



United Way
Niagara



Our
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Impact

2024 Impact Report

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UNITED, we can make a change

Our goal has always been a Niagara where no one goes hungry, and everyone has a safe place to call home. Achieving this vision will take a united approach. With the help of our agency partner network and a strong supportive community, we have made a difference in the lives of thousands of people throughout the region. Your gifts have made a widespread impact and given individuals and families in Niagara a chance to thrive.

Achieving our ambitious vision for the community won't happen in just a single year, and each year, new challenges arise. Not everyone is afforded the same opportunities to become a contributor in their neighbourhood. By investing in local solutions to social problems, we can strengthen the safety net of social services that ensure no one is left behind.

The funds raised in 2024 will provide food, safe housing, income support, critical mental health services and more. Thanks to your united support – we have raised over \$5,000,000 for our campaign.

These funds support a network of 92 programs and impact over 100,000 people in Niagara.

We take great pride in our duty to invest these dollars into the areas of greatest need in our community, supported by a community investment process that is evidence-based and carried out by people that live right here in Niagara.

Our 2024 story has been one of changes and challenges, but nevertheless, it is still a year of success throughout our community. Local agencies are doing more impactful work than ever before, and when people are at their lowest, United Way is proud to support the people who help lift them up.

We look forward to continuing to make an impact with you - our network of supporters. Our UNITED impact will make a difference for thousands of people right here in Niagara.



P. Lilley

Pam Lilley
Board Chair



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Frances Hallworth
CEO



Women United volunteers helping harvest vegetables for local fresh food markets at the Vineland Garden Hub.



GenNext members at the 'Networking for Success' event at the Course and the Clubhouse raising funds for the United Way Niagara campaign.

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Campaign Results

"I am thrilled to announce that we raised over

\$5,000,000

during our 2024 fundraising campaign!

Having the privilege to serve as the Campaign Chair over the last two years, I was able to witness first hand the hard work that has gone into raising these much needed funds for the region. While I am immensely proud of our team, I also want to thank our community for going above and beyond for individuals in need right here in our community. **Thank you Niagara!"**

Brad Steeves

2024 Campaign Chair

President, Beatties Business Products

Top 20 Employee Campaigns

Employee campaigns are critical to the success of the annual campaign. We thank all of the employee campaign donors for their support through one-time, payroll, retiree, corporate and event contributions.

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General Motors St. Catharines Propulsion Plant
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Niagara Regional Police Service
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LCBO
Niagara College Canada
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Niagara Casinos
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Special Awards

ANITA ROBERTSON LEGACY AWARD

Brad Steeves

NEW CAMPAIGN OF THE YEAR

Town of Grimsby

COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

Empire Communities

COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD

Niagara Parks

LONGSTANDING PARTNER AWARD

John Deere Canada ULC

LONGSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARD

Jeff Klassen

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City of Port Colborne

UNSUNG HERO AWARD

Ridley College



Niagara Parks Charity BBQ

"As a Campaign Ambassador for United Way Niagara, I'm honoured to work alongside my colleagues at Niagara Parks to raise funds that will directly benefit our community. By coming together as an organization, we can amplify our impact and support those who need it most. This experience has shown me the strength of unity, and how, when we all contribute, we can truly make a difference in the lives of our neighbours." - Emily DeGaust, Niagara Parks Campaign Ambassador

"I have become comfortable sharing my grief and have developed friendships with other people in the group. These new friendships have also been a big comfort to me. Knowing that I have a place to share my grief helps to keep me sane in between our group sessions, and I know that I can reach out for support."

-Anonymous program beneficiary

Our Impact at a Glance

United, we are addressing basic, urgent needs...

- 12,055** emergency shelter nights provided, ensuring the safety of youth, adults and families experiencing homelessness.
- 24,747** crisis calls connecting people to local supports by phone help-line, providing the support and hope to people when and where it was needed most.
- 60,000+** hours of caseworker support provided to individuals in crisis or in need of preventative outreach.
- 796,033** nutritious meals provided through meal programs and emergency food supports serving people in all walks of life from children and families to seniors.

...and investing in long-term solutions to Niagara's toughest issues.

