At United Way of West Central Connecticut, we believe the most important work often happens in the trenches— and often quietly by people who do not seek recognition. We remember this past year for the lives we changed and the communities we strengthened. For the opportunities we created.

This year’s annual report shines a light on some of the people and organizations we helped, as well as those who made it possible. You will see stories about our fight to get books into young children’s hands. About our fight against homelessness in Bristol and senior isolation in Plymouth. As these examples make clear, we fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person in every community.

At United Way, we believe that health, education and financial stability are the building blocks of a strong community. When a child is healthy, he goes to school. When a student receives a good education, she gets a job that provides for her and her family. Our community-based approach would be impossible without the assistance of our corporate, community, labor and government partners. Deeply rooted problems require the time and talents of a range of individuals and organizations, and we are incredibly grateful for their support.

That support is critical in a time when it seems like the only constant is change itself. In times of turbulence, however, we believe that our time-tested way of working—forging unlikely partnerships and mobilizing resources to develop sustainable solutions—is more valuable than ever. People will look to United Way to bring them together with opportunities to organize, build coalitions and effect positive change.

We’re proudly stepping forward, and we’re eager for the challenge. We know that tough issues require tough work, and that change doesn’t happen alone. It takes everyone fighting and pulling as one. To all of our partners, donors, advocates and volunteers, thank you for being in the trenches with us this year. With your help, we will continue fighting to create lasting change that impacts countless lives, makes our community a better place and leaves an enduring mark on society.

UNITED WE FIGHT. UNITED WE WIN.

Thank you.

Donna Osuch
President and CPO
Our Vision

To advance the common good by creating lasting changes to improve lives in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville and Plymouth/Terryville.

Our Mission

We unite our communities to create opportunities for a better life for all by focusing on education, financial stability and health.
HELPING CHILDREN & YOUTH ACHIEVE THEIR POTENTIAL

Our Community Partners in Education 2016-2017

BCO/Bristol Family Resource Center
Boys & Girls Club of Bristol Family Center
Bristol Preschool Child Care Center
CRC/Boy Scouts of America
Girl Scouts of CT
Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters
Plainville Early Learning Center
Plymouth Family Resource Center

Ages & Stages Screening (SEARCH)
Cambridge Park Outreach Services
Project Learn - West Street
Hardship Subsidy
Weekend Food Backpack Program
Participation for Underprivileged Youth
Summer Campership Program
Community-Based Mentoring
Preschool and School-Aged Programs
Early Childhood Education

United Way Community Impact Work - Education Initiatives

Bristol Early Childhood Alliance (BECA)
Kids in the Middle (KIM)
Youth Board

Bristol Preschool, Community Partner

Kids in the Middle
Field Day at Barnes Nature Center
Education

Bristol Early Childhood Alliance

Formed 9 years ago, Bristol Early Childhood Alliance’s Appetite for Reading Program shares the love of reading by getting books into the hands of kids throughout Bristol. This effort has grown to include 11 bookshelves at area restaurants, ice cream parlors, pediatrician offices, nonprofits and local businesses. Between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017, 8,034 books have flown off the shelves, and into the hands of kids and families.

![Girl Reading Book at Pediatric Care Center](image)
![Waiting Room in Bristol](image)

Kids in the Middle

Five middle schools from Bristol, Burlington, Plainville and Plymouth operated a Kids in the Middle (KIM) program, with 438 students completing 4,167 hours of community service. In Fall 2016, KIM students from the four towns joined together at Winding Trails to learn problem-solving and leadership skills and break down stereotypes, thanks to a grant from Thomaston Savings Bank. In the Spring of 2017, KIM kids from Bristol, Burlington, Plainville & Plymouth gathered at the Barnes Nature Center for a wrap-up celebration, filled with problem-solving and leadership-building games and activities.

Youth Board

Thirty students from all 6 local high schools met monthly to discuss issues, raise awareness, and volunteer during local events, such as the Day of Caring and the Children’s Reverse Parade. They also raised funds for the United Way through the Charity Cycling Challenge.

