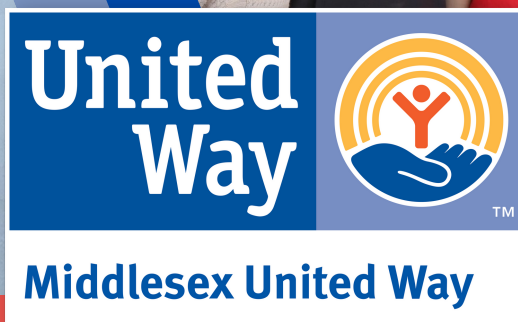


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2022 MIDDLESEX UNITED WAY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Gary Wallace

Meghann LaFountain

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Retired

Rosario A. Rizzo, Jr.
Retired

Jean Adams Shaw
Retired

William E. Wrang, III
Retired

AT LARGE MEMBERS:

Scott Carlson
Carlson & Dumeer

Patricia Charles
Retired

Allison Dowe
Middlesex Health

Faith Jackson
City of Middletown

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



With just over a year under my belt, I am confident that Middlesex United Way is on the path to a successful future. We've incorporated new ideas and brought back some of what has made our organization so special over the past eight decades. In doing so, we hope to bring our communities together for one common goal: supporting our local agencies and the projects that make a difference to so many of our friends and neighbors.

In 2022 we've brought on new staff, forged new partnerships within the community and modernized our way of fundraising. Covid may have changed our way of doing things in so many ways, but it also gave us the opportunity to reassess our goals, values and plans for creating a successful roadmap for the future. We will face challenges as we navigate this uncharted territory, but we're excited about the opportunity to grow as a team and as an organization.

As I reflect on the past year, I can't help but feel tremendous gratitude for everyone who has supported our mission. Whether it be a financial contribution or hours spent promoting our work in the community, I am proud to be a member of Middlesex United Way and what it represents.

But the work is far from over. With rising inflation, economic uncertainty and political unrest across the globe, we need your help now more than ever. Too many families in our communities are working paycheck-to-paycheck. They're often forced to choose between a healthy meal and a tank of gas in the car. None of our neighbors should be forced to go to bed cold because they can't afford warm clothes or the rising electric bill. We can fix this, but only if we work together.

I am confident that Middlesex United Way can be the light at the end of the tunnel for so many of these families. Not a hand out but a hand up. We can make sure that every child in our school system has the same opportunities to play a sport or attend summer camp. Help us make that happen. To those of you who have supported our mission, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. For those who want to help, I can't think of a better time to join us than right now.

Shawonda S. Swain

NOW MORE THAN EVER!

OUR NEW BOARD PRESIDENT

MEG SLATER



Meghan (Meg) Slater is a marketing manager for Wright-Pierce, an award-winning, multidiscipline engineering firm that provides drinking water, wastewater and civil infrastructure services to municipalities throughout the Northeast and Florida. She currently oversees marketing support for Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York. Meg began her career at Wright-Pierce as a part-time temp office assistant, spent years as a single parent living in Middletown City Housing and is personally grateful for 2-1-1 services. She has been donating and volunteering with the Middlesex United Way since 2006 when she began coordinating workplace campaigns for her company. She was one of the original steering committee members of the Young Leaders Society (now called Emerging Leaders) in 2011, served as co-chair in 2014 and chair from 2015 to 2017. She began participating with the Women's Initiative (now called Women United) in 2020 and served as chair for 2021. She has served on the Board through various appointments since 2015, including Campaign Co-chair with three other Young Leaders alumni during 2018-2020, affectionately nicknamed, "The Fantastic Four." Meg has been active in our community in other ways, including participation on the Middletown Refugee Resettlement Coalition and the Middletown Racial Justice Coalition. She currently lives in East Hampton with her husband and daughter, where they are active on their local Democratic Town Committee.

OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS



JON BRINK

Jon Brink brings to Middlesex United Way 25+ years of experience in leadership positions in several multinational, complex corporations and organizations including: Norden Systems, Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, Sikorsky Helicopter, OTIS Elevator, Johnson Controls, Honeywell and Amazon.