- 606** families and individuals at imminent risk of losing their housing, for various reasons, were given the necessary supports to remain housed.
- 2,269** youth accessed after-school programs that gave them opportunities to learn, grow and share memorable experiences with their peers.
- 9,411** individuals received emotional support and crisis assistance, helping them mitigate issues that could have otherwise led towards hardship.
- 10,000+** hours of preventative counselling and training provided to individuals, helping youth and adults remain housed, independent and mentally strong.

Thanks to you!

Our Investments

Community Fund Grantees

All That Kids
Can Be

From Poverty
to Possibility

Healthy People,
Strong
Communities

In 2024, United Way provided funding to 44 community partners to help bring 92 programs and initiatives to life right here in Niagara. The Community Fund grants three-year funding to local programs, allowing partner agencies to plan and implement impactful programs for long-term sustainable solutions to Niagara's biggest social issues. Our partners rely on this sustainable funding to plan and execute the programs that change thousands of lives.

211 Ontario
Autism Ontario - Niagara Region Chapter
Bethlehem Housing and Support Services
BGC Niagara
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Niagara
Birchway Niagara
Bridges Community Health Centre
Bridges Niagara (Formerly Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre)
Canadian Mental Health Association, Niagara Branch
Community Care of St. Catharines & Thorold
Community Care of West Niagara
Community Living Grimsby, Lincoln and West Lincoln
Community Living Port Colborne - Wainfleet
Distress Centre Niagara
Epilepsy Niagara
Family Counselling Centre
Family Mental Health Support Network of Niagara
Fort Erie Multicultural Centre
Foundation of Resources for Teens (FORT)
Gillian's Place
Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region
Links for Greener Learning

Mainstream
Meals on Wheels Niagara Falls
Meals on Wheels Port Colborne
Niagara Centre for Independent Living
Niagara Sexual Assault Centre (CARSA Inc.)
Niagara Regional Learning Centre
Niagara Women's Enterprise Centre (Upskill Niagara)
Port Cares
Positive Living Niagara
Quest Community Health Centre
Southridge Church
St. Vincent de Paul - St. Alfred's Conference
Start Me Up Niagara
Strive Niagara
The Bridge
The Hope Centre
The RAFT (Niagara Resource Service for Youth)
Victim Services Niagara
West Niagara Palliative Care Services (Rose Cottage)
Westview Centre4Women
YMCA of Niagara
YWCA Niagara Region



"United Way funding ensures we have the dollars needed to implement our services and allows us to focus 100 per cent on what we need to do - delivering services to those in need within our community"

*-Carolyn Askeland,
Happy in my Home Community Support Services Niagara*

Community Initiatives

In addition to our investments through the Community Fund and other grants to programs in Niagara, United Way Niagara funds and facilitates a number of community initiatives to address existing needs and fill current gaps in service for a multifaceted approach to community support.

Supporting families

2,775 Backpacks for Kids
supporting **100** schools and
10 agencies

Providing basic needs

4,000 Hygiene Kits
275 Welcome Home Kits
Shared with **over 60** agencies

Increasing access to healthy food

10,840 lbs of healthy food grown and distributed
1,401 individuals benefited from improved access
to affordable, fresh food at **44** market locations

Advocating for menstrual equity

5,000 boxes of product distributed
50,000+ individual products collected
50+ community partners supported

After School Matters

Engage. Enrich. Empower.

After School Matters is a network of free after-school programs delivering quality educational, recreational, and leisure activities. Available programs in neighbourhoods in St. Catharines and Niagara Falls, make an ongoing positive impact on youth and teens. These programs mitigate the negative effects of low income for hundreds of families every year.

