10 FACTS ABOUT YOUR UNITED WAY



United Way of Cayuga County

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- 1) Together, we raised \$708,787 in donations and pledges during the 2020-21 Campaign that is funding **28 programs** within **20 partner agencies** throughout 2021.
- 2) Workplace giving consists of employee and corporate/business gifts which make up 47% of our total funds raised- \$326,966.
- 3) More than 24,000 Cayuga County residents rely on United Way funded programs. Of those turning to programs, 60% were accessing basic and safety net needs such as food, shelter, housing, transportation, child care, technology, and more.
- 4) In 2020, more than 130 volunteers gave of their time and talents by serving on the Board of Directors, numerous committees, the Campaign Cabinet, CA\$H program, and more.
- 5) With help from hundreds of community members, 38 local businesses, and volunteers, the United Way of Cayuga County collected **2,958 hygiene items** for the abbreviated, one-week Countywide Personal Care Drive, distributed to **14 food pantries**, **soup kitchens**, **and shelters**.
- 6) Cayuga County tapped the United Way to establish, convene, and lead the Cayuga County COVID-19 Community Task Force to develop recommendations for the county to enhance our community's response to the pandemic. Interim report is available on United Way's website.
- 7) In March, your United Way of Cayuga County collaborated with local organizations to host a 21 Day Equity Challenge to raise awareness and educate participants of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. There were more than 250 participants.
- 8) During the 2020 contactless tax season, some **208 tax returns** were processed between CA\$H and MyFreeTaxes, bringing back more than \$500,000 to Cayuga County.
- 9) 2-1-1 is a free, confidential information and referral hotline, available 24/7, that you can access by dialing 2-1-1, texting 898-211, or visit their website to access a database with over 69,000 programs or services.
- 10) ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) consists of individuals and families who work but cannot make ends meet—in Cayuga County more than 30% of your neighbors are one emergency away from poverty. Your United Way is collaborating with other organizations to address this critical and growing issue.



More than **1,600 gifts were made by** individuals, employees, businesses, organizations, foundations and more to support the 2020-21 Campaign.