Mr. Brink received his MBA from the University of New Haven and spent time studying at both The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina and Cornell University. He served as a Unit Commander in the United States Air Force. After four years of active duty, Brink served an additional 18 years in the U.S. Air Force Reserves and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

In 2019, Jon successfully launched his own recruiting and talent solutions business based in Hartford, where he has gone on to win numerous awards. He also teaches at the Master's level as an Adjunct Professor in the Engineering and Management program at Clarkson University.



LENA OCANSEY

Lena Ocansey, a Middletown resident since 1983 when her family migrated from Ghana, is passionate about giving back to the community and has taught Sunday School, volunteered with the American Cancer Society and Literacy Volunteers.

Ms. Ocansey has 30 years of business, technology support and training experience with a recent focus on Product and Project Management. She enjoys cooking, the arts, and learning about various cultures through food and travel that allows her to connect with family in the U.K., Canada and Ghana. She is currently working on a project to rebuild the grade school she attended in Ghana with a goal to build a library, a computer lab and provide scholarships to the students.

PAST UNITED WAY BOARD CHAIRS

1935 Bertrand E. Spencer	1965 John B. Newman	1996 Rosario Rizzo
1936 E. Dudley Butler	1966 Morton W. Briggs	1997 Rosario Rizzo
1937 James McConaughy/James Bunce	1967 Woodbridge A. D'Oench	1998 Jane S. McMillan
1938 Rev. John O'Connor/W. W. Wilcox, Jr.	1968 Clifford R. Carlson	1999 Andrew P. Rapp
1939 Amor P. Smith	1969 Robert B. Brainard, Jr.	2000 Andrew P. Rapp
1940 Amor P. Smith	1970 George B. Raymond	2001 David L. Reynolds
1941 Rev. John O'Connor	1971 George B. Raymond	2002 David L. Reynolds
1942 Burton B. Fall	1972 Kenneth T. Hampton	2003 John Biddiscombe
1943 Burton B. Fall	1973 Kenneth T. Hampton	2004 John Biddiscombe
1944 J. Alfred C. Dodd	1974 Paul S. Carrier, Jr.	2005 Kelly Smith
1945 J. Alfred C. Dodd	1975 William H. Chadwick	2006 Kelly Smith
1946 Vincent R. Kiernan	1976 William H. Chadwick	2007 William E. Wrang, III
1947 Elmer E. Schattschneider	1977 Frank J. Sutkowski	2008 William E. Wrang, III
1948 G. Eugene Goundrey	1978 Betty Matteo	2009 Faith M. Jackson
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1950 William F. Briggs	1980 Daniel W. Potter	2011 Gary Simonsen
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1952 Howard B. Smith	1982 Gordon B. McWilliams	2013 Clifford O. Straub
1953 John W. Goodrich	1983 Patrick J. Crowley	2014 Clifford O. Straub
1954 John W. Goodrich	1984 Patrick J. Crowley	2015 William Holder
1955 Arthur J. Connell	1985 Ralph H. Shaw, II	2016 William Holder
1956 Christie E. McLeod, MD	1986 Ralph H. Shaw, II	2017 Patricia Charles
1957 Walter P. Staniszewski	1987 Ralph H. Shaw, II	2018 Patricia Charles
1958 William C. Langley	1988 Norton W. Cann	2019 Scott Carlson
1959 Donald C. Davis	1989 Norton W. Cann	2020 Scott Carlson
1960 William J. O'Brien	1990 William J. Russell	2021 Kimberly Hogan
1961 Nathan I. Shapiro	1991 William J. Russell	2022 Kimberly Hogan
1962 Nathan I. Shapiro	1992 Barbara Weiss	
1963 Richard J. O'Brien	1993 Barbara Weiss	
1964 Vincent A. Amato	1994 Jean Adams Shaw	
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PAST UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN CHAIRS

1935 Charles R. Hoover
1936 Elmer S. Hubbell
1937 Rev. Marion J. Creegar
1938 Rev. John O'Connor
1939 Rev. John O'Connor
1940 Rev. John O'Connor
1941 Ansel A. Packard
1942 Rev. George L. Whithey
1943 Elmer E. Schattschneider
1944 Vincent R. Kiernan
1945 Rev. George L. Withey
Vincent Keirnan
1946 Rev. Edward J. McKenna
1947 Rev. Alvin D. Johnson
1948 G. Albert Hill
1949 William F. Briggs
1950 Arthur J. Connell
1951 Howard B. Smith
1952 John W. Goodrich
1953 Richard F. Murray, Jr.
1954 Donald C. Davis
1955 Christie E. McLeod, MD
1956 William C. Langley
1957 William J. O'Brien, Jr.
1958 Creighton F. Magoun
1959 Ernest H. Nelson
1960 Nathan I. Shapiro
1961 John W. Macy, Jr.
1962 Richard J. O'Brien
1963 Vincent A. Amato
1964 John B. Newman

