

#### Dear Friends,

The power of connection — of community — is at our core as Mountaineers. When we embrace each other as one, we fulfill our purpose and inspire hope.

As President John F. Kennedy said, "The sun does not always shine in West Virginia, but the people always do." In times of need, leaders emerge — whether through generosity of time, funds, skills or spirit, which makes Kennedy's other quote, "a rising tide lifts all boats," just as fitting for this year's United Way campaign: United We Rise.

When our people shine with the sense of community, service and selflessness that is innately part of our being, we create a groundswell of change and bring forth a new energy that helps us thrive together.

In Monongalia and Preston counties, we can see this beacon of light in our communities every day. Through the generosity of our community, in 2023, the United Way provided 1,759 hours of service via volunteers, \$50,000 in food was distributed by our Helpful Harvest Food Program each month, 1,102 calls were answered by WV211 operators and 8,366 referrals were made to health and social service resources, 1,140 children received toys and 1,365 individuals received food during the Holiday Toy and Food Distribution, and 464 hygiene kits were assembled and distributed. These are only a few of the 34 programs, in addition to internal programming, working to address health, education, financial and basic needs that the United Way MPC supports through your generous support.

The key to healthier, stronger communities and improving the quality of life for all our citizens is working together. In fact, the greatest attribute of people that live long and well is the strength of their relationships and connection to others, to purpose and to hope.

Your generosity is critical to nourishing the connections that help us meet our mission. When others see how our contributions make our community a better place. we create a ripple effect.

Let's light the way for our community, serving as the tide that lifts us all by embracing and supporting our connectedness.

United We Rise.

**United Way Campaign Co-chairs** 

**Major General** (Ret) James Hoyer

Vice President for Economic Innovation. West Virginia University

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Chancellor and Executive Dean, WVU **Health Sciences** 





















































## **United We Rise to the Challenges Put Before Us**

Everyone deserves the opportunity to thrive. That's why United Way mobilizes the caring power of neighbors, businesses, and community partners to lead transformational change here in Monongalia and Preston counties.

From strengthening local resilience to advancing health, youth opportunity, financial security, and basic needs, we're working toward a future where everyone can reach their full potential.

Where everyone can build, grow, and thrive.

When you donate, here is how you help people in our community rise.

...fight
for those
facing uphill battles.

1,131 people received mental health counseling, addiction, and recovery treatment through United Way programs in 2023.

...boost the workforce.

216 people with disabilities were provided with meaningful and gainful employment through United Way programs in 2023.

...care for the elderly.

\$10 provides 1 hour of homemaker/home health aide service that includes personal care such as assistance with a shower, washing hair, dressing, and nail care.



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Leadership Givers receive recognition in publications, on the website, and at the LGA reception.

For more info: unitedwaympc.org.

**Tocqueville Society** 

...give parents time to work.

...introduce hildren to new worlds.

6 gift can purchase ree book per month a year to a child, ages birth-5.

...feed the hungry.

Just \$7 provides a weekend meal in a backpack for a child.

1,628 children received afterschool care and educational programs each month last year through United Way funded programs.

...help children heal.

A generous \$500 donation provides 10 therapy sessions for victims of child abuse.

### unitedwaympc.org



## 2025 CAMPAIGN

# United Way of Monongalia and Preston Counties



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### **United Way of Monongalia and Preston Counties**

## **Funded Programs**

American Red Cross 304-598-9500 | redcrosswv.org Prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and generosity of donors.

### Catholic Charities West Virginia 304-292-6597 | ccwva.org

Works to alleviate, prevent and reduce poverty through direct service and programs that provide basic needs and opportunities for improving the wellbeing for all people in need.

### Chestnut Mountain Ranch 304-241-1709 | cmrwv.org

Provides a safe haven for boys and families in crisis where boys can experience positive family values while attending school, church and taking part in a variety of activities, all of which encourage constant learning and health relationships in a supportive environment.

#### **Christian Help**

304-296-0221 | motownchristianhelp.com Assists residents with emergency financial assistance, food orders, free clothing, household items and kitchenware, interview and job application assistance, and a Jobs for Life training program.

#### Community Kitchen Inc. 304-594-2134

morgantowncommunitykitchen.com Operates in downtown Morgantown to provide a nutritional lunch-time meal for the hungry in the community.

#### **Connecting Champions** 412-206-9710

ConnectingChampions.org

Provides kids and young adults with cancer a mentor in their field of interest to help them achieve a successful life and career.

#### Food for Preston

304-379-3519 | foodforpreston.org Works to secure food, funding and volunteers for 10 food pantries and the backpack feeding program to fight hunger in Preston County.

- Backpack Program

#### Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council

304-345-7722 | bdgsc.org Offers a leadership program designed to help girls discover who they are, what

they can do and connect them with a powerful community of girls and mentors to make it happen.

