

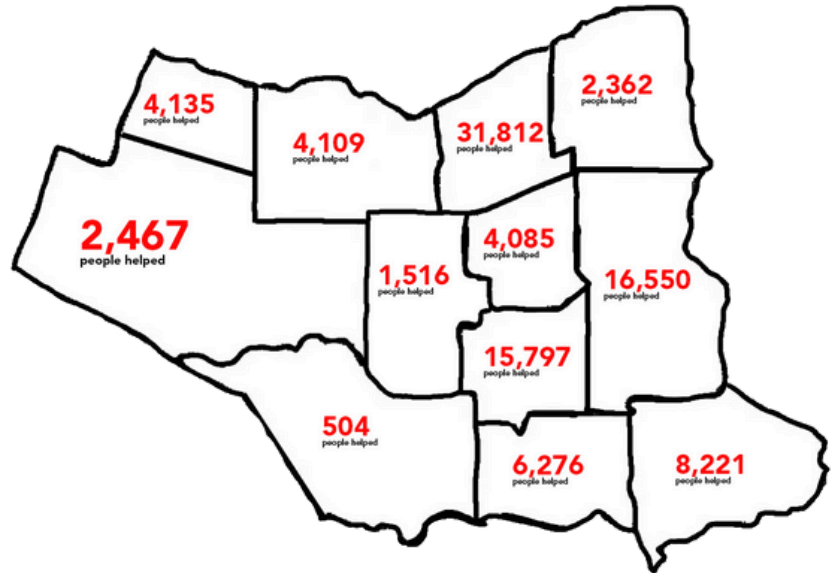


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In Fort Erie :

53

local programs

8,221
people served



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"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."

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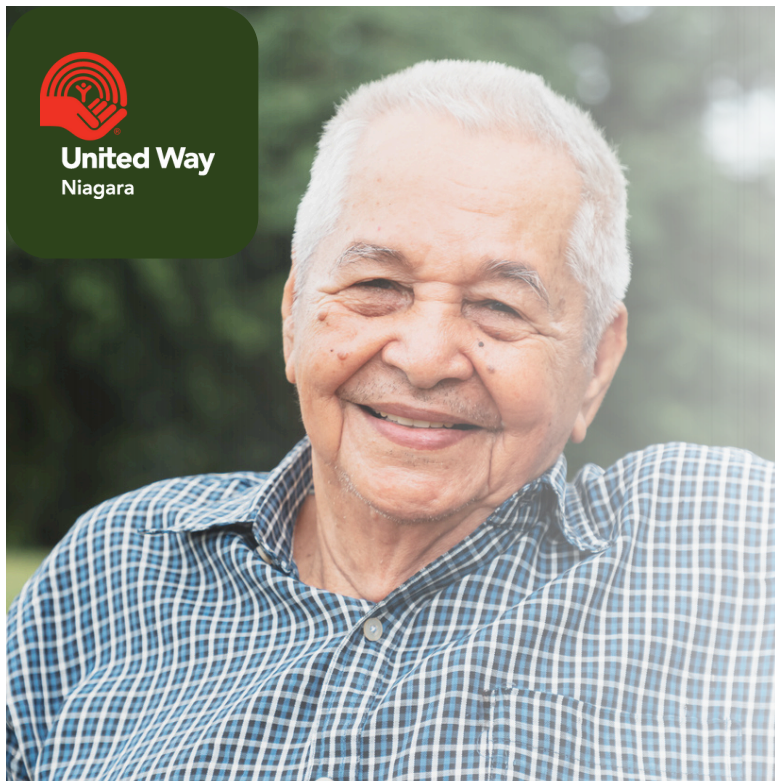
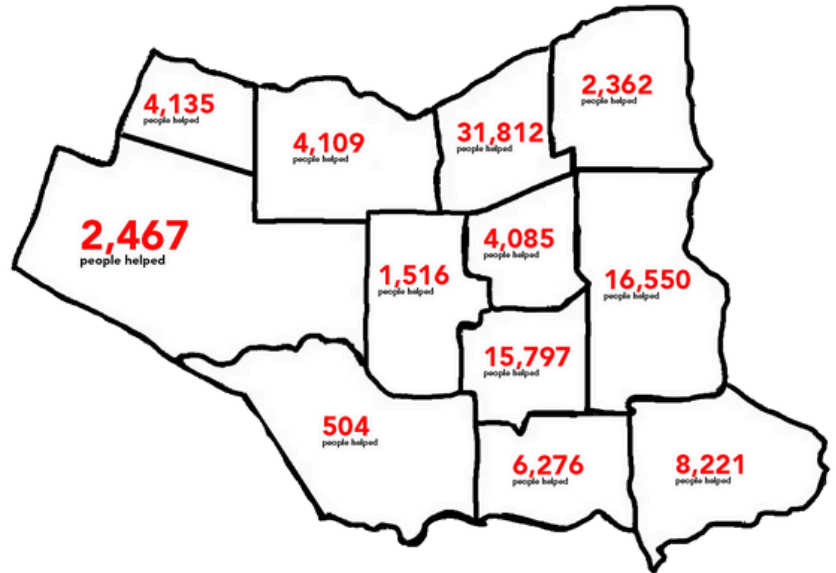