1965 Morton W. Briggs
1966 Woodbridge A. D'Oench
1967 Clifton R. Carlson
1968 Robert B. Brainard, Jr.
1969 George B. Raymond
1970 Everett G. Patterson
1971 Kenneth T. Hampton
1972 Richard R. Carella
1973 Eugene R. O'Brien
1974 William H. Chadwick
1975 Anthony S. Marino
1976 Frank J. Sutkowski
1977 Betty Matteo
1978 Chester A. Tibbetts
1979 Daniel W. Potter
1980 Gordon B. McWilliams
1981 Ralph H. Shaw, II
1982 Patrick J. Crowley
1983 Howard F. Kelley
1984 Barbara J. Maynard
1985 Norton W. Cann
1986 David M. Royston
1987 Harold Brown
1988 Joseph E. Milardo, Jr.
1989 James E. Coppage
1990 Charles B. Stone, Jr.
1990-91 Donald M. Russell
1991-92 Robert G. Kiely
1992-93 Rick Bellows
1993-94 Ralph Shaw, II
Jean Shaw
1994-95 Edward McMillan
Jane McMillan
1995-96 John Beckert

1996-97 Harry Eben Burr
1997-98 Frank Sumpter
1998-99 David Audette
1999-00 Donald B. Wilbur
2000-01 Robert G. Kiely
2001-02 Peter Patton
2002-03 William Ryczek
2003-05 Wilfredo Nieves
2004-05 William E. Wrang, III
2005-06 Harry Eben Burr
2006-07 David L. Reynolds
2007-08 Gary Simonsen
2008-09 Deborah Bochain
2009-10 David Giuffrida
2010-11 Chandler J. Howard
Larry McHugh
Michael Roth
2011-12 Harry Eben Burr
Arthur V. McDowell, III, MD
2012-13 Gary Gomola
2013-14 Vincent G. Capece, Jr.
2014-15 Patricia Charles
2015-16 Greg Treacy
2016-17 Kristen Roberts
2017-18 Kevin Reich
2018-20 Justin Carbonella
Toral Maher
Joe Santaniello
Meg Slater
2020 Dr. Michael Conner
2021 William Holder
2022 Duncan Olachea
Marisol Rodriguez

MIDDLESEX UNITED WAY VOLUNTEERS

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Cathy Lezon
Andy Rapp

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OUR FUNDED PARTNERS



Race, Equity & Inclusion

Cross Street Training & Academic Center
Health Equity Solutions
Shiloh Baptist Community Development Corporation
Middlesex County NAACP Branch
Middletown United Fathers
STEAM Train, Inc.
MARC Community Resources

Housing

Columbus House
The Connection, Inc.
HOPE Partnership
Middlesex County Coalition on Housing & Homelessness
Middlesex Habitat for Humanity of Connecticut

Youth Development

Tri-Town Youth Services
Girl Scouts of Connecticut, Inc.
Middlesex YMCA
Oddfellows Playhouse

Education

Cromwell Public Schools
East Haddam Public Schools
East Hampton Public Schools
Literacy Volunteers Valley Shore
Middletown Adult Education-Even Start Family Learning Program
Middlesex Health-Opportunity Knocks
Tri-Town Youth Services Bureau
Westbrook Youth & Family Services

Wellness

Child Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut
The Connection, Inc.
Gilead Community Services
MARC Community Resources
Middlesex Health-Perinatal Program
Women & Family Center

Financial Stability

Kuhn Employment Opportunities
Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries
St. Vincent de Paul, Middletown



