

Children & Youth

Empowering children & youth with the support they need to break the cycle of poverty is essential for their long-term success. This includes opportunities for healthy social, emotional, and physical development, to reduce the risk of challenges later in life.

\$419,000

was invested into children & youth supports.

12,568*
individuals accessed supports related to children & youth.

United Way focuses on:

- Social & emotional development
- Mentorship
- Counselling and mental health support
- Child & youth homelessness
- Recreation programs
- School & weekend food programs
- Education programs
- Youth empowerment
- Leadership & volunteer opportunities
- Tutoring or academic support

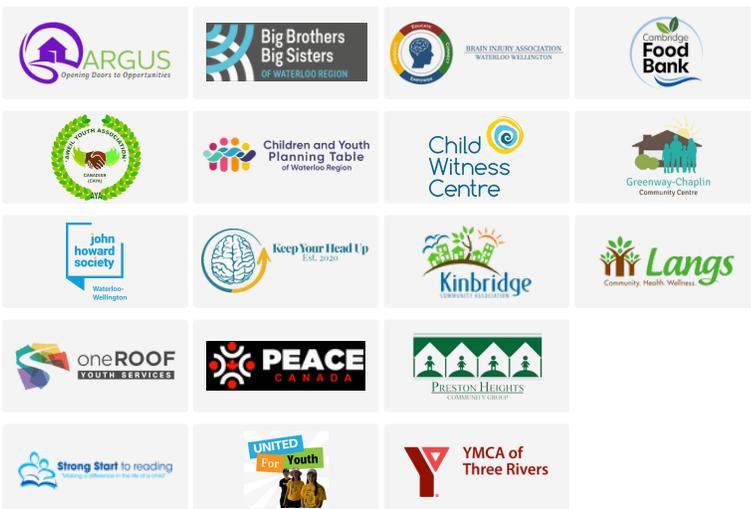
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With the support of the United Way, we were able to use a part time staff to book just under 96 classrooms reaching 2368 students for the fall. Without this funding, we would have relied on volunteers and would have reached far fewer classes.

- Brain Injury Association Waterloo Wellington

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Funded Partners





What we know



15% of youth aged 9–18 are facing food insecurity.



13% of children & youth are experiencing homelessness or hidden homelessness in Waterloo Region.

Outcomes



- Provided services to more than **200 unique individuals** between the ages of 16-25 experiencing homelessness
- Provided **6227** emergency shelter bed stays
- Provided over **4000 meals and 774 food hampers**
- Found permanent housing for **57** individuals



With funding that United Way has provided, JHSWW had the capacity to meet one-third of the program referrals via WRDSB Mental Health Lead.