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2024-2025 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

100% LOCAL. 100% COMMITTED
TO OXFORD COUNTY.

At United Way Oxford, every dollar raised stays right here in our community, and is invested by local volunteers who know Oxford. By supporting a locally rooted network of programs and services, we ensure that people across Oxford County get the help they need, when and where they need it most.

LOCAL IMPACT AT A GLANCE:

- ◆ Over **\$1.3M** raised locally.
- ◆ Invested in **13 organizations** and **44 local programs**.
- ◆ **1 in 5 people** are impacted by a United Way Oxford funded program.
- ◆ **816 volunteers** invested **4,721 hours** last year.

MOVING PEOPLE FROM POVERTY TO POSSIBILITY



A PATH TO SAFETY, STABILITY, AND SUPPORT

I'm in my sixties and I never thought I would be at risk of losing my home due to my mental health challenges and financial struggles. With support from my housing worker, I stayed connected to care and received help managing my finances through the Public Guardian and Trustee, which brought me hope and relief. I was then supported in applying to a retirement home where I now live in a safe, supportive environment with meals and help with my medications. Since moving in, I've built new friendships and found the safety and connection I needed.

As told by Kaitlyn Skuce, Housing Stability Team Lead

No one should have to choose between healthy food, safe shelter, or basic needs. In Oxford County, many of our community members face these tough choices, especially those living in poverty. United Way Oxford helps people build financial stability by securing safe, affordable housing and developing skills for a brighter future.

YOUR LOCAL IMPACT

- **2,259,423 meals and/or snacks** were provided to help those living with food insecurity.
- **226 people** at risk of homelessness found support.
- **44 people** who were once homeless across Oxford County have now secured long-term housing.

2025-26 FUNDED PROGRAMS

- Oxford County Community Health Centre - Housing Stability Program Outreach
- Oxford County Community Health Centre - Transitional Housing Worker Supports
- Tillsonburg Multiservice Centre - Support for People Experiencing Barriers to Employment

BUILDING STRONG AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES



STAYING CONNECTED AT THE SOCIAL

My husband, Kevin, doesn't get excited about many things anymore, but he always looks forward to attending The Social. It's a welcoming place for adults living with dementia that keeps him connected and engaged in a way that respects his needs. I love knowing he feels understood and safe there and that he truly enjoys going. As his primary care partner, The Social also gives me a few guilt-free hours each week to care for myself, knowing Kevin is in good hands.

Ursula, Care Partner • Kevin, Program Participant

Everyone deserves to feel included, supported, and mentally well, regardless of age, background, or life experience. Yet many people in Oxford County struggle with connecting to the support they need to be well. United Way Oxford funds programs locally to connect people with resources that build resilience, improve well-being, and foster lasting belonging.

YOUR LOCAL IMPACT

- **778 moments of care and healing** through sexual assault counselling took place in Oxford County.
- **404 people** received the mental health support they needed.
- **235 individuals 55+** were served by a United Way-funded program.

2025-26 FUNDED PROGRAMS

- Alzheimer's Society Southwest - The Social - Therapeutic Recreation Program

HELPING KIDS BE ALL THEY CAN BE



FROM LITTLE SISTER TO LOCAL LEADER

Being matched with a Big Sister for over ten years gave me the steady support and guidance I needed to believe in myself as a kid. That mentorship from many years ago helped me build a career and now raise two daughters with the same values. Inspired by how much Big Brothers Big Sisters shaped my life, I'm proud to serve on their Board of Directors to help others.

Allison, Past Program Participant and Current Volunteer

Every child deserves the chance to thrive. That journey starts early, and requires the right support. That's why United Way Oxford partners with local organizations that invest in children and youth through mentoring, safe spaces for learning and growth, and access to healthy food. Helping young people build a strong foundation supports a successful transition to adulthood.

YOUR LOCAL IMPACT

- **13,610 children and youth** were provided with healthy snacks in Oxford County schools.
- **45 children and youth** received mental health support through a United Way-funded program.
- **230 children and youth** in Oxford County accessed free tutoring.

2025-26 FUNDED PROGRAMS

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oxford County - Mentoring Programs
- Fusion Youth Centre - Youth Programs
- Navy League & Sea Cadets - Youth Programs
- Strong Start - Letters, Sounds and Words Tutoring Program
- STEAM Education Centre - Digital Equity for Youth
- Why Not Us - Youth Skills Development Programs
- Ontario Student Nutrition Program - Student Nutrition Program

UNITED IN OUR INITIATIVES:

THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP

Together with the community, United Way Oxford is creating lasting change. We collaborate with organizations, businesses, non-profits, government, labour groups, volunteers and donors who are united with us in addressing critical issues and creating lasting change. Across Oxford County, United Way brings leadership and community-rooted perspectives to the table, helping to shape solutions that drive meaningful, locally-led change. Thanks to the community and generous donors, we can invest time, resources and experiences to build a stronger Oxford County for all.



DAY OF CARING

12 projects were completed by **126 volunteers** who committed **506 hours in one day** to make a difference.



TAMPON TUESDAY

1,413 boxes of menstrual hygiene products were delivered to **20 local organizations**.



SUPPLIES4STUDENTS

1,170 youth were supported from **565 families** across Oxford County.



EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT

220 workplaces came together and showed their local love through giving their time and resources.

OUR MISSION:

Addressing Oxford County's social needs today and reducing the needs of tomorrow.

OUR VISION:

A caring, inclusive and resilient community where everyone lives with dignity, belonging, opportunity and hope.

2025-26 UNITED WAY OXFORD PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- 2-1-1
- Community Conversations
- Community United Conversation Webinar Series
- Day of Caring Program
- Ingersoll & Tillsonburg Light Houses - Transitional Housing
- Marilyn Mann Youth in Crisis Fund
- Oxford Supplies4Students
- Seeing is Believing Tours
- Tampon Tuesday
- Women United

COMMUNITY TABLES & PARTNERSHIPS

- Femicide Prevention Table
- Income/Living Wage Work Group
- Ingersoll & Tillsonburg Resource Networks
- Oxford Age Friendly Steering Committee
- Oxford HART Hub Committee
- Oxford Housing Action Collaborative
- Oxford Local Immigration Partnership
- Oxford Mental Health & Addiction Action Coalition
- Oxford Volunteer Coordinators Network
- Reducing Poverty Together
- Planet Youth Oxford Coalition
- Woodstock Mayor's Community & Social Well-Being Committee



211 Navigators always answer the call.

2-1-1 CALLS AND NEEDS

725 Oxford individuals

contacted 211 and identified

928 needs, including health and housing.

**Life can be hard.
Finding help can be easy.**

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Stays Local.**

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