The students organized and volunteered at a Senior Citizen Prom at the Bristol Senior Center - which brought over 100 seniors from local and surrounding towns for an Italian-themed Prom Night.
HELPING FAMILIES IMPROVE FINANCIAL STABILITY

Our Community Partners in Income 2016-2017

Bristol Adult Resource Center (BARC)  Respite, Recreation & Volunteerism
Bristol Community Organization (BCO)  Case Worker/Social Services Program
Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
Literacy Volunteers of Central CT  Greater Bristol Literacy Program
Salvation Army  Comprehensive Emergency Assistance
Soup Kitchen
St. Vincent De Paul Mission of Bristol  Bristol Homeless Shelter

United Way Community Impact Work - Income Initiatives

Adopt-A-Child Back to School Program
Bristol Task Force to End Family Homelessness
Financial Coaching
Financial Education Classes
Joy of Sharing Program
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

Joy of Sharing Toy & Food Drive

Over 52 businesses, organizations and individuals donated food or toys during our Joy of Sharing drive. These were distributed to families in the community through 21 partnering organizations, making the holidays bright for many local children.

In May 2017, United Way added a Joy of Sharing Summer Food Drive to help restock local food pantries during a time of year when their food supplies are often low.
Adopt-A-Child Back to School Program
Through the generosity of over 48 organizations and many individuals and families, 550 local children from Bristol, Burlington, Plainville and Plymouth received a new outfit, backpack, and school supplies for the first day of school. On September 17, 2016, Bristol Firefighters, Police, Teachers and EMTs organized a “We Are One” Softball Tournament and hundreds of school supplies were donated. United Way distributed the many donations to children in need in Bristol schools.

Bristol Task Force to End Family Homelessness
The Bristol Task Force to End Family Homelessness works collaboratively to build a homelessness response and prevention system that meets the dynamic conditions of human need. The Task Force includes over 50 individuals and representatives of more than 20 organizations, who meet monthly to plan, advocate and take actions to prevent and to resolve local housing problems and needs of people in Bristol experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless.

Financial Coaching
Five new participants built their families’ financial stability by participating in one-on-one coaching sessions. All increased their financial knowledge and improved their family’s financial stability, as evidenced by the completion of family budgets, pre- and post-tests and moving forward with their identified financial goals. Eight new financial coaches completed training in August 2016, through a Main Street Community Foundation grant.

Financial Education Classes
Classes were offered in partnership with the CT Money School on topics including budgeting and stretching dollars, the financial implications of divorce, and financial recovery. Thirty-two individuals were able to grow their knowledge of financial literacy, moving towards improved financial stability for their families. 4 of these individuals attended multiple courses, demonstrating their commitment to strengthening their family’s economic stability and reaching their financial goals.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program
For the 8th year running, free income tax preparation was offered twice weekly throughout the tax season at the United Way office. Twenty volunteers filed over 492 returns, saving low to moderate income families over $121,000 in tax preparation fees. The average refund was $1,428. $676,991 were returned to the community through Federal & State refunds last year alone. 94% of clients surveyed reported being “very satisfied with the service they received”. Beyond receiving tax preparation services, VITA clients also receive information and referral to a variety of local asset-building resources.
IMPROVING PEOPLE’S HEALTH & WELLNESS

Our Community Partners in Health 2016-2017

Bristol Hospital Parent & Child Center
Catholic Charities
CMHA
PARC - Plainville
Prudence Crandall Center
Wheeler Clinic

Family Wellness Program
Elderly Outreach Counseling Program
Behavioral Health Home Initiative
Aging with Developmental Disabilities
Bristol Outreach Program
Bristol Health and Wellness Center
Child and Adolescent Extended Day Treatment
Children’s Trauma Initiative
Early Childhood Development Program
LIVESTRONG at the Y
Sexual Assault Crisis Service

Wheeler Regional YMCA
YWCA of New Britain

United Way Community Impact Work - Health Initiatives

2-1-1 Infoline
Familywize Prescription Discount Program
West Central Connecticut TRIAD Program
The West Central CT TRIAD strives to strengthen community partnerships that help improve the quality of life, health and safety of older residents of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville and Plymouth. Over 15 volunteers meet regularly to address Senior Issues through our SALT Council (Seniors And Law Enforcement Together), including members of law enforcement, organizations that serve seniors and older (more experienced!) adult volunteers.

Over 120 seniors came to the Plainville Senior Center for the 5th Annual TRIAD Spring Conference, “Cognition & Creativity: The Power of Lifelong Learning and the Arts”. Speakers included Dr. Margarita Reyes (shown left) of Bristol Hospital and Thomas Hayden of the Alzheimer’s Resource Center. Attendees got to experience a variety of activities including Big Brain Academy, coloring and crosswords, vision collage, relaxation and art. Attendees got to participate in a Functional Fitness demonstration and a Drum Circle, share a healthy lunch and hear about many resources available in the community.
The 2017 Day of Caring was made possible by the following organizations, businesses and schools:


Participating Schools: Bristol Central HS, Bristol Eastern HS, Bristol Sports Hall of Fame, Bristol Preparatory Academy, Plainville HS, Regional School District #10, St. Paul Catholic HS, Terryville HS.
United Way’s largest volunteer mobilization effort of the year is our annual Day of Caring.

