

YOUR GIFTS IN ACTION

COUNTY CENTRAL | CAYUGA COUNTY



Auburn Community Hospital Volunteers at the American Red Cross Blood Drive for United Way of Cayuga County's 5th Annual Day of Caring (8/7/2025)

FAST FACTS: COUNTY CENTRAL

- Your United Way of Cayuga County has been serving the central region since 1922 when we opened as the Community Chest of Auburn
- 35 of the 36 United Way funded programs serve county central residents
- Towns that make up County Central are Aurelius, Fleming, Owasco, Sennett, Throop as well as the City of Auburn and the Village of Cayuga
- Of those turning to a United Way funded program, 82% live in the Auburn and Cayuga zip codes

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: SS Peter & John Episcopal Soup Kitchen

Gifts to the United Way of Cayuga County support **community resilience**, **youth opportunity**, **healthy communities**, and **financial security** programs. Healthy Communities = nourished communities. With food insecurity on the rise, the need for feeding programs is growing. SS Peter & John Episcopal **Soup Kitchen** provides more than 36,000 meals a year and thanks to United Way funding they are able to increase their days of service from three to four.

PROGRAMS SERVING CENTRAL RESIDENTS

American Red Cross - **Disaster Services & Services to Armed Forces**
 ARISE - **Ramp Program**
 Auburn Music Boosters - **Youth Music Lessons**
 Auburn Public Theater - **Youth Performing Arts Education**
 Auburn Rescue Mission - **Family Transitions**
 Auburn YMCA - **Camp Y Owasco**
 Auburn YMCA - **Preschool / Childcare Center**
 Auburn YMCA - **Y-Pals**
 Aurora of CNY - **Social Work for Sensory Loss**
 Booker T. Washington Community Center - **Before & After School Childcare**
 Camp Gregory - **Summer Camp**
 Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes - **Emergency Assistance**
 Cayuga Community Health Network - **Street Outreach**
 Cayuga Counseling Services - **Outpatient Clinic**
 Cayuga Counseling Services - **SAVAR**
 Cayuga Counseling Services - **Strengthening Families**
 Child Care Solutions - **Child Care Quality Improvement**
 Confidential Help for Drugs & Alcohol - **Outpatient Clinic**
 Confidential Help for Drugs & Alcohol - **Prevention / Intervention**
 E. John Gavras Center - **Essential Childcare**
 E. John Gavras Center - **Early Intervention**
 Finger Lakes Incubator & Commercial Kitchen - **City of Auburn Summer Recreation Cooking Classes**
 Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways - **Leadership Experience**
 Harriet Tubman Liberation Foundation - **Safe & Warm**
 Hospice of CNY & Finger Lakes - **Hospice Care**
 Literacy Volunteers of Cayuga County - **Adult Basic English**
 Literacy Volunteers of Cayuga County - **English as a 2nd Language**
 Matthew House - **Comfort Care**
 Perform 4 Purpose - **P4P The Next Steps Music Program**
 SS Peter & John Episcopal Soup Kitchen - **Soup Kitchen**
 Scouting America: Longhouse Council - **Scouting**
 The REV Theatre Company - **Sequential Dramatics**
 The Salvation Army - **Emergency Feeding**
 Transportation Project of Cayuga County - **SCAT Van**
 Westminster Manor Adult Home - **Senior Activities Program**



GIVE NOW!



Dear Neighbor:

As a kid, I was an active and proud Boy Scout, known today as **Scouting America: Longhouse Council**. Much of the foundation for my leadership skills and passion for community service were fostered through this program—which has been supported here in Cayuga County by community members, like you, since 1922. As I look ahead at all the things that my fellow Campaign Co-Chairs and I have planned for the season, I am reminded of a line from the Scout Oath: “To help other people at all times.”

During the last funding cycle, more than 60% of Cayuga County residents turned to a United Way funded program—a number that continues to grow. This year, your United Way is supporting 28 nonprofits through 36 distinct programs addressing **Community Resilience**, **Youth Opportunity**, **Healthy Communities**, and **Financial Security**.

Will you make your United Way of Cayuga County gift today?

As a first responder, ensuring families have access to basic needs, like food, is important. In Cayuga County 36% of families struggle to survive, often facing the difficult choice of paying rent or buying groceries. With food insecurity on the rise, the United Way of Cayuga County welcomed two new Member Agencies to help feed our neighbors. SS Peter & John Episcopal **Soup Kitchen** can serve our community an additional day each week growing from three days to four. **Safe and Warm**, a program of the Harriet Tubman Liberation Foundation, has volunteers to prepare sandwiches that they distribute to underhoused neighbors every Friday.



For more than a century, your dollars have supported The Salvation Army. Did you know Auburn residents can utilize their **Food Pantry**, **Soup Kitchen**, **Weekly Food Giveaway**, and **Monthly Fresh Food Giveaway** programs? Learn more about feeding programs and the impact the Countywide Personal Care Drive has on our food pantries by scanning the QR code.

Food security is just one area where your United Way gifts provide support. Cayuga Counseling Services’ newly funded program, **Strengthening Families**, increases family bonding, improves problem solving skills, and decreases family conflicts through conversation over a family meal. During the last funding cycle, Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes’ **Emergency Energy Assistance** program kept utilities on for nearly 160 Auburn residents. Did you know that Westminster Manor Adult Home has a robust **Activities Program** to keep their senior residents engaged and active in the community? Of the Member Agencies, 17 are either headquartered or have a satellite office in the city of Auburn.

Will you join us and make your pledge or gift to support the United Way of Cayuga County’s 2025-26 Campaign?

At the United Way gifts are combined to make the biggest, positive impact possible in Cayuga County. Gifts of all sizes, even just \$10, support more than half of our neighbors.

Our goal is to collect 1,700 gifts—help us reach our goal and support your neighbors with a check made payable to United Way of Cayuga County mailed to 2 State Street, Suite 2, Auburn, NY 13021 or online at unitedwayofcayugacounty.org.

Together, we can create positive change throughout ALL of Cayuga County!

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