Supporting children and youth

589 youth accessed the program

Providing healthy meals

1,940 after-school snacks and meals served

Helping youth succeed in school

760 hours of homework help provided

10 programs, 2 days a week for an hour each day

Community Initiatives and Other Investments

Community Initiatives

After School Matters
Backpacks for Kids
Growing Communities
Hygiene Kits
Living Wage Niagara
Niagara Community Garden Network

Niagara Food Security Network
Period Promise
Welcome Home Kits

Other Investments

Rent Assistance Program
Seniors Fund

Building Positive Youth Relationships



Spotlight on:



"One of the misconceptions we hear a lot in the community is that all of our littles must come from single-family households," says Erin Graybiel, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters Niagara. "The reality is there is a multitude of reasons why a young person would benefit from an extra adult mentor." Big Brothers Big Sisters Niagara (BBBSN) serves individuals from all different backgrounds, age groups and lifestyles. The goal is to represent all kinds of youth in Niagara and ensure everyone who might benefit from a consistent adult relationship in their life can have access to a big brother or sister.

BBBSN responds to a variety of issues in the community from a children and youth perspective. We know that for youth to have success at home and in the classroom, children need stable and consistent adult relationships in their lives. Familial issues, parents working multiple jobs to make ends meet or mental health issues stemming from extra stress at home are all symptoms that could lead to a child needing an additional stable and consistent relationship.

Programs offered by BBBSN give youth the chance to reach their full potential. One such program is the In-School Mentorship program. Working alongside local schools, this program can help bridge learning gaps for students who are less engaged or are struggling with attendance. Results have shown that students who may have been dealing with poor attendance do start to show up and become more engaged when they know their mentor will be present. If youth can be supported throughout their early school-aged years, it can help better prepare them for post-secondary and employment.

Last year, close to a thousand young lives were impacted through mentorship with BBBSN and those relationships have helped them thrive and be all they can be. The youth support network of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Niagara is made possible by multi-year United Way funding, which wouldn't be possible without our dedicated community of local donors.

Creating Community Connections

“We have seen people’s lives become transformed just because they were able to sit down with us and receive immediate, vital support,” says Theresa Murphy of Strong Fort Erie Neighbourhoods. “Many of the people coming in for our meal programs or personal care products are working – sometimes multiple jobs – but with the current reality of the cost of living, people need our help.” Strong Fort Erie Neighbourhoods (SFEN) serves hundreds of individuals in south Niagara with hot nutritious meals, access to personal care products and community connections.

One of the most common symptoms of poverty is food insecurity, and local agencies like Strong Fort Erie Neighbourhoods that help provide basic needs to so many are a vital part of the social safety net in our community. It’s abundantly clear that improving one’s standard of living while deciding whether to buy food or pay an important bill is not possible. Knowing that while a person is struggling, there are community connections that can provide them with the essentials until they get back on their feet is an important comfort to many.

With the help of United Way funding, SFEN was able to expand their personal care product program to support over 120 households in need with personal care products. While helping someone who is trying to make ends meet with essential items like laundry soap, hygiene products or toilet paper might seem like only a minor impact – it can create a small ripple effect towards greater change in their lives. When people are able to live healthy and with dignity, they can contribute to their community and work towards reaching their potential.



Spotlight on:

Serving Kindness and Respect

Spotlight on:



"The heart of The Bridge is our everyday breakfast program, where people can have a warm, nutritious, no-cost breakfast," says Executive Director and Mission Pastor of The Bridge, Steve deBoer. For many, this meal is the first step toward stability. It ensures that no one has to start their day hungry.

Established in 2014 on Queen Street, The Bridge has become a vital resource in Niagara Falls, providing meals and support for people experiencing food insecurity and homelessness. The need has grown, and The Bridge has grown with it. Volunteers and staff work every day to make sure anyone who walks through the doors is met with food, kindness, and respect.

In 2023, The Bridge expanded its impact with the launch of the Food Recovery Program. This initiative, the first of its kind in the Niagara Region, works with local businesses to collect surplus prepared food and redistribute it to people in need. It reduces food waste and increases access to nutritious meals for those facing hardship.

Support from United Way Niagara has been critical in keeping these programs running. "United Way provided us with resources for our breakfast program, and the relationship we depend on to help continue on with the program," says deBoer. With this support, The Bridge has served more than 17,000 breakfasts, ensuring that people in the community have reliable access to food.

The Bridge continues to serve Niagara Falls with a commitment to dignity and inclusion. Every meal served is an effort to build a stronger, more supportive community where no one is forgotten.

Happy, Healthy and Independent

Happy in My Home Community Support Services Niagara (CSSN) is a nonclinical community support agency helping to support older aged individuals stay in the home of their choice through a “basket” of services like meals, transportation or homemaking.

