United Way of Tompkins County

Special Initiatives

United Way of Tompkins County Special Initiatives help solve specific, community-wide challenges identified through ongoing examination of community needs. Donors can designate gifts to UWTC Special Initiatives on the pledge card.

Urgent Rx Prescription Program

Urgent Rx provides prescriptions to uninsured individuals to help resolve their immediate, urgent health need and to prevent potentially more serious medical issues in the future which may occur as a result of not taking prescribed medicines. Additionally, Urgent Rx provides information about other prescription and health insurance programs available to the uninsured individuals.

From January 2006 to March 2015 Urgent Rx has filled 23,657 prescriptions at a discounted cost of $469,257.

Hunger and Food Security

We have been documenting an increased demand for food and personal care items. We are focusing our efforts on addressing the many complex hunger issues facing individuals and families in our county, by working to support programming to improve the quality of life for area residents.

In order to address these conditions, we have established both Fall and Spring Hunger & Food Security grant cycles.

Student & Campus Engagement

We assist student philanthropists in gaining tools and experience. Through our student engagement programs, students gain leadership skills through resource development activities, community service projects, and the process of awarding one-time grants to nonprofit organizations.

- Focus on Community Understanding Service
- Youth and Philanthropy
- Cornell Student United Way
- Stephen E. Garner Summers of Service High School Job Program
- Ithaca College Student United Way
- Tompkins Cortland Community College Student United Way
- United Way Youth Venture

Get Connected

The Volunteer Center connects individuals, groups, and businesses with volunteer opportunities at local nonprofits 365 days a year at getconnected.uwtc.org, and, during the annual Day of Caring (September) and Day of Action (June).