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In Port Colborne :

51

local programs

6,276

people served



PORT COLBORNE

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I am a senior who lives in Port Colborne with my wife. When I returned home from getting my leg amputated it was really hard to learn how to get around. When I fell and my leg cut open, an ambulance came to take me to the hospital. They sent me home with a bill for \$190.00. I didn't ask to be sent that way, because I didn't have that kind of money. I was embarrassed when I spoke to Bridges and explained what happened and that I didn't know what to do. Bridges said they had a bit of money in a fund for situations like this and helped us out. They made us feel like we didn't do anything wrong and we didn't feel guilty about it anymore. - Anonymous

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spotlight:

Bridges

Community Health Centre
Fort Erie and Port Colborne/Wainfleet

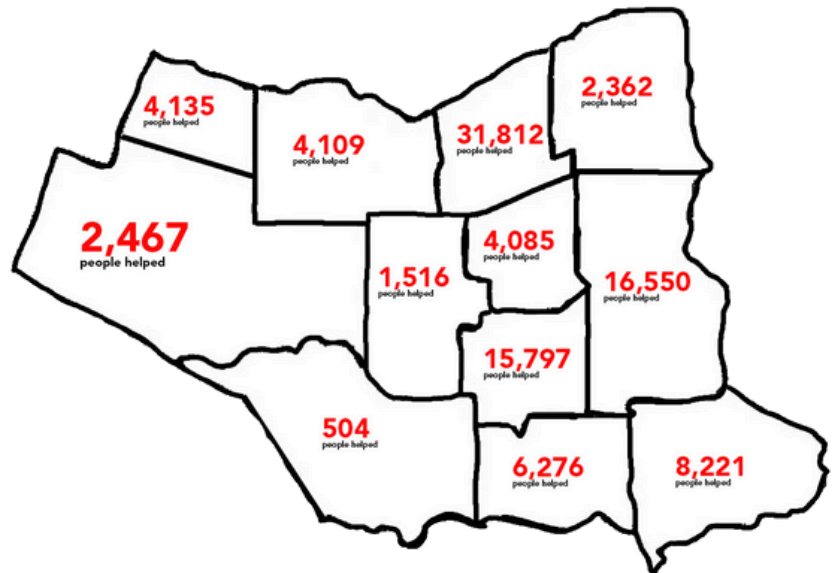


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In Grimsby :

48

local programs

4,135

people served



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[My daughter] had many positive moments and connected well with her support person Felicia. She loves the sensory room at camp too. This is significant because the camp gives her the opportunity to have fun with older teens/adults in a supportive and inclusive environment. She has the opportunity to become involved in the community that wouldn't be possible otherwise. She is accepted and celebrated for who she is and that means the world to her. - Lucy Zenga, mom of camper

Agency spotlight:



