



United Way
of Southeastern Pennsylvania

HEALTH matters

Health Care and United Way

United Way cares about health.

As we focus on supporting children and building strong families and thriving neighborhoods, United Way knows that health is the foundation for success in these three important areas. The health care community is an important source of hope and strength to the families in our region.

Together, United Way and the health care community are working to make the region a better place to live. In fact, more than one third of United Way's community investment supports the health needs of the region. United Way provides support to nearly 90 human service agencies, many of which play an important role in health services by offering screening, education and support for the services that complement the work of the region's health care providers.

These services include:

Health Insurance

United Way supports access to health care for children through CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program). We also provide public policy advocacy for retaining and improving Medicare/Medicaid funding and coverage, including support for community-based care as an alternative to long-term care in nursing homes.

United Way improves people's lives by mobilizing the caring power of donors, volunteers and communities.



Prevention

United Way supports health education and screening programs for adults and children.

Chronic Illness

United Way supports community-based and in-home care and also supports research and education through its Campaign Partners -- American Cancer Society and American Heart Association -- and through other health organizations such as Arthritis Foundation (Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter), Associated Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and United Cerebral Palsy Association of Philadelphia and Vicinity.

Acute Care

United Way provides support for post-hospitalization services, including medical transport and in-home transition.

Mental Health

United Way offers support for counseling related to mental illness and dependencies for adults, children and families.

“The Health Care Council endorses and encourages charitable giving to United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania. We have been partners for years in ensuring the wellness of our region's children, families and neighborhoods.”

Andrew Wigglesworth
President and CEO
Delaware Valley Health Care Council

Last year, United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania received nearly \$800,000 in contributions from health care employees like you. This year, we hope to double that number. Together, we can improve the health of our community!

United Way's campaign supports the following network agencies and campaign partners providing health-related services:

ActionAIDS, Inc.
American Cancer Society, Commonwealth Division Southeast Region
American Heart Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania
American Red Cross – Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter
Arthritis Foundation, Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter
Asociación de Puertorriqueños en Marcha, Inc.
Associated Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Caring People Alliance
Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of the Elderly (CARIE)
Center in the Park
Cerebral Palsy Association of Chester County, Inc.
Child Guidance Resource Centers
Children's Service, Inc.
Children and Adult Disability and Educational Services
Community Health Affiliates – CARE Program
Congreso de Latinos Unidos, Inc.
Episcopal Community Services
Family Service (Montgomery County)
Family and Community Service of Delaware County
Family Service of Chester County
Germantown Settlement
Homemaker Service of the Metropolitan Area
Lutheran Settlement House
Maternity Care Coalition
Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania
Nationalities Service Center
North City Congress
Neighborhood Health Agencies, Inc.
Philadelphia Citizens for Children and Youth
Philadelphia Health Management Corporation
Philadelphia Senior Center
Senior Adult Activities Center of Montgomery County
Senior Citizens Center of Ardmore
Senior Community Services, Inc.
Southeast Asian Mutual Assistance Associations Coalition (SEAMAAC)
United Cerebral Palsy Association of Philadelphia and Vicinity
Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Philadelphia
VNA – Community Services, Inc.
Wheels of Wellness
Women In Transition
Women's Christian Alliance

In addition to these services and partnerships, United Way works to develop innovative programs that include a significant health care component to improve the community.

For example United Way's grant-funded Early-to-Learn initiative, in partnership with Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), placed school readiness specialists in primary health care offices to help parents improve their knowledge, skills and confidence in meeting the school readiness needs of their pre-school children. Health care professionals were enlisted to encourage parents to read to their pre-school children.

In addition, United Way's information and referral service, "First Call for Help" has been referring thousands of callers each year to appropriate health care and other human services providers in order to link those in need with the services to help them.

A letter from a child who attended an American Cancer Society-sponsored camp for children with cancer demonstrates how meaningful this support really is. She writes...

"Thank you so much for a wonderful week of camp. Camp helps you connect with others...you can laugh about funny things that have happened to you in the hospital. At camp, the friends I have understand and can feel with you when your other friends can't. The camp makes you feel that the world isn't against you. At camp, my scars mean nothing. I only wish things didn't mean anything in every day life. The week at camp makes all the hurt inside go away."



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