“We are a critical part of our overall healthcare system in Niagara,” says Carolyn Askeland, Executive Director with Community Support Services Niagara. “We work collaboratively and cooperatively with our healthcare system to ensure that other parts of the system have capacity. We want to help people avoid unnecessary trips to the emergency department and prevent longer admissions to hospital.”

The support and services of CSSN help foster a strong Niagara. There’s a fear among the elderly community that by receiving community services or extra help comes with a loss of independence. What clients of CSSN quickly realize is that these services allow them to remain in control of their life and most importantly stay in the home where they choose to be.

Client caregivers also feel the impact of CSSN services as they get a chance to enjoy the company of their parents or loved ones when they aren’t always the sole person their elderly loved one is depending on. Their relationship with their loved ones can remain strong and rewarding until the very end.

We know that the healthcare sector has been struggling to keep up with demand, and the support of United Way Niagara allows agencies like Community Support Services Niagara to ensure they have the dollars to implement their services and focus less on raising funds and more on the most important aspect of their agency – their clients. Just last year alone, Community Support Services Niagara was able to deliver over 50,000 meals to seniors right here in our community.

Spotlight on:



A Safe and Stable Place to Call Home



Spotlight on:

bethlehem
housing and support services

"At Bethlehem Housing and Support Services, we believe that everyone deserves a safe and stable place to call home," says Executive Director Lori Beech. "We are committed to doing everything we can to help individuals and families in Niagara build brighter futures."

Bethlehem Housing was founded to address the deep connection between poverty and housing insecurity. Today, it provides safe, affordable housing and essential support services for individuals and families facing hardships such as homelessness, domestic violence, and financial instability. The organization not only offers a roof over people's heads but also walks beside them on their journey to stability, independence, and hope.

For children, a stable home is life-changing. Bethlehem's after-school program, funded by United Way, offers a safe and welcoming space for students from early learning to grade eight. Here, they enjoy healthy snacks, crafts, and outdoor fun while developing vital life skills like teamwork, conflict resolution, and creativity.

"I like to come to the after-school program because of the great people," says Christopher, a young participant. "Coming helps me be around other kids, and I love talking to them. I feel safe here."

With United Way's support, Bethlehem Housing is able to host the after-school program, and also host 40 fresh food markets annually, ensuring families have access to nutritious food. Their housing and support programs continue to transform lives, creating a Niagara where everyone has the opportunity to live with dignity, security, and hope.

Thanking our 2024 Donor Match Sponsors

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Thanks to the supporters of the **RBW New Donor Match**, new donations had twice the community impact in 2024.

We are grateful for RBW's continued support!