AutismONTARIO

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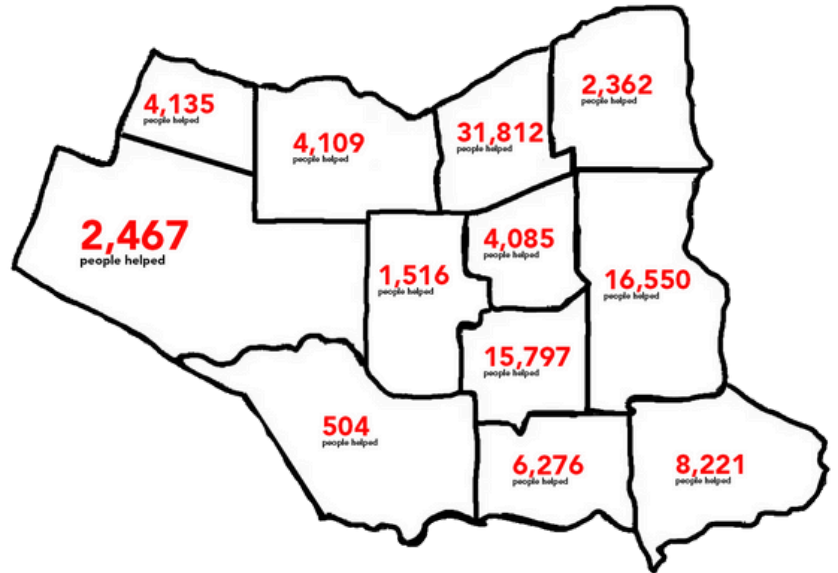


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In Welland :

53

local programs

15,797

people served



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"My husband and I both work full-time but since our mortgage renewal, our payment is now triple what it was. After all our bills were paid, there was next to nothing left to buy food. I was embarrassed to be in the position where I had to ask for help, but after visiting The Hope Centre the first time, I was treated with such compassion, I am just grateful. We received food and supports to help us move forward. Programs like these are so important, even for working people like us. Thank you!"

Mary & Dom

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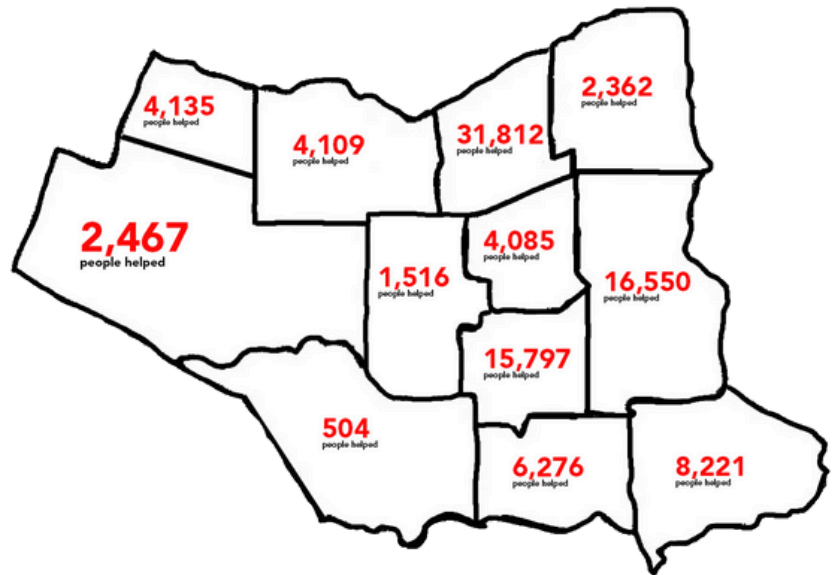


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In Niagara Falls:

53

local programs

16,550
people served



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"I like to come to the after-school program because of the great people. Coming here helps me be around other kids, and I love talking to them. I get to play with lego and crafts and even help out with the program sometimes. I feel safe here."

- Christopher, after-school program participant

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spotlight: **bethlehem**
housing and support services

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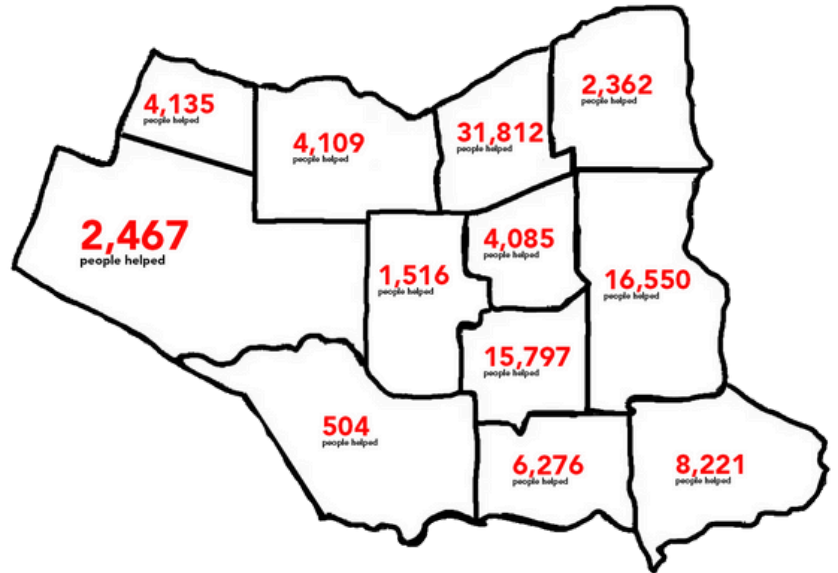


