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**United Way of York County grants
\$640K to local organizations**

FEBRUARY 15, 2017 - KENNEBUNK, ME. United Way of York County has awarded \$640,000 in grants to various organizations throughout the community. A total of 37 nonprofits will receive investments this year for 63 programs addressing a variety of critical needs in the county. These investments support United Way’s strategic priority areas of Bright Beginnings, Healthy Foods, Connected Youth and Supportive Services.

“These vital programs support the best start for our youngest citizens, provide healthy foods for children and seniors, engage youth in meaningful service, and meet basic needs, all critical components of our collective efforts to build an even stronger York County,” noted United Way of York County President & CEO Barb Wentworth.

New grants in the Bright Beginnings strategic area include “Count ME In,” which promotes elementary school attendance for school success, and York County Community Action Corp.’s “A Place for Us,” which provides support to strengthen families to allow them to support their young children. There are also two new grants in the Connected Youth strategic area, American Red Cross’ “Youth Volunteer Engagement” that increases the number of youth involved in their community; and Sanford Springvale YMCA’s “Y Interact Leaders Club” that promotes youth service and philanthropy as a path to leadership and civic responsibility.

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 \$20 million in programs that make a difference in the lives of those they serve. For a complete list of 2017 community investments, please visit United Way of York County’s website at <http://www.buildcommunity.org/>

About United Way of York County

United Way of York County strengthens community conditions by bringing people and resources together to effect long-lasting changes that improve lives. Together we focus on important issues that impact the well-being of children, youth, seniors and families in our community.

To learn more about United Way of York County and be a part of the change you want to see in the world, visit www.buildcommunity.org or call 207-985-3359 to learn how you can Give, Advocate or Volunteer.

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