



United Way of
Lebanon County

The Impact of Lebanon County United Way Investments in the Lives of Lebanon County Students and Families

Your contributions to the Annual Community Giving Campaign enable the United Way of Lebanon County to:

- *fund our Signature Service Programs*
- *annually award Community Impact Grants to local non-profit organizations*
- *implement Day of Caring and Stuff the Bus every year*

Signature Service Programs

Communities in Schools in Northwest Lebanon, Union Canal and Ebenezer Elementary Schools

- **Community School Coordinator positions are funded by United Way**
- **Services help address students' academic, attendance, and behavioral needs**

Tier 1 Supports - in group settings (last school year):

- 759, representing 1,744 hours
- 26,948 students served (duplicated)
- 1,937 parents/guardians engaged (duplicated)

Tier 3 Supports - individualized (last school year):

- 54 students in grades K-5
- 100% made progress on their academic goals
- 83.5% made progress on their attendance goals
- 89% made progress on their behavior goals

Basic Needs:

- Distributed 564 items - food, clothing, hygiene products, school supplies, etc.

211 Resource Referral Hotline & Database:

- **United Way funds 211 services for households in Lebanon County**
 - In their time of need more than 4,000 of our neighbors throughout Lebanon County receive referrals every year to county and state organizations by calling, texting, emailing, and through social media and by using the online 211 database
 - They're referred for housing assistance, utility assistance, access to food, crisis counseling support and more

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance):

- **United Way is the funding partner for the VITA program in Lebanon County**
 - IRS-certified VITA volunteers provide FREE tax preparation services for families earning less than \$62,000 per year
 - Last tax year:
 - 820 tax returns prepared
 - \$889,000 in total tax credits and refunds for clients served
 - Clients' average annual family income is \$28,000
 - \$165,000 saved in tax preparation fees

2024 United Way Community Impact Grants were awarded to:

- **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lebanon County**
- **CASA of Lebanon County**
- **Compeer of Lebanon County**
- **Domestic Violence Intervention of Lebanon County**
- **Girls on the Run of Lebanon County**
- **Lebanon County Christian Ministries**
- **Lebanon County Library System**
- **Lebanon Family Health Services**
- **Lebanon School District Cedar Closet**
- **Lebanon Valley Family YMCA**
- **LutherCare for Kids**
- **Making a Difference of Lebanon**
- **Nick Services**
- **Phoenix Youth Center**
- **Power Packs Project**
- **Potential Reentry Opportunities in Business and Education**
- **Salem Lutheran Church**
- **St. James Players**
- **Sexual Assault Resource & Counseling Center**
- **Union Community Care**

The long-term goal for our Impact Grants is to permanently reduce the number of families and individuals below an affordable living standard in our communities by:

- Connecting families to community resources and programs to help them improve their economic self-dependence
- Removing barriers to learning for our most vulnerable children because education is the path to self-dependence
- Giving all of Lebanon County children a strong start in life

Day of Caring

For United Way of Lebanon County's Day of Caring, more than 500 volunteers came together on April 20th to work on more than 40 different projects, including cleanup of parks, waterways, and other beautification projects around the county. Many of these projects took place in areas around Cornwall-Lebanon schools, where community members and students worked together to give back to the community in which we live.

Stuff the Bus

On July 13th and 20th families and companies contributed more than 1,300 backpacks and lots of school supplies for United Way's Annual Stuff the Bus event. More than 850 of those backpacks filled with supplies were distributed to students in need at the Back to School Festival on August 3rd. The remaining backpacks and supplies will be distributed to schools throughout Lebanon County. The goal this year was to collect enough supplies to give new backpacks and basic supplies to every child who needs them in every school district in the county.