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In Thorold :

4,085
people served

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"It was a great experience with JUMP Math. The feeling of teaching an innocent child and getting to know him was incredible. It gave me a sense of satisfaction and joy while making him smile in various small activities that we did during our sessions. I am grateful to LDANR for giving me this opportunity to experience this wonderful feeling." - Jasmeen

Agency spotlight:



LDANR • Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region

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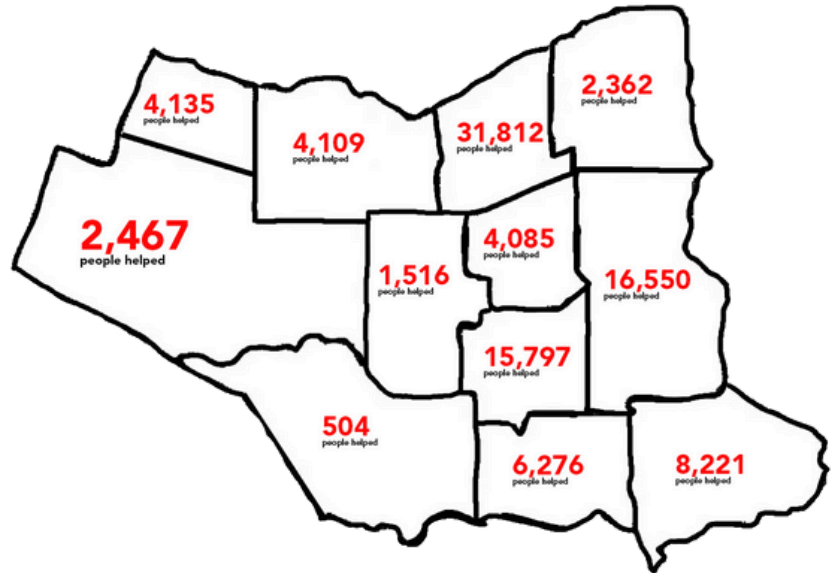


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The TOWNSHIP of
WAINFLEET

In Wainfleet:

504
people served

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"I lost my partner quite suddenly a few months ago and the Rose Cottage Hand Along the Way program has been a godsend to me. Our group meets weekly and through the group, 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 to Rose Cottage for 1:1 support if I need to talk with someone." - Anonymous beneficiary

Agency spotlight: West Niagara Palliative Care o/a
Rose Cottage

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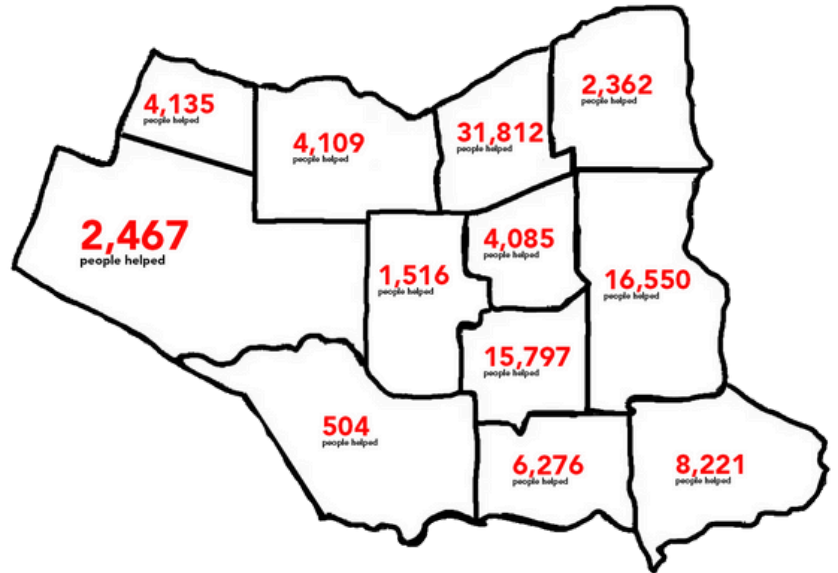


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In Pelham:

1,516
people served

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"When my husband left the country, I felt it was my only chance to leave... I contacted Family and Children Services and was directed to Birchway Niagara... The shelter helped me find safety and support, including housing and legal aid... I am grateful for all the help I received, including safety planning. Every time I entered the shelter I felt safe and secure. From safety planning to finding a home, they guided me every step of the way."

