



# SUMMER PROGRAMS

## 2022 DONOR REPORT



**United Way  
Centraide**

Windsor-Essex County

**United Way's all in on the Cradle to Career strategy -- a new approach to support children and youth from the time they're born until they find a career.** Thanks to the support of donors, volunteers and partners, we've achieved some great success.

## **SUMMER EATS FOR KIDS**

1 in 3 food bank users are children in Windsor-Essex County. Some families also rely on school nutrition programs to help feed their children healthy meals.

United Way's Summer Eats for Kids program provides children and families in Windsor-Essex County with nutritious snacks, fruits and vegetables during the summer months when school nutrition programs are closed. The program also offers books for children and families.

## **BACKPACKS FOR SUCCESS**

Back-to-school season is an exciting time for many children as they look forward to the year ahead, but unfortunately, some children don't have access to the supplies they need for a successful school year. Providing kids with back-to-school supplies increases classroom participation, attendance and student morale.

The Backpacks for Success program provides students in kindergarten through grade 12 in Windsor-Essex County with backpacks filled with grade-appropriate supplies.



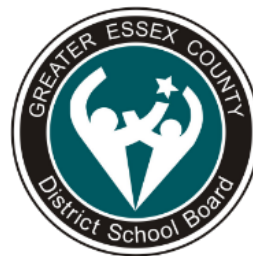


# Partners in Our Community



This past summer marked a return to in-person camps and summer programs for local children — an exciting time for many.

The Summer Eats for Kids program not only continued to provide weekly food pick-up locations at six different school sites across our community, but we also partnered with the Greater Essex County District School Board (GECDSB) to provide **8,100 lunches in total** to children participating in the Summer Learning Program in 2022.



The Summer Learning Program, which includes Camp Wonder, Camp Migizi, Camp Discovery and Camp Lingo, addresses summer learning loss and is geared towards students across the GECDSB. Each Camp site has a specific focus and various grades are targeted at each location. In July, the program focused on supporting students ranging from Senior Kindergarten through Grade 6. The program focuses on enhancing literacy and numeracy skills by engaging children in fun learning experiences that spark their curiosity and love of learning.

With the support of Green Heart Catering in Kingsville, United Way was able to provide a daily lunch to all camp participants.

Having lunch everyday addresses hunger in our community and ensures that children have the energy they need to focus on learning that is happening in their classroom.



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Each day students, staff and families looked forward to the delivery of lunches. It was wonderful to see everyone come together to support the students and families. In addition to being one of the highlights of each day, parents and students often shared how much they enjoyed trying new foods and wanted to try making some of the items at home.

**Laura Bates, Camp Wonder Coordinator**

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**2,000 backpacks were distributed to children in our community.**

# BECAUSE YOU UNITED WAY

Impact of our Summer programs:



**2,568**

Books donated to help improve children's literacy thanks to the Women United Book Drive.



**909**

Local families served through the Summer Eats for Kids program.



**4,088**

Food bags distributed to families in our community.



**1,120**

Number of hours United Way volunteers contributed this summer.



# Leading the Way

## Harvey and Cathy Strosberg

Their support initially began in honour of their dear friend, Honourable Justice Edward Ducharme, who was passionate about child hunger in the local community. Since 2015, Harvey and Cathy have generously contributed funds to the Summer Eats for Kids Program. Their substantial and generous donations over the years have provided support for thousands of local children – giving them access to healthy and nutritious food.



## Farrow

Community is everything to Farrow. When our community is in need, Farrow is always one of the first to step up and help. Ensuring children have the school supplies they

need to be confident and successful at school is important to Farrow and its employees. That is why every year Farrow supports United Way's Backpacks for Success program. This past year, Farrow generously donated \$15,000 which provided over 1,000 backpacks for children in our community, each filled with grade appropriate school supplies to help ensure they have the tools and the self-confidence needed to start off their new school year.

## Tepperman's

The Tepperman family has always been generous supporters of United Way, along with many other worthwhile causes across our community. When a concern was raised that there may not be enough backpacks or school supplies for local children this past year, Andrew Tepperman, on behalf of Tepperman's Furniture, stepped in to provide \$5,000 towards the Backpacks for Success program. This donation was used to provide an additional 200 backpacks to students in high school.





# Working Together



Our work would not be possible without the dedicated supporters and volunteers. Thank you to all those who joined us in delivering Summer Programs this year.



# THANK YOU



# Program Supporters

**We love where we live and we want kids to succeed.** Thanks to our generous supporters, United Way is creating opportunities for children and youth who need it the most—right here at home. The following donors and organizations generously supported United Way's Summer Programs with a gift of \$1000 or more. Thank you for showing your local love through United Way/Centraide Windsor-Essex County. Visit [weareunited.com](http://weareunited.com) to learn more about your impact.

## \$10,000+

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## \$5,000-\$9,999

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Patrick Ducharme  
South Windsor Warriors Basketball Association  
St. Clair College  
Windsor Port Authority

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Dr. Anne Forrest  
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## \$1,000-\$1,199

Kathy and Tony's No Frills  
Chartwell Oak Park LaSalle  
MaryAnne Kazuke  
Unifor Local 1959  
Zalev Brothers Company

We would also like to acknowledge Unemployed Help Centre – Hub of Opportunities for their in-kind contribution to the Summer Programs. Their support was critical to the overall success of the program.



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