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United Way of York County Invests $600K in 2020 Community Investments

JANUARY 28, 2020 - KENNEBUNK, ME. United Way of York County has awarded $600,000 in grants to organizations throughout the community that provide direct services. A total of 37 nonprofits will receive investments this year for 61 programs addressing a variety of critical needs for children, youth, adults, and families. These investments support United Way’s strategic priority areas of Bright Beginnings, Connected Youth, and Supportive Services.

“Each year we are very proud to invest financial and in-kind resources into high quality direct services that support York County residents and that align with our strategic priority areas,” noted United Way of York County President & CEO Barb Wentworth. “Those areas include providing the best start for our youngest children, increasing access to healthy foods for children and seniors, engaging youth in meaningful service, and meeting basic needs – all critical components of our collective efforts to build an even stronger York County.”

Since its inception in 1986, and thanks to the support of thousands of generous individuals, businesses, and organizations throughout York County, United Way has invested more than $40 million in programs, projects, and initiatives that make a difference in the lives of those they serve.

New investments this year include LearningWorks Afterschool; Sweetser’s New England Eating Disorders; Mental Health Support for York County Community Action Corporation’s Head Start; Locker Project’s York County School Pantries; Spurwink’s Therapeutic Preschool and School-based Behavioral Health Supports; and Woodfords
Family Service’s EnRICHment Summer and After-school Program. The complete list of 2020 community investments is available online.

United Way of York County also invests $260,000 in strategic projects and initiatives. This includes $33,000 for 211 Maine, a statewide free, confidential resource that connects Maine residents to services to keep them healthy and living independently. A new strategic investment for 2020 is $37,000 for Biddeford Ready!, which prepares children for Kindergarten.

**About United Way of York County**

United Way of York County improves lives by mobilizing people and resources. United Way of York County makes every dollar you give do more right here in your community. To learn more about United Way of York County, visit [www.buildcommunity.org](http://www.buildcommunity.org) or call 207-985-3359.

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