OUR FINANCIALS

2021-2022 TOTALS

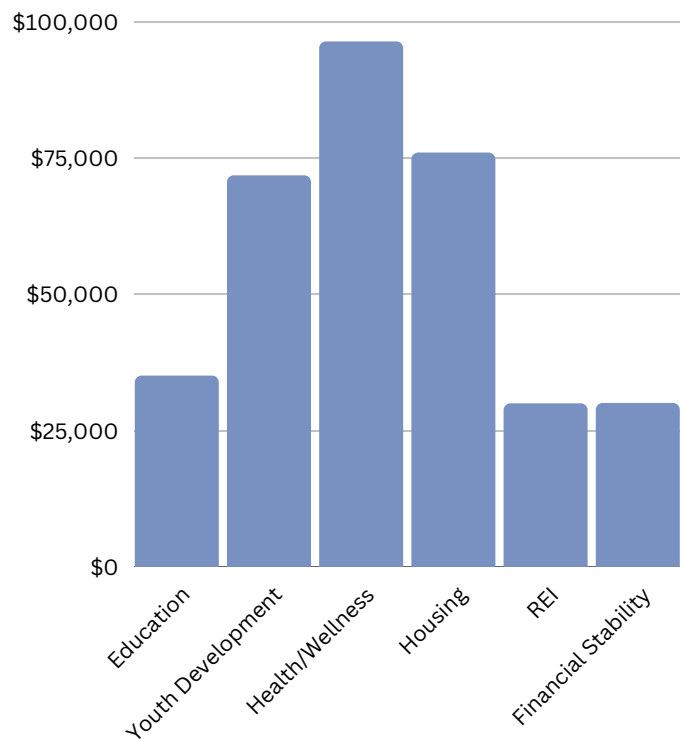
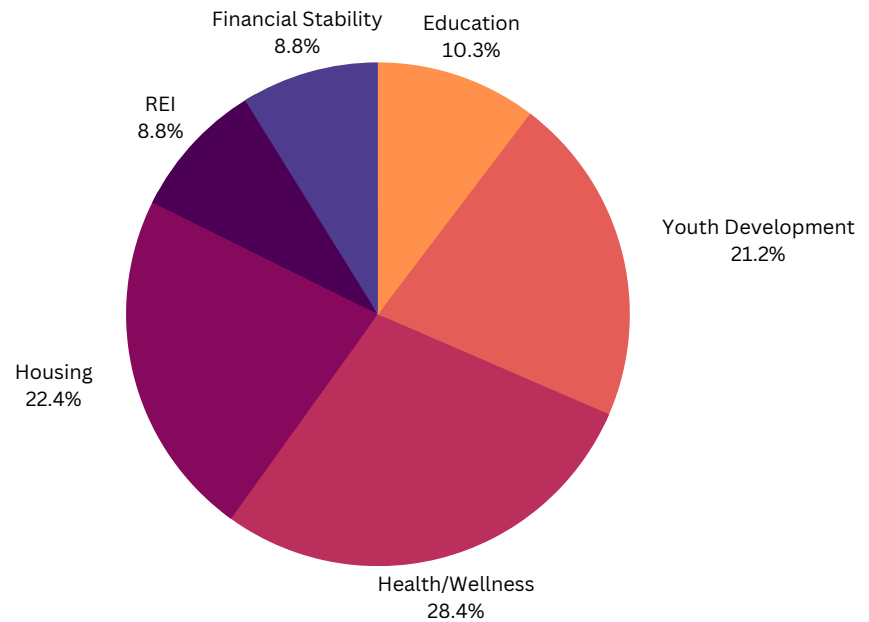
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	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
REVENUE AND SUPPORT:			
Current-year campaign contributions:			
Total amounts raised	\$ 768,139	\$ -	\$ 768,139
Less: amounts raised on behalf of others	(72,824)	-	(72,824)
Total contributions	695,315	-	695,315
Contributed services	3,000	-	3,000
Less: provision for uncollectible pledges	(50,000)	-	(50,000)
Prior year campaign contributions	77,475	-	77,475
Net campaign revenue	725,790	-	725,790
Other revenue and support:			
Amounts raised by other agencies	38,576	-	38,576
Service fee revenue	50,323	-	50,323
Other contributions	15,350	2,151	17,501
Grants	-	-	-
Net assets released from restriction	26,418	(26,418)	-
Total other revenue and support	130,667	(24,267)	106,400
Total revenue and support	856,457	(24,267)	832,190
DISTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENSES:			
Distributions:			
Community partners	348,342	-	348,342
Special allocations and other distributions	16,377	-	16,377
Payments to affiliated organizations	17,819	-	17,819
Total distributions	382,538	-	382,538
Expenses:			
Program services	381,868	-	381,868
Support services:			
Fundraising expenses	113,146	-	113,146
Management and general expenses	212,148	-	212,148
Total program and support services	707,162	-	707,162
Total distributions and expenses	1,089,700	-	1,089,700
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS	(233,243)	(24,267)	(257,510)
INVESTMENT INCOME:			
Net investment income	10,262	-	10,262
Investment income - beneficial trusts	35,832	-	35,832
Net increase (decrease) in trust values	-	(148,803)	(148,803)
Net realized and unrealized gains and (losses) on investments	(117,829)	(25,333)	(143,162)
Total investment income	(71,735)	(174,136)	(245,871)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(304,978)	(198,403)	(503,381)
NET ASSETS:			
Beginning of year	901,302	1,068,573	1,969,875
End of year	\$ 596,324	\$ 870,170	\$ 1,466,494

