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*United Way of Delaware and Otsego Counties*

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**United Way of Delaware and Otsego Counties Announces 2022 Community Funding**

Otsego County, March 29, 2022- The United Way of Delaware and Otsego Counties (UWDO) has finished its fall 2021 campaign and has now allocated those campaign dollars to local community programs in need of funding for 2022. The fall campaign goal was \$50,000 and the campaign reached 106% of that goal by raising \$53,149. “I am so appreciative of the community for supporting us this year!, “said Elizabeth Monaco, Executive Director of the United Way of Delaware and Otsego Counties. “It was a year of transition for our United Way and the community really stepped and made sure that we remained strong and relevant. We are excited about all of the changes that have occurred over this last year and we are ready to see where 2022 will take us!”

For 2022, 14 programs requested more than \$92,500 in United Way funds. Every program that requests funding through the United Way of Delaware and Otsego Counties’ competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process must demonstrate measurable results and financial accountability in our community. All funding proposals are reviewed by community Review Panels made up of UWDO Board members and impartial community representatives. This year, more than 20 volunteers participated in the review process. Said Monaco, “Volunteers and Board members review each application independently to ensure each organization is not weighted against another organization. The process helps ensure that funds are used by programs that will make the biggest impact for our entire community.”

Based on recommendation from these Review Panels for 2022, the United Way Board of Directors has awarded \$61,444 in funds to 18 Delaware and Otsego County programs and several additional initiatives in the focus areas of income, education and health: \$13,266 to programs in Education, \$15,302 to programs in Income- Basic Needs and Financial Stability, and \$22,515 to program in Health. The United Way of Delaware and Otsego Counties will also be providing \$250 in funding to the 2-1-1 Susquehanna River Region Information and Referral Hotline and \$10,000 to special local community impact initiatives this year, including the Week of the Young Child-One Community One Book Project and the Micro-Loan Project.

**2022 Allocations by Program:**

Program	Agency	Focus Area	2022 Allocation
Employment Assistance	The Family Service Association	Income	\$2,670.16
Emergency Housing Assistance Program	Opportunities for Otsego	Income	\$4,532.24
Disaster Cycle Services in Delaware and Otsego	American Red Cross	Income	\$4,558.59
Caring Connections	Catholic Charities of Del, Otsego, Schoharie	Income	\$3,541.47
		Total	\$15,302.46
Expanding Farm to School through NY Thursdays	RHNSNCY	Education	\$4,637.65
Literacy Volunteers of Otsego and Delaware Counties	Literacy Volunteers	Education	\$4,521.70
Adulting 101	Oneonta Teen Center	Education	\$4,107.13
		Total	\$13,266.48
Get There Connected	RHNSNCY	Health	\$4,822.10
Feeding the Soul to Reinforce Recovery from Substance Abuse Disorder	FORDO	Health	\$3,984.16
Girls On the Run 2022 Spring Season	Girls on the Run CNY	Health	\$950.00
Access to Healthcare-Delaware	FPSCNY	Health	\$4,953.85
Access to Healthcare-Otsego	FPSCNY	Health	\$4,848.45
Cooperstown Food Pantry	Cooperstown Food Pantry	Health	\$2,956.50
		Total	\$22,515.06

For more information about the United Way and its allocations process or to volunteer, you may call the office at 607-373-0297 or visit the website at [www.unitedwaydo.org](http://www.unitedwaydo.org).

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