On May 19, 2017, nearly 550 hard-working volunteers completed 52 projects at 33 sites in our four communities! Local businesses, organizations, and all the local high schools banded together to help 26 nonprofit organizations better serve the community.
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Community Builders’ Reception

Volunteer Financial Coach Graduation

Little Free Library on Main Street

Kids in the Middle Field Day at Barnes Nature Center

Golf Tournament
TRIAD Spring Conference:
“Cognition & Creativity”
2016-2017 Event Highlights

- Joy of Sharing Food Drive
- Outreach Event at Imagine Nation, A Museum Early Learning Center
- Rails-to-Trails Cleanup in Burlington
- High School Students Sorting Food
## 2016-2017 Fund Distribution

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### Education

- **Bristol Community Organization and the Bristol Family Resource Center**
  - Ages & Stages Questionnaire Screening (SEARCH) $14,250
- **Bristol Preschool Child Care Center**
  - Weekend Food Backpack Program $2,280
  - Hardship Subsidies $9,120
- **CT Rivers Council - Boy Scouts of America**
  - Participation for Underprivileged Youth $3,800
- **Girl Scouts Summer**
  - Campership Program $3,800
- **Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters**
  - Community Based Mentoring $3,800
- **Plainville Early Learning Center**
  - Preschool and School-Aged Programs $7,125
- **Education Connection Flymouth FRC**
  - Early Childhood Education & Kindergarten $8,075
  - Early Childhood Development Program $9,500
- **Bristol Adult Resource Center (BARC)**
  - Respite, Recreation & Volunteerism $9,500
- **CT Legal Services**
  - Legal Aid - Civil $3,800
- **HRA of New Britain**
  - Case Worker/Social Services Program $19,000
- **Literacy Volunteers of CT**
  - Greater Bristol Literacy Program $4,750
- **Salvation Army**
  - Comprehensive Emergency Assistance Program $4,038
  - Soup Kitchen $4,038
- **St. Vincent De Paul Mission of Bristol**
  - Bristol Homeless Shelter $28,500

### Income

- **Bristol Hospital Parent & Child Center**
  - Family Wellness Program $7,600
- **Catholic Charities**
  - Elderly Outreach Counseling Services $7,600
- **Community Mental Health Affiliates**
  - Behavioral Health Home Initiative $14,250
- **PARC**
  - Aging with Developmental Disabilities $2,850
- **Prudence Crandall**
  - Bristol Outreach Program $17,100
- **United Way of CT**
  - 2-1-1 Infoline $6,846
  - Bristol Health and Wellness Center $9,500
- **Wheeler Clinic**
  - Child and Adolescent Extended Day Treatment $12,350
  - Children's Trauma Initiative $11,400
  - LIVESTRONG at the Y $2,850
  - Sexual Assault Crisis Service $7,600

### Health

- **Wheeler Regional YMCA**
- **YWCA of New Britain**
### Statement of Financial Position

#### ASSETS

**Current Assets:**
- Cash and cash equivalents: $236,498 ($269,151)
- Cash-invested: 97,842 (97,561)
- Investments, at market values: 876,178 (880,178)
- Pledges receivable: 551,259 (597,530)
- Other current assets: 11,775 (10,851)

Total current assets: $1,773,552 ($1,855,271)

**Plant and Equipment:**
- Plant and equipment: $68,146 ($68,146)
- Less - Accumulated depreciation: 66,827 (65,730)

Net plant and equipment: $1,319 ($2,416)

Total assets: $1,774,871 ($1,857,687)

#### LIABILITIES

**Current Liabilities:**
- Allocations payable to designated agencies: $669,306 ($726,499)
- Accounts payable and accruals: 20,416 (16,197)
- Due to affiliates: 4,418 (3,418)

Total current liabilities: 694,140 (746,114)

Total liabilities: $694,140 ($746,114)

#### NET ASSETS

**Unrestricted:**
- Unappropriated: $596,777 ($649,572)
- Appropriated-Investment in Plant and Equipment: 1,319 (2,416)
- Appropriated-Board Community Initiatives: 3,736 (3,101)

Total unrestricted net assets: $601,832 ($655,089)

**Temporarily restricted:**

138,112 (115,697)

**Permanently restricted:**

340,787 (340,787)

Total net assets: $1,080,731 ($1,111,573)

Total liabilities and net assets: $1,774,871 ($1,857,687)
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