

United Way grants: Here's the list of 16 collaborations sharing nearly \$2.5 million



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Under its new collective impact funding model, the United Way of Lancaster County on Tuesday awarded grants totaling \$2,483,707 to 16 collaborations.

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Below is a list of the collaboratives, the partners in each and the work they will do.

1. Impacting Generations: \$127,500

Pressley Ridge, COBYS, School District of Lancaster, Susquehanna Valley Pregnancy Services.

Supporting teen parents and their children with a focus on educational attainment of parent and child.

2. Integration Services for New Americans: \$297,500

The Literacy Council, Church World Service, Franklin & Marshall College-Ware Institute for Civic Engagement, Intermediate Unit 13, Lutheran Refugee Services, School District of Lancaster, SouthEast Lancaster Health Services.

Providing immigrants and refugees a one-stop shop for education, health, and financial services.

3. SAIL (Systems Aligned in Learning): \$207,000

LutherCare, COBYS, Fizika Group, Pennsylvania Early Learning Keys to Quality, Lancaster County Council of Churches, the Library System of Lancaster County.

Using a van to go to the homes of childcare providers, where resource experts will deliver essential services to the most vulnerable children in Lancaster County.

4. The Learning Lancaster Collaborative: \$254,999

Lancaster Education Foundation, Boys & Girls Club, Exit Lancaster, Lancaster Day Care Center,



Boys & Girls Club 1.jpg

Karen Schloer of the Boys & Girls Club speaks with 8 year-old Lenoxx on Jan. 2, 2015. The nonprofit organization is a lead agency in a new, 10-agency, United Way-funded collaborative helping families in the southern half of Lancaster city.

YMCA, Lancaster General Health, Lancaster Recreation Commission, Luthercare, School District of Lancaster, Washington Elementary School, YWCA.

Expanding high quality, early childhood opportunities to children ages 3 and 4; offering parent workshops on fiscal stability, and providing families access to Lancaster General's Health Clinic, dental care, eye clinic, school-based mental health services and referrals to outside agencies.

5. Together Community Center: \$297,500

The Factory Ministries, Amish View Resorts, Grace Point Church of Paradise, Hildebrandt Learning Centers, Pequea Valley School District, Safe Families and Safe Families Plus, Urban Outfitters, Welsh Mountain Health Center.

Providing a central hub for Pre-K Counts classrooms, adult workshops and mentoring programs, medical, dental and mental health facilities, and a transportation service with a map of pick-up and drop-off locations.

6. Moving Forward: Economic Empowerment and Justice for Survivors of Domestic Violence: \$84,150

Community Action Program, Workforce Investment Board, MidPenn Legal Services, New Choices Career Development.

Increasing the safety of survivors of domestic violence by reducing two of the largest barriers to permanently escaping abusive relationships: financial security and legal representation during the protection-from-abuse process.

7. Plant the Seed of Learning: \$40,970

Cocalico Education Foundation; Conestoga Valley, Eastern Lancaster County, Ephrata Area, Lampeter-Strasburg, Manheim Township, Pequea Valley and Lancaster school districts; Cocalico Education Foundation, Diamond Street Early Childhood Center, Early Childhood Innovative Connections, Ephrata Public Library, Lancaster General Health, Luthercare, Power Packs Project, Wellspan Ephrata Community Hospital.

Influencing future learners and their families through supportive environments and activities that engage, educate and empower parents and children from birth to 2 years of age.

8. Lancaster Medical Legal Partnership: \$121,720

MidPenn Legal Services, Lancaster General Health, Neighborhood Services, SouthEast Lancaster Health Services.

Serving the twin goals of financial stability and medical home by integrating civil legal aid and financial case management with an intensive, high-utilization health care treatment model.

9. Mental Well Being: \$169,999

Lancaster General Health, 211, Community Action Program, Catholic Charities, Community Services Group, Compass Mark, Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Lancaster Osteopathic Health Foundation, Lancaster Regional Medical Center, Mental Health America, Philhaven, Pressley Ridge, Samaritan Counseling Center, School District of Lancaster, T.W. Ponessa & Associates, Water Street Ministries, Spanish American Civic Association, Wellspan Ephrata Community Hospital.

Implementing strategies to improve access and treatment for behavioral health, especially for low-income and minority residents.

10. Elizabethtown Area Family Hub: \$85,000

Elizabethtown Child Care Center, Community Cupboard of Elizabethtown, Elizabethtown Area School District, Elizabethtown Community Nursery School, Elizabethtown Public Library, Hope Within Community Health Center, Jewel David Ministries, Milanof-Schock Library, Power Packs Project, United Churches of the Elizabethtown Area, VITA.

Providing low and low-middle income families in Elizabethtown access to high-quality early childhood education, kindergarten transition, tax-preparation, food assistance, assistance completing insurance paperwork, food/clothing banks, workshops on financial topics, kindergarten readiness, job training, literacy support, and access to mental health and medical providers.

11. Pathways Out of Poverty through Circles: \$94,709

Community Action Program, Central PA Food Bank/Hunger Free Lancaster County, Columbia Presbyterian Church, Community Life Network, First United Methodist Church, Habitat for Humanity, Lancaster County Council of Churches, Millersville University, Tabor Community Services, Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

Empowering low-income participants to permanently move out of poverty.

12. Lancaster-South Connections: \$254,999

Boys & Girls Club, ASSETS Lancaster, Exit Lancaster, Lancaster City Alliance, Lancaster Community Safety Coalition, Lancaster EMS, Lancaster Housing Opportunity Partnership, School District of Lancaster, SouthEast Lancaster Health Services, The Mix at Arbor Place.

Providing the front-line connection for families in southern Lancaster City who need support, education, and care to achieve success.

13. Pinwheel Partners: \$169,999

Lancaster Day Care Center, Byrnes Health Education Center, Community Action Program,

Elizabethtown Child Care Center, Pressley Ridge, Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center, Wee Care Day School.

Ensuring low-income families in Lancaster County have access to quality early care, education, workforce development and are connected to a medical home.

14. R.E.P. (Reunify, Empower, Prevent): \$172,508

CASA, Bethany Christian Services of Central PA, Clare House, Community Services Group, Pressley Ridge, Lancaster County Children and Youth, Lancaster County Coalition to End Homelessness, Love INC, Tabor Community Services.

Helping children in or exiting foster care achieve safe and permanent housing.

15. Solanco Family Life Network: \$20,154

New Hope Community Life Ministries, COBYS, Naaman Center, Quarryville Library Center, Solanco Neighborhood Ministries, Solanco School District, Solid Rock Youth Ministries, Southern End Community Association.

Providing early intervention, parenting skills, career planning/training, family counseling, tutoring and before-/after-school programs, nutritional support, and support with budgeting and heating bills.

16: Community Wellness: \$84,999

SouthEast Lancaster Health Services, Community Services Group, Harrisburg Area Community College, Partnership for Public Health, Reach out and Read.

Removing barriers to medical and dental care, including providing services for uninsured patients, enrolling patients into health plans and connecting patients to support services.