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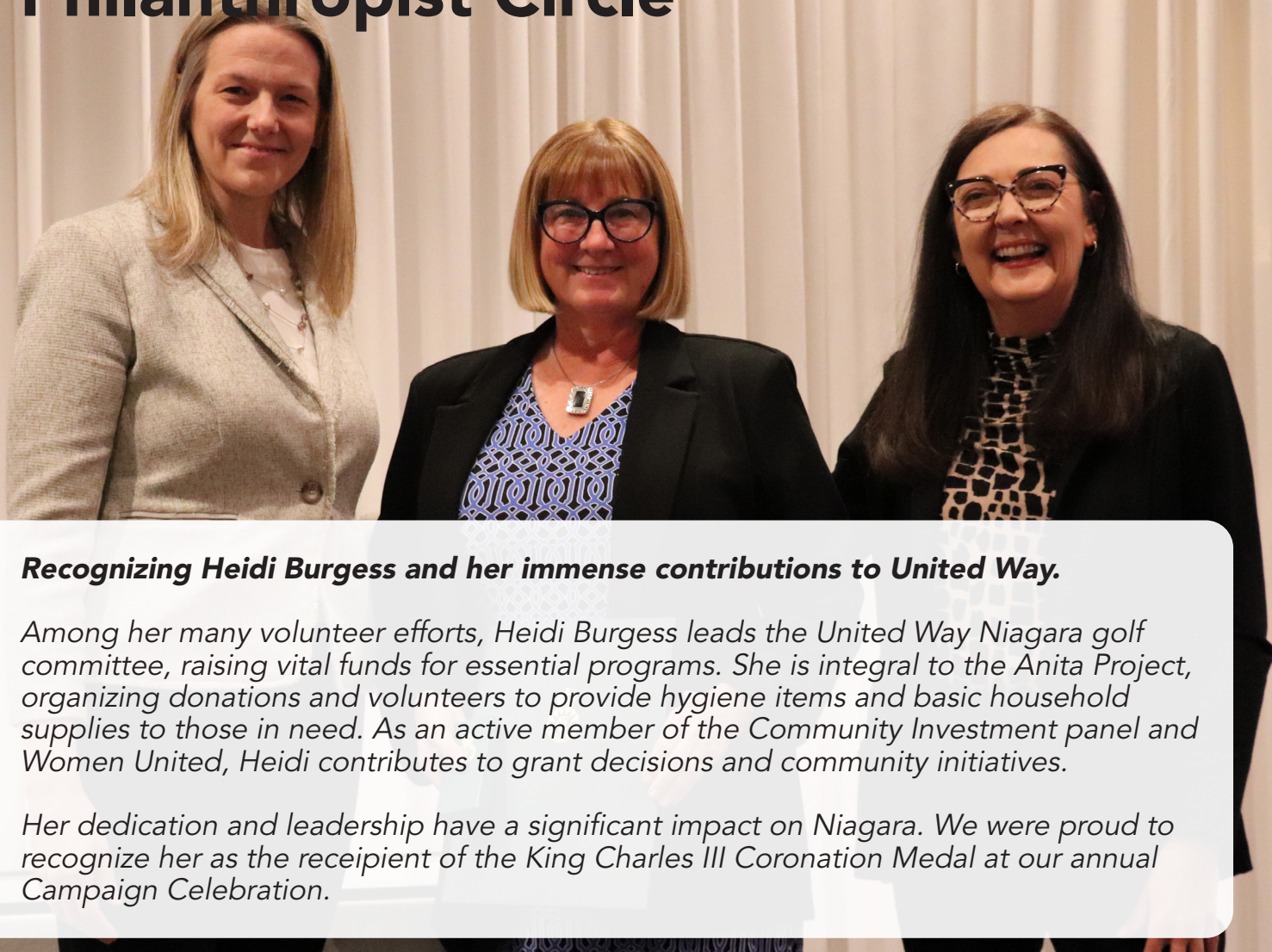
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Recognizing Heidi Burgess and her immense contributions to United Way.

Among her many volunteer efforts, Heidi Burgess leads the United Way Niagara golf committee, raising vital funds for essential programs. She is integral to the Anita Project, organizing donations and volunteers to provide hygiene items and basic household supplies to those in need. As an active member of the Community Investment panel and Women United, Heidi contributes to grant decisions and community initiatives.

Her dedication and leadership have a significant impact on Niagara. We were proud to recognize her as the recipient of the King Charles III Coronation Medal at our annual Campaign Celebration.

United Way Niagara's Philanthropist Circle acknowledges individuals who have made cumulative gifts of \$25,000 or more to United Way over the last five years.

