## 10 FACTS ABOUT YOUR UNITED WAY



- 1) Together, we raised \$626,101 in donations and pledges during the 2023-24 Campaign that is currently funding 34 programs within 25 partner agencies in Cayuga County.
- 2) Last Campaign, we enlisted the help of Regional Co-Chairs to encourage community giving among neighbors in County North, Central, and South. Among community donors, there was an 11% increase in the number of people supporting the United Way of Cayuga County.
- 3) More than 50% of Cayuga County residents turned to a United Way funded agency to access critical programs in the areas of Education, Health, Financial Stability, and Safety Net Needs.
- **4)** In 2023, more than **563 volunteers** gave their time and talents by serving on the Board of Directors, numerous committees, the Campaign Cabinet, CA\$H program, Day of Caring, and more.
- 5) Held in conjunction with the United Way Day of Caring, the 2023 Countywide Personal Care Drive collected 5,005 hygiene items that were distributed to 17 Cayuga County food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters. The Day of Caring brought together 220 volunteers who tackled 16 projects in Fair Haven, Sennett, Auburn, Aurora, Poplar Ridge, and King Ferry.
- **6)** For the 2023-24 funding cycle, a total of **9 Community Building Mini-Grants** were distributed to local nonprofits to support emergency needs, professional development, and program essentials **providing a combined total of \$8,570**.
- 7) **Student United Way** launched in October 2022 in partnership with Auburn High School. The pilot program consisted of **6 seniors**, this past year the program grew to **8 students**.
- 8) During the 2023 tax season, 392 tax returns were processed between CA\$H and MyFreeTaxes, bringing back more than \$550,000 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 211lifeline.org to access a database with over 70,000 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 36% of your neighbors are struggling to make ends meet. Check out the newest report at unitedforalice.org.



