



UNITED WAY

2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT



WELCOME



A heavy wave of unprecedented times including new, prolonging need rapidly took over our communities in March. The COVID-19 pandemic challenged our operation in how we serve and help those most vulnerable across our two towns. We received calls from countless numbers of families and individuals who lost their jobs,

looking for necessities, contracted the virus, and who have never experienced asking for help from outside resources before. The situations of those who were facing difficult times pre-pandemic only worsened. We adapted to the effects of the pandemic by quickly turning to virtual and remote work to fulfill our commitment in ensuring those in need have access to essential resources and services through various new funding, resource drives, and programs.

I applaud our dedicated staff, partner agencies, and other community partners for not hesitating to jump into the uncomfortable and unfamiliar period to continue helping Meriden and Wallingford through historical levels of this new need. Living United guided our work through the beginning of the pandemic.

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Bill Pappas, owner of Fosdick Fulfillment Corporation, devoted his life to giving back to the community and we were fortunate enough to have known him in many roles. He was a long-time supporter of our United Way where he gave so much to the success of our NFL Players' Weekend, Day of Caring, Holiday Programs and, of course, our Annual Campaign.

Bill always had a smile and a kind word. At holiday time, his generosity extended even "behind the scenes" where several families received a new start on life because of Bill. Their generous anonymous donor never looked for recognition, he was happy to know that he could help out. Bill stayed connected to the community in many ways and was a role model for those that watched and listened. He was truly one in a million and we were all proud to have known Bill and so grateful for what he gave us – his time, his talent and his generosity...but most of all, his friendship. He will be missed.

DAY OF CARING

Thank you to our t-shirt sponsors!



Our annual Day of Caring event was another tremendous success with 15 local companies and community groups who united to help our busy local nonprofit partners with cleaning, landscaping, painting their facilities, and much more!

The pandemic quickly affected food supply for everyone in our communities and especially made food difficult to get a hold of for families and individuals in need. Local food pantries rapidly saw a 30-66% increase in the need for food in March. In response to the overwhelming need while safely involving donors, for Week of Action we created a two-week virtual food drive in partnership with both towns' Rotary Clubs to collect nonperishable food through YouGiveGoods.com for three local food pantries: Master's Manna, The Salvation Army-Meriden, and New Opportunities of Greater Meriden. With the help of our generous donors, in July we collected 2,026 food items for our pantries so they can continue serving their clients.

WEEK OF ACTION

FOOD DRIVE



SEW UNITED



Essential workers continued to keep the most important services in our communities running during the unsafe conditions of the rapidly spreading Coronavirus, but the PPE resources were difficult to acquire due to the extremely high demand for the items across the state. In response to this issue, we called on our local community sewers to help us provide safe, handsewn face masks for medical centers, food pantries, childcare facilities, and more through our Sew United Drive. Since starting in April, nearly a dozen talented and generous sewers quickly responded to the extreme need by sewing 1,200 cloth masks in 3 months.

NFL

PLAYERS' WEEKEND



The NFL Players' Weekend with JL Sports provides a memorable experience for guests while they mingle and enjoy evenings with their favorite NFL players and college football stars, bid on and win valuable sport memorabilia, all while supporting enriching after-school health and academic programs offered to youth. Every ticket purchased and every bid made by guests and sponsors go directly to our youth. This year's event raised \$42,763.

A massive, special thanks to United Way friends, Joe and Kathleen Linta, their players, colleagues Lori Evon, Nick Linta, and our Auctioneer television meteorologist Matt Scott, the sound and visual effects of John Rozz of Sound Spectrum, Ray Ross Photography, and our special partners, Zandri's Stillwood Inn, Choate Rosemary Hall and Wallingford Bowl, our Board Members, and all the volunteers who make this event a success each year!!

COVID-19 RESPONSE



In partnership with the Meriden-Wallingford Community Foundation and the support of other local foundations, we created the "Meriden-Wallingford Community Foundation Coronavirus Response Fund" to provide financial support to local agencies and non-profits in the region in response to the COVID-19 pandemic's long-term effects. This fund has allowed them to mobilize and respond quickly to the growing needs of the community to ensure people have access to basic resources such as housing, food, energy assistance and health services.



United Ways across the state of Connecticut have joined forces to respond to the increasingly dire economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic by creating the Connecticut United Ways COVID-19 Response Fund. The Fund was working in tandem with other philanthropic efforts being coordinated statewide to rapidly deploy financial resources to individuals and families of ALICE® (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) who are economically affected by the pandemic, including those who are out of work or have reduced work hours, caring for our children and elderly parents, and are vulnerable to the rapidly changing scenario our country faces.

2019-2020 FINANCIALS

INCOME

Campaign	\$451,064	66%
Grants	\$176,400	26%
Events	\$50,514	7%
Investments	\$1,404	1%
TOTAL	\$679,382	100%

EXPENSE

Allocations	\$269,828	58%
Program	\$55,695	12%
Fundraising	\$83,761	17%
Administration	\$59,389	13%
TOTAL	\$468,673	100%

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TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY

Only 26 years old when he came to the United States and Canada in 1831, Alexis Charles-Henri de Tocqueville traveled extensively, recording his observations of life in the young nations.

Though he only spent nine months in North America, he gleaned many profound insights about American society. His observations, readings and discussions with eminent Americans formed the basis of Democracy in America, a detailed study of American society and politics published in two volumes, in 1835 and 1840.

Tocqueville recognized, applauded and immortalized North American voluntary action on behalf of the common good. He wrote: "I must say that I have seen Americans make a great deal of real sacrifices to the public welfare; and have noticed a hundred instances in which they hardly ever failed to lend a faithful support to one another," eloquently capturing the essence of personal philanthropy that persists almost three centuries later.

The observations on philanthropy made by Alexis de Tocqueville in 1831 are true today; North Americans understand that advancing the common good means creating opportunities for a better life for all. The name Tocqueville Society was chosen because of Alexis de Tocqueville's admiration for the spirit of voluntary association and effort toward its advancement.

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