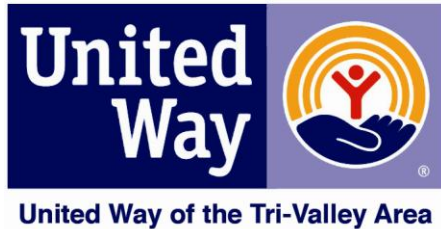


Partner Profiles



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Editor's Note: This is the seventh in a series of articles that demonstrates the community impact of the United Way of the Tri-Valley Area.

Along with our Community Partners, the United Way of the Tri-Valley Area helps address urgent issues in our community, including ensuring people stay warm by providing emergency fuel assistance dollars to area agencies. The United Way of the Tri-Valley Area also supports area food pantries via the Federal Emergency Food and Shelter Program. Recently, the United Way was awarded \$24,277.00 to supplement and expand emergency food and shelter programs in Greater Franklin County. A local board, made up of food pantry representatives, Western Maine Community Action staff, Emergency Management staff, and other dedicated citizens met to allocate that money to organizations providing food and shelter in the region.

In addition, generous Greater Franklin County residents have recently designated more than \$500 to the United Way to ensure food pantries are kept stocked.

The following will be receiving much needed support from this program and designated gifts:

Care & Share Food Closet, Fairbanks
Wilton Area Food Pantry
Tri-Town Ministerial Food Cupboard,
Livermore Falls
Phillips Area Food Pantry
United Methodist Economic Ministry,
Salem

Town of Carthage Food Bank
Clearwater Ministry, Industry
Stratton/Eustis Food Pantry
Abused Women's Advocacy Project
(AWAP)
The Friends Together Social Club, Jay

Despite this announcement, it is important to note that there is increasing demand at area food banks. Ongoing support will be necessary. To continue to meet the need, United Way of the Tri-Valley Area is working with area businesses, food banks, Western Maine Transportation and the Good Shepherd Food Bank in Auburn on an upcoming "Stuff the Bus" campaign. Stay tuned for more details! For contact information for area food banks, visit www.TheCommunityConnector.org, call 2-1-1, or the United Way of the Tri-Valley Area.

The mission of the United Way of the Tri-Valley Area is to improve people's lives by focusing the caring capacity of our communities. For more information or to give, advocate, or volunteer in your community, visit www.uwtva.org, call 778-5048 or e-mail info@uwtva.org.