2023)**

1. [211](#)
2. [A Better Tent City Waterloo Region](#) (Sponsor: Social Development Centre)
3. [ACCKWA](#)
4. [Adventure4Change](#)
5. [Argus Residence for Young People](#)
6. [Big Brothers Big Sisters of Waterloo Region](#)

7. [Bridges to Belonging](#)
8. [Bring on the Sunshine](#) (Sponsor: Kitchener Waterloo Multicultural Centre)
9. [Cambridge Food Bank](#)
10. [Cambridge Shelter Corporation](#)
11. [Canadian Arab Women's Association](#) (Sponsor: Greenway-Chaplin Community Centre)
12. [Camino Wellbeing + Mental Health](#)
13. [Child Witness Centre of Waterloo Region](#)
14. [Children & Youth Planning Table \(CYPT\)](#) (via Region of Waterloo)
15. [Community Care Concepts of Woolwich, Wellesley and Wilmot Townships](#)
16. [Community Justice Initiatives of Waterloo Region](#)
17. [Community Kitchen Cooperative KW Inc.](#) (Sponsor: The Church of St John the Evangelist)
18. [Community Support Connections](#)
19. [Compass Refugee Centre](#)
20. COPE Kids (Sponsor: Porchlight Counselling & Addictions Services)
21. [Crow Shield Lodge](#)
22. [DeafBlind Ontario Services](#)
23. [Focus for Ethnic Women Waterloo Region Inc.](#)
24. [Hearts Open for Everyone](#) (Sponsor: Woolwich Community Health Centre)
25. [House of Friendship](#)
26. [Immigration Partnership](#) (via Region of Waterloo)
27. [Interfaith Community Counselling Centre \(ICCC\)](#)
28. [John Howard Society of Waterloo-Wellington](#)
29. [Kinbridge Community Association](#)
30. [Kind Minds Family Wellness](#) (Sponsor: Community Justice Initiatives)
31. [Kitchener-Waterloo Multicultural Centre](#)
32. [KW Habilitation Services](#)
33. [Langs](#)
34. [Levant Canada](#) (Sponsor: MT Space)
35. [March of Dimes Canada](#)
36. [Muslim Social Services Waterloo Region](#)
37. [Nutrition for Learning Inc.](#)
38. [oneROOF Youth Services](#)
39. [Peace for All Canada](#) (Sponsor: Social Development Centre)
40. [Porchlight Counselling & Addictions Services \(formerly Family Counselling Centre of Cambridge and North Dumfries\)](#)
41. [Preston Heights Community Group](#)
42. [Reception House Waterloo Region](#)
43. [Sexual Assault Support Centre of Waterloo Region](#)
44. [Sexual Health Options, Resources & Education Centre \(SHORE Centre\)](#)
45. [Social Development Centre Waterloo Region](#)
46. [Somali Canadian Association of Waterloo Region](#) (Sponsor: Greenway-Chaplin Community Centre)

47. [Spectrum Waterloo Region's Community Space](#)
48. [Strong Start Charitable Organization](#)
49. [The Healing of The Seven Generations](#) (Sponsor: Family and Children Services Waterloo Region)
50. [The Literacy Group](#)
51. [United for Literacy](#)
52. [Volunteer Waterloo Region](#)
53. [Waterloo Region Family Network](#)
54. [Wilmot Family Resource Centre Inc.](#)
55. [Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region](#)
56. [YMCA of Three Rivers \(Midwestern Ontario\)](#)
57. [YW Kitchener-Waterloo](#)
58. [YWCA Cambridge](#)

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### **About United Way Waterloo Region Communities**

We believe that every person in every community deserves the opportunities, access, and connections they need to build a good life – regardless of their income, the neighbourhood they live in, or their social identity. 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 fight local poverty by building and strengthening a network of agencies that function as the Waterloo Region's social safety net.

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