OUR FINANCIALS

2021-2022 TOTALS

Impact Area	Total
EDUCATION	\$35,022
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT	\$71,767
HEALTH/WELLNESS	\$96,336
HOUSING	\$75,949
RACIAL EQUITY & INCLUSION	\$29,931
FINANCIAL STABILITY	\$30,000



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COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

KIMBERLY HOGAN

Kimberly Hogan has been the Chair for Middlesex United Way's Board of Directors since 2021 and has been an invaluable member of our team for many years before that.

She currently serves as the Interim Campus Chief Executive Officer for Middlesex Community College, leading more than 4,000 students enrolled in its programs. Hogan served as the school's COVID coordinator and implemented important protocols to ensure students and staff were safe during the pandemic.

In addition to her responsibilities at MXCC, Hogan is heavily involved in the community. She is a board member of Gilead Community Services, a service organization dedicated to helping those living with mental health needs in Middlesex County. She also serves as a campus liaison to the Middlesex Institute for Lifelong Education (MILE) and the Castle Craig Adult Learning Center (CCALC).

In 2018, Peach Pit Foundation recognized Hogan for her dedication to the community with a donation to the Middlesex Community College Foundation in her honor. In 2020, Hogan received the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Stole of Gratitude.





2022 HONORS



COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Pastor Moses Harvill, Cross St. AME Zion Church

TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY PHILANTHROPY AWARD

William J. Ryczek, Colebrook Financial

JUSTIN WILKIE NEXT GENERATION AWARD

Shanay Fulton, Middletown Works

COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

Sarah Bird, Middlesex Habitat for Humanity

LIVE UNITED AWARD

Officer Jason Bodell, Middletown Police Dept.

Audrey Livingston, Loaned Executive from Middlesex Health



PAST UNITED WAY AWARD WINNERS

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

1949 John C. Barry	1966 Vincent A. Amato	1984 Edward D. Stites	2001 John S. Biddiscombe
1950 Mrs. Frederick S. Hurlburt	1967 John B. Newman	1985 Russell G. D'Oench, Jr.	2002 Donald B. Wilbur
1951 C. Eugene Goundrey	1968 Mrs. Victor L. Butterfield	1986 Richard R. Carella	2003 Andrew P. Rapp
1952 William F. Briggs, Sr.	1969 John F. LaRosa	1987 David M. Royston	2004 David L. Reynolds
Robert B. Brainard, Sr.	Morton W. Briggs	1988 Jean Adams Shaw	2005 Earl S. Brown
J. Alfred C. Dodd	1970 Henry Sherwood, MD	Ralph H. Shaw, II	2006 Douglas W. Johnson
1953 Morris S. Wrubel	1971 Clair B. Crampton, MD	1989 Patrick J. Crowley	2007 Faith M. Jackson
1954 Mrs. Carroll A. Campbell	1972 Mrs. John W. Spaeth	1990 Howard F. Kelley	2008 Kelly Smith
1955 Miss M. Elizabeth Murphy	1973 Woodbridge A. D'Oench	1991 Donald M. Russell	2009 Patti Anne Vassia
1956 Frederick S. Hurlburt	1974 Everett G. Patterson	1992 William J. Russell	2010 William E. Wrang, III
1957 Howard B. Smith	1975 Robert B. Brainard, Jr.	1993 Carl A. Capello	2011 Linda Ann Morales
1958 Christie E. McLeod, MD	1976 Andrew F. Johnson	1994 Thomas H. Stickney	2012 Wilfredo Nieves
1959 John B. Goodrich	Sturges G. Redfield, Jr.	1995 Barbara M. Weiss	2013 William Holder
1960 Donald C. Davis	1977 Paul S. Carrier, Jr.	1996 Joseph E. Milardo, Jr.	2014 Gary Simonsen
1961 Mrs. Harry B. Rosener	1978 George B. Raymond	1997 Robert J. DeJonge	2015 Deborah C. Bochain
1962 William C. Langley	1979 Kathryn I. Briggs	1998 Rosario A. Rizzo, Jr.	2016 David Director
1963 Mrs. Clair B. Crampton	1980 Shirley F. Shapiro	Ralph D. Strong, Jr.	2017 Clifford O. Straub
1964 Nathan I. Shapiro	1981 Daniel W. Potter	1999 Harry Eben Burr	2018 Kristen Roberts
1965 Richard J. O'Brien	1982 Frank J. Sutkowski	2000 Jane S. McMillan	2019 Matthew Stillman
	1983 Gordon B. McWilliams		2020 Jean D'Aquila
			2021 Pat Charles

