

YOUR GIFTS IN ACTION

COUNTY CENTRAL | CAYUGA COUNTY



Cayuga County Volunteers at Transportation Project of Cayuga County 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: Booker T. Washington Community Center

Gifts to the United Way of Cayuga County support **community resilience**, **youth opportunity**, **healthy communities**, and **financial security** programs. Booker T. Washington Community Center provides a reliable and safe space for youth in their After School Childcare program and they understand that Healthy Communities = nourished communities. Your United Way dollars help BTW provide healthy snacks as well as hot, nutritious meals for youth enrolled in their program helping ease stress of parents after a long workday.

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:

When I think about why I support the United Way and other community organizations, I reflect on a verse from the Book of Matthew... "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." As a Weedsport resident and small business owner, I see the transportation struggles our rural neighbors face. Thanks to United Way funding, **SCAT Van** can transport senior and disabled neighbors to the grocery store, social outings, as well as to and from work. Their services are available countywide with vans based in Cato, Auburn, Union Springs, and Moravia.

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?

Being a mother and small business owner, I understand the importance of reliable and safe childcare to put parents' minds at ease while they're at work. Your gifts support a variety of traditional programs such as the Auburn YMCA's **Childcare Center** and **School Age Child Care**, E. John Gavras Center's Essential Child Care, and Booker T. Washington Community Center's **Before and After School Care** program. Collectively, these programs support more than 1,020 youth. Summer camps provide alternative care solutions and nearly 700 Cayuga County youth who attended **Camp Y-Owasco** or **Camp Gregory** last year.



Understanding the need to support our early childcare and learning centers, Child Care Solutions is piloting their **Quality Improvement** program here in Cayuga County. This program has been successful in Onondaga County providing small grants and educational opportunities to childcare centers. Learn more about how your gifts impact childcare by scanning the QR code.

Childcare is just one area where your United Way gift supports the workforce. As part of the **Student United Way** curriculum, high school students share their career aspirations and United Way staff invite guest speakers from those fields to share real life experiences. Did you know that one aspect of Aurora of CNY's **Social Work Services** is to provide job training and placement for those with vision and hearing loss? Since 2012, the United Way's **CA\$H: Free Tax Preparation** program has filed hundreds of tax returns bringing back more than \$500,000 to Cayuga County residents each year. Through childcare, feeding programs, transportation, hygiene items, and job training, 15 United Way funded programs support our workforce.

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!

Warmly, Your 2025-26 Campaign Co-Chairs:



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