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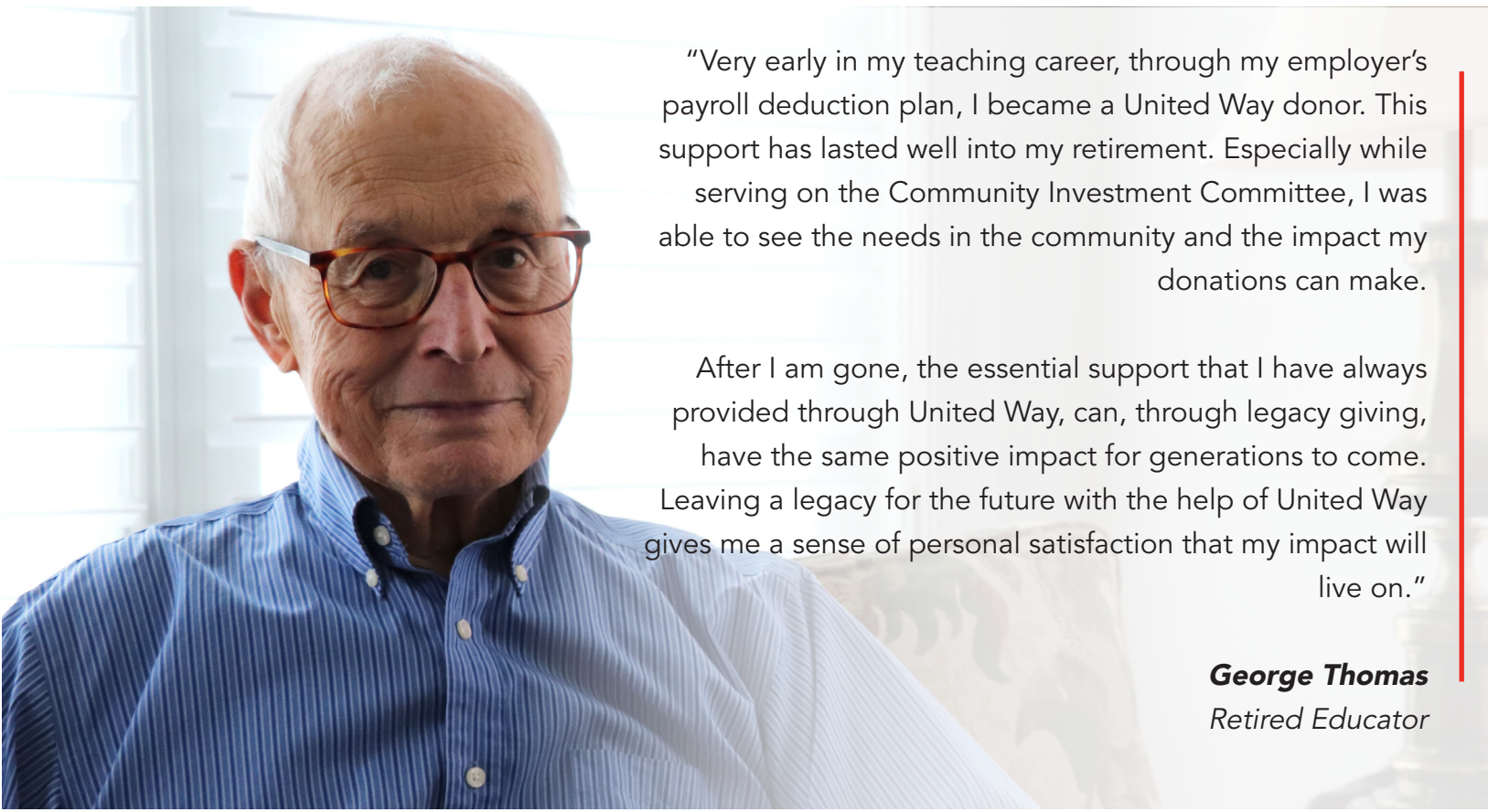
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"Very early in my teaching career, through my employer's payroll deduction plan, I became a United Way donor. This support has lasted well into my retirement. Especially while serving on the Community Investment Committee, I was able to see the needs in the community and the impact my donations can make.

After I am gone, the essential support that I have always provided through United Way, can, through legacy giving, have the same positive impact for generations to come. Leaving a legacy for the future with the help of United Way gives me a sense of personal satisfaction that my impact will live on."

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"After observing the good work of United Way Niagara from afar for years, and now seeing the ever growing need for these services, the time was right for me to do my part and contribute.

As a member of this year's Campaign Cabinet, and a personal donor, I have seen first hand that by endorsing innovation, partnerships and collective action, United Way Niagara can uniquely address the interconnected issues that poverty can cause.

As demand for the programs that United Way funds continues to increase, I hope that more local people are inspired to join the mission to improve lives and build community."

- John Belford

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When I retired, I was as passionate as ever about United Way and just because I was retiring didn't mean I cared less about my community. No longer able to rely on payroll deduction, I contacted United Way and set it up so that I could continue to make regular donations, it was simple."

-Sheila Bristo

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