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

2006 Douglas & Midge Bennett	2010 Elizabeth Morgan	2013 Rosa Carrero	2016 Joesph Santaniello
2007 Arlene Rosener Mazzotta	2011 Willard McRae	2014 Christine Fahey	2017 Lorenzo Marshall
2008 Reverend Moses Harvill	2012 Joan Youngs	2015 Rob Rosenthal	2018 Cathy & Bob Boone
			2019 Dr. Michael Conner
			2021 Gary Wallace

COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

2006 Clinton Public Schools and Youth & Family Services	2010 Partners in the Healthy Communities	2013 Middlesex YMCA	2016 The Coalition for Housing and Homelessness
2007 Community Health Center	2011 HOPE Partnership	2014 MARC Community Resources	2017 The Connection, Inc.
2008 Amazing Grace & SSKP	2012 Middletown Adult Education	2015 Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Pantries	2018 Columbus House
			2019 Child and Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut
			2021 Gilead Community Services

TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY PHILANTHROPY AWARD

2006 Paul & Sally McConnell	2011 Herb & Sherry Clark	2015 John Sullivan	2017 Vincent Capece
2007 Peter Harding	2012 The Guilmartins	2016 The Community Foundation of Middlesex County	2018 Bill & Sharon Griffin
2008 The Director Family	2013 Harry Eben Burr		2019 Laura Pedersen
2010 Chandler Howard	2014 William E. Wrang, III		2021 David Glidden

JUSTIN WILKIE NEXT GENERATION AWARD

2017 Kevin Harris
2018 Meghann LaFountain
2019 Eric Kane
2021 Kapildeo Singh

2022: A YEAR IN REVIEW



Alice Awareness

In November, Middlesex United Way hosted a virtual book chat featuring Stephanie Land, the author of "Maid." We were excited to organize the event, which also included a panel discussion emceed by WFSB-TV reporter, Patricia Del Rio.

In addition to our event at Middlesex Community College, the virtual portion of the book chat was viewed by over 100 people at events hosted by other United Ways in Connecticut. Thank you to Essex Savings Bank for sponsoring this event.



New Website

Over the summer, we launched a new website. The goal is to make our content easy to read and more visually appealing. We invite you to check it out!

Popcorn Fundraiser

Nov. 28 through Dec. 2, 2022

Our Double Good Popcorn fundraiser was a great success! Our teams raised over \$9,000 in sales! Over \$4,000 went directly to Middlesex United Way.



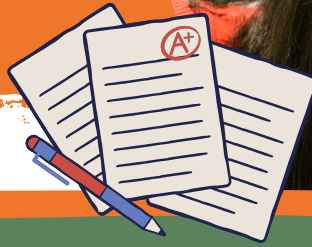
EDUCATION

Recent Success Stories



Middletown Adult Education: Even Start Program

Middlesex United Way helped fund a program that would give parents better support to further their own academic endeavors. One parent in the program completed her GED and graduated in June 2022. A second parent is expected to graduate this year and demonstrated an 18-point scale score gain on her GOALS reading test.