#### Lauren's Wish

304-241-4000 | laurenswish.org Helps those struggling with substance use disorder find hope and recover from this disease. Projects include establishing an Addiction Triage Center as well as plans for a long-term residential addiction treatment program

- Client and Facility Needs

### Legal Aid of West Virginia 304-296-0001 | lawv.net

Helps to ensure fairness in the justice system by providing free assistance to eligible individuals and families facing civil legal issues affecting their health, safety, economic security and other basic needs

- Domestic Violence Assistance Project

#### Literacy Volunteers

304-296-3400 | www.lvmpc.org Provides free tutoring for adults to improve their reading, writing, speaking and listening. Provides community literacy-based clubs/groups and the Ruby Read Mobile Library and more than 20 little libraries.

#### Milan Puskar Health Right

304-292-8234 | mphealthright.org Provides access to primary care, medications, mental health, dental, vision and case management services to low-income uninsured or underinsured residents. Also promotes health through direct practice, education and advocacy.

- Primary Healthcare

# Monongalia County Child Advocacy Center 304-598-0344 | moncocac.org

Provides a child-friendly and safe environment where child abuse victims and their families are interviewed, educated and healed.

#### Morgantown Area Meals on Wheels

304-599-1954 | morgantownwvmow.org Prepares and delivers affordable meals to clients in their homes, enabling them to meet their nutrition needs.

#### Morgantown Area Youth Services Project Inc. 304-284-7321

Aims to reduce delinquency, substance abuse, and violence among youth and young adults in Mon County, through intervention, education services and

community service.
- Substance Use and Disorder

#### Mountaineer Area Robotics

304-282-4473 | marsfirst.org Promotes high school robotics team to enhance interest in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and wellrounded life capabilities.
- MARS STEM

#### Mountain Stewardship and Outdoor Leadership School

304-290-5917 | mountainsol.org Focuses on nature awareness, stewardship, and youth-led leadership by offering in-school classes for students at Morgantown Learning Academy and afterschool and summer programs available to all local students.

#### On Eagles' Wings

304-288-9748 | oneagleswingswv.org Uses the therapeutic power of horses to improve and enhance the lives of those with physical, cognitive and psychosocial disabilities.

#### **Operation Welcome Home**

304-657-8510 | welcomehomewv.com Helps veterans gain meaningful jobs by removing common barriers to employment and placing them with employers that understand the value of a veteran.

and Purpose

#### **PACE Enterprises**

304-983-7223 | paceenterprises.org Helps people with disabilities find great jobs and live independent lives by providing job training, placement and support services.

#### Preston County Workshop 304-864-6446 | pcsworkshop.com

Provides employment evaluations, job training, employment placement, safety training, personal hygiene and other related services.

#### Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center

304-292-5100 | rdvic.org Provides emergency shelter, counseling, support groups, advocacy, community education and volunteer opportunities confidentially and free of charge. Provides a community-based comprehensive service that advocates for the equal rights of all individuals to have control of their lives without violence or threat of violence.

#### Scott's Run Settlement House

304-599-5020 | srsh.org Provides social services to individuals and families in need by offering programs and services that meet the most basic needs.

- Backpack Program

### Scouting America, Mountaineer Area Council

304-366-3940 | scouting.org Serves youth in north-central West Virginia by providing them with programs that build character, provide citizenship training and develop personal fitness.

#### Spark! Imagination and Science Center

304-292-4646 | sparkwv.org

Inspires children and their grown-ups to learn, discover and grow together through interactive exhibits, special events and educational programs that explore science, engineering, healthy habits and more.

### The Shack Neighborhood House 304-599-5466 | the-shack.org

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Provides year-round academic enrichment, healthy living, social diversity and recreational programs for area children, teens and families.

### Visiting Homemakers 304-599-7743

visitinghomemakerservicewv.org Provides in-home care for elderly, ill and disabled residents of Mon County. Aides provide personal care, light housekeeping, transportation and respite. Also operates before and after school programming.

### **United Way Internal Programs**

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library 304-296-7525 | unitedwaympc.org/dpil Fosters literacy in Mon County by providing one free book per month to children ages birth-5, regardless of socioeconomic status.

### Helpful Harvest Food Program 304-296-7525

unitedwaympc.org/helpfulharvest Works to get food into the hands of those who need it most by providing area programs and pantries with a variety of foods, including nonperishables, fresh produce, and local meat and dairy products.

## Monongalia County Family Resource Network

304-322-2064 | unitedwaympc.org/frn Identifies community needs and gaps in services, builds community capacity to address identified needs, and promotes public awareness regarding policies and issues in Monongalia County.

Dial 211 or visit unitedwaympc.org/wv211 Provides a free, confidential service to connect area residents to critical health and social service resources when they need help the most.

