"United Way is working to advance the common good by focusing on the building blocks for a good life - a quality education that leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family through retirement, and ensuring our most basic needs are met."

**EDUCATION**

Increasing opportunities for children and youth to succeed.

**EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION**

Children birth-5 have expanded access to quality early educational experiences.

**PROGRAMS**
- Catholic Charities - Infant Toddler Care
- Cheshire YMCA – Child Care
- Reach Out & Read - Read Together – Early Literacy

**INITIATIVES**
- Waterbury Bridge To Success Community Partnership

**FAMILY ENGAGEMENT & POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

Children and youth 5-18 have opportunities to experience success and achieve their potential.

**PROGRAMS**
- Boys & Girls Club – After School Program
- Cheshire YMCA – School Age Care
- Children's Community School – Personalized Education
- Girls Inc. – GirlStart
- Girl Scouts - Leadership Experience
- Nutmeg Big Brothers/Sisters – Mentoring
- Safe Haven – Community Education
- Waterbury YMCA – Camp, Hoops & Homework, School Age Care
- Waterbury Youth Services – Linking Academics to Life

**INITIATIVES**
- Waterbury Bridge To Success Community Partnership

**HEALTH CARE**

Access to appropriate, affordable physical, dental & behavioral healthcare, including prevention & intervention services.

**PROGRAMS**
- American Red Cross – Disaster Relief
- Catholic Charities – Behavioral Health
- CT Counseling Centers – Methadone Maintenance
- CT Legal Services – Legal Aid
- Mental Health Connecticut – Independence Center
- Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury – Domestic Violence Shelter, Non-Shelter Services
- StayWell Health Center – Dental, Women’s Health
- Waterbury Youth Services – Youth and Family Emergency Services
- Wellmore - Child Clinical, Mobile Crisis Intervention Services, Therapeutic Shelter, Women and Children’s Program

**INITIATIVES**
- Greater Waterbury Health Partnership

**BASIC NEEDS**

Helping people become more self-sufficient in meeting their basic needs.

**HOUSING**

Access to safe and affordable housing - temporary and permanent.

**PROGRAMS**
- American Red Cross – Disaster Services
- CT Legal Services – Legal Aid
- Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury - Domestic Violence Shelter
- The Salvation Army – Family Shelter

**INITIATIVES**
- Coordinated Access Network (Housing/Homeless Services)
- EFSP- Emergency Food & Shelter Program

**FOOD**

Access to affordable, nutritious food.

**PROGRAMS**
- American Red Cross – Disaster Services
- Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries - Soup Kitchen
- The Salvation Army – Comprehensive Emergency Assistance

**INITIATIVES**
- Food Resource Committee
- Stock the Pantry
- Holiday Assistance
- Healthy Foods
- EFSP- Emergency Food & Shelter Program

**FINANCIAL STABILITY**

Increasing financial stability through employment opportunities.

**TRAINING AND EDUCATION FOR UNDER-EMPLOYED & UNEMPLOYED YOUTH & ADULTS**

Expanded entry level employment opportunities that may lead to self-sufficiency.

**PROGRAMS**
- Waterbury Youth Services – Support for Self-Determination

**TRAINING AND EDUCATION FOR EXPERIENCED WORKERS**

Expanded training and employment opportunities.

**PROGRAMS**
- Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board – Home Works Program

**INCOME SUPPORTS FOR WORKING HOUSE-HOLDS THAT FOSTER ECONOMIC SECURITY**

Access to programs and practices that increase household income including financial literacy.

**INITIATIVES**
- CT Association for Human Services – Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
- CT United Ways – Trust Plus Financial Coaching
- Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC) - Financial Opportunity Center at NVCC
- Community Partners in Action – Greater Waterbury Reentry Welcome Center

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