Opportunity Knocks: Mental Health Consultation

The MHC provides professional development with teachers using the Circle of Security-Parenting (COS) curriculum. This allows teachers to better understand a student's motives for behavior and recognize miscues that could negatively impact his or her learning. A local teacher in the program was able to successfully understand a student's unique needs after several behavioral issues and keep that student engaged in the classroom.

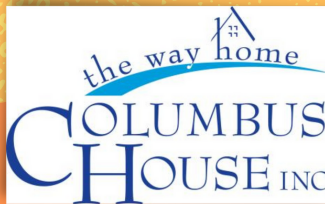


HOUSING

Recent Success Stories



Upon returning to Connecticut from active duty, Roberto and Julia Gonzalez could not find an affordable place to live. They moved into a small apartment with family that was unsafe due to mold issues. They applied for a Habitat Veterans Build house and moved into their home in Middlefield in May 2022.



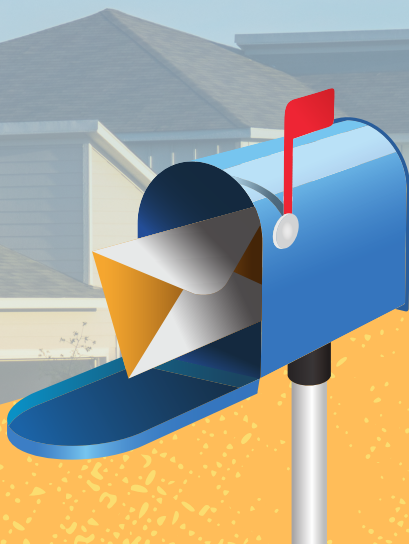
A single mother of five was approved for a three-bedroom unit on Green Street in 2020. She and her family have remained there for two years. With the support of Columbus House Inc., she is now working full-time, has obtained childcare and has access to mental health services. Her Case Manager reports:

"I have seen a tremendous change and growth in this client compared to when she first arrived at the shelter in 2020 at the beginning of COVID. She has gradually become more independent and resourceful."



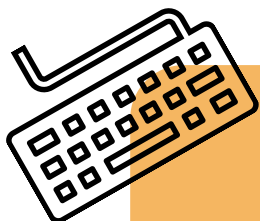
The Connection

Henry, a 55-year-old, who has struggled with mental health and substance abuse for more than a decade first came to the Eddy Shelter in 2020. He returned in 2021, and with the help of his Case Manager was able to seek medical and mental health treatment. Henry is now living in an apartment where he reports feeling happy and safe.



RACIAL EQUITY & INCLUSION

Recent Success Stories



STEAM TRAIN INC.

A black single mother of three, who lives in Middletown, is a student in the Fast Track Program, which provides technology training to people of color. She has now successfully completed the Google IT Certificate (ahead of schedule) and will be placed in an apprenticeship role in the near future.



HEALTH EQUITY SOLUTIONS

Health equity ensures that all people have access to optimal health despite their race, ethnicity, culture, or socioeconomic status. In the 2021-2022 grant cycle, HES has grown its partnerships and has completed three workshops on "Connecticut's Path to Equity." It also scheduled eight community conversations about these topics.



SHILOH BAPTIST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP.

Shiloh Baptist CDC aims to close the gap between the community's senior citizens and advanced technology by providing devices, setup, and training. 23 individuals were successfully trained. This training allowed these seniors to access telehealth visits and much-needed community resources online.



WELLNESS

RECENT SUCCESS STORIES

Women & Families Center



Advocates assisted an LGBTQ adult victim who had experienced multiple sexual assaults. She was able to set up counseling services and meet with an advocate regularly.

She was given support and guidance to file for victim compensation benefits from several states where the assaults had occurred. While attending the Middletown Pride event, the survivor told WFC advocates she felt "liberated" to be herself and has more freedom now that she had the opportunity to talk about her past trauma.

