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**United Way of Cumberland County Awards \$421,000  
To Fund Local Programs and Services**

*Fayetteville, NC* – United Way of Cumberland County (UWCC) is pleased to announce its 2022/2023 allocations to local nonprofit programs and services. UWCC is committed to lasting change right here in Cumberland County, and we do this by collaborating with other non-profit agencies that have the same goal: to measurably improve the quality of lives in our community. Each year, United Way of Cumberland County calls upon the citizens of our great community to contribute to our annual campaign that will fund programs and services solving critical issues in our community. In general, these issues are education, financial stability, health and basic critical needs.

UWCC periodically conducts random surveys with Cumberland County residents to determine critical community issues. Based upon the results, UWCC collaborates with organizations that are making an impact on these targeted issues. It takes the entire community working together to create real, lasting change and not just quick fixes, and that is why UWCC Community Partners are so important. UWCC also knows how important it is that donor dollars are put to good use. Therefore, volunteers from the community work together annually to formulate the UWCC Community Impact Council and Community Impact Review Panels. These volunteers review and evaluate request for funding proposals submitted by programs and services seeking UWCC funding. Based upon these reviews and evaluations the Community Impact Council makes recommendations to UWCC's Board of Directors on how funds should be allocated. The UWCC Board of Directors has final approval of funds allocated to selected programs and services. Following are the 2022/2023 UWCC funded programs and services:

American Red Cross, Highlands Chapter  
**Disaster Services**  
**Preparedness, Health & Safety Program**  
**Services to Armed Forces**

Better Health of Cumberland County  
**Diabetes Management Program**  
**Direct Aid (Medical & Prescription Assistance)**

Boy Scouts of America, Occoneechee Council  
**Youth Scouting Programs**

Catholic Charities of the Raleigh Diocese  
**Food Pantry Services**

Connections of Cumberland County  
**Day Resource Center for Homeless for**  
**Homeless Women & Children**

Cumberland County CommuniCare, Inc.  
**Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder**

Cumberland County Council on Older Adults  
**Community Care Giving Circle**  
**Home Improvement Services**  
**Senior Nutrition Services (Meals on Wheels)**

Cumberland Residential & Employment Services & Training (CREST)  
**Adult Day Vocational Program**

Fayetteville Urban Ministry  
**Adult Literacy & Education Center**  
**Emergency Assistance Program**  
**Find-A-Friend Mentoring Program**

Girl Scouts-NC Coastal Pines Council  
**Community Engagement Program**

Greater Life of Fayetteville  
**Youth Intervention & Prevention Programs**

Rape Crisis Volunteers of Cumberland County  
**Domestic Violence Advocacy**

Service Source of Fayetteville  
**Warrior Bridge Program for Disabled Veterans**

Vision Resource Center  
**VRC New Directions**

**The following organizations received donor designations (one-time gift) only:** Boys & Girls Clubs of Cumberland County, Fort Bragg Army Community Services; Fort Bragg Youth Services; and The Salvation Army.

Thank you to our 2022 Community Impact Review Panel Volunteers who worked diligently to ensure that contributions are invested in local programs that are working hard to make our community stronger. They are as follows:

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