MARC COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Because of Covid-19, many individuals involved in the MARC recreation programs were unable to participate in everyday activities and socialize. This past fall, Sal was able to attend a UConn football game with VIP passes for suite seats. It gave Sal a chance to have fun and experience a bit of normalcy after so much isolation. On the drive home, Sal was asked if he had fun. His response:

*"It was like I was
on vacation!"*

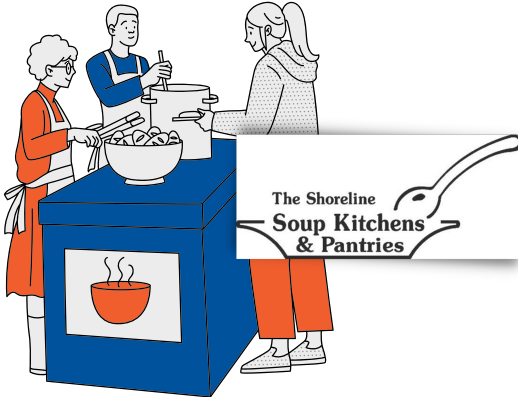
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Recent Success Stories



During the 2021-2022 grant period Middlesex food pantries in Clinton, Westbrook, and Old Saybrook provided enough food for 892,530 meals.

Those same pantries served more than 6,000 individuals.

Middlesex food pantries in Clinton, Westbrook, and Old Saybrook distributed 1,194,172 pounds of food.

Guests of our Middlesex Pantries recently shared these messages of thanks:

"You don't know how much this helps. I had money to pay bills because of the food you've been giving me."

"Thank you so much for this wonderful service, and also for making it so much easier and comfortable for us all. Your kindness – even seen only ABOVE the masks – shows! Thank you again for making this time a little bit kinder."

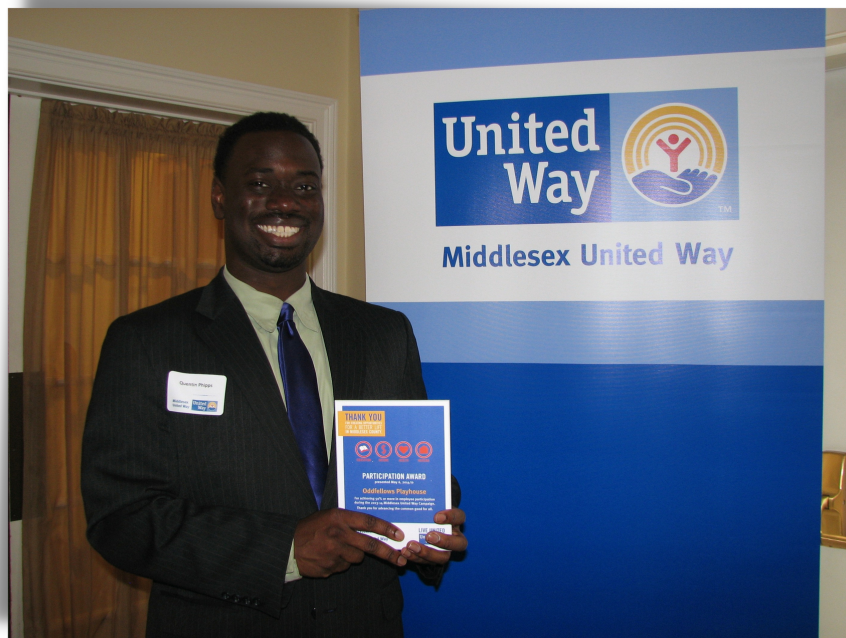


Amazing Grace Food Pantry was able to distribute a grand total of 2,456,910 pounds of food during the 2021-2022 grant cycle.

1,920 individuals received groceries by shopping at the Food Pantry or via delivery.

337 individual children received weekly backpack foods.

IN MEMORIAM



QUENTIN "Q" WILLIAMS

1983-2023

State Representative Quentin "Q" Williams served on the Middlesex United Way Board of Directors from 2013 to 2019. He was honored by our organization in 2020 for his outstanding commitment to advancing education, health, housing and financial stability in Middlesex County. In addition to his time with us, Williams was deeply involved in the community serving with a number of other charitable and service organizations including the Oddfellows Playhouse Youth Theater, Middletown Racial Justice Coalition, and the Middlesex Substance Abuse Action Council, among others. He was a graduate of Middletown High School and the first African American to represent the City of Middletown in the Connecticut General Assembly. Williams was a fierce advocate for his friends and neighbors in Middletown and perfectly embodied the values that Middlesex United Way strives to represent in the community each and every day.

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2022-2023*

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