Agency
spotlight:



Birchway
NIAGARA

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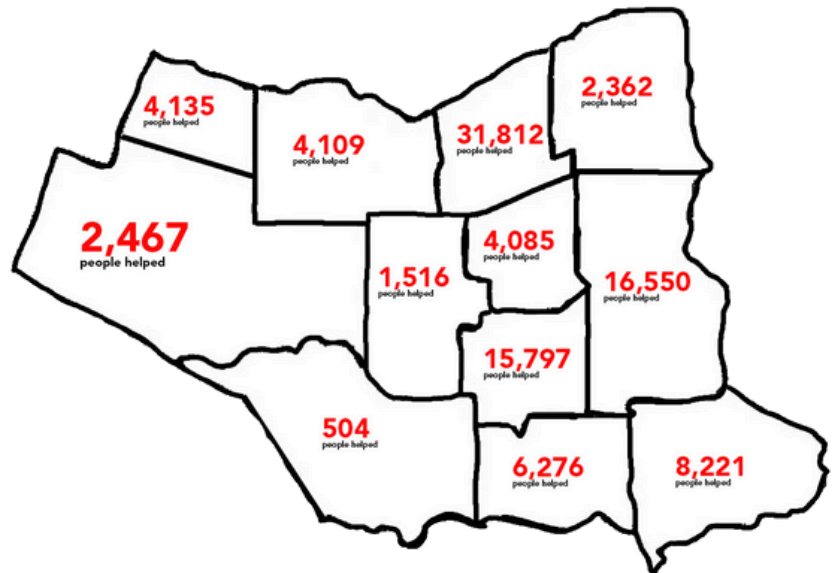


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In Lincoln:

51
local programs

4,109
people served



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Thank you to the great group at CCWN - when I came from a different city and needed to get established here - they got right down to business and helped with me with all kinds of supports, including first/last rent. I had a perfect storm as the call it, and had to cover some expected expenses and I had already secured the apartment. My new job was starting in a few weeks, but I needed help with getting me in a place. CCWN Client - Anonymous

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spotlight:



Community Cares Everyone

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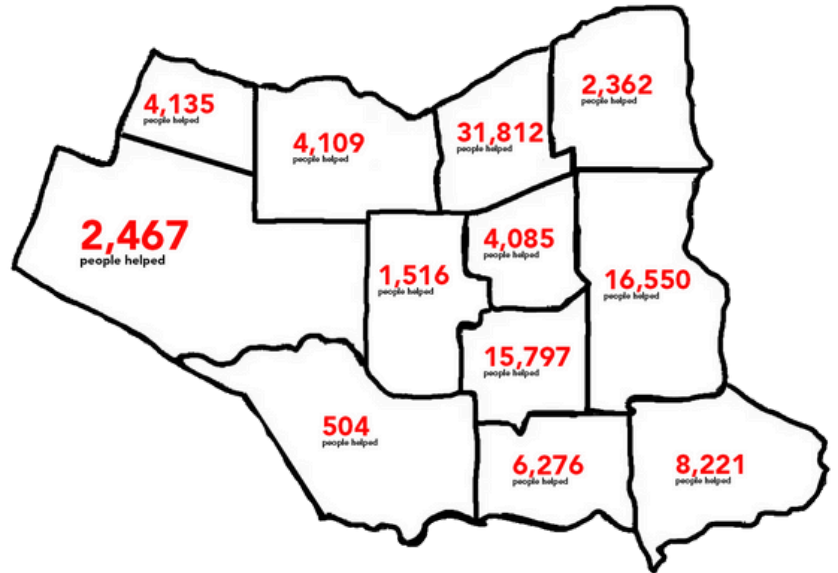


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Niagara Lake
-on-the-Lake
EST. 1781

In NOTL:

2,362
people served

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"As an Ontario Works recipient and single mom of 2, it's tough to keep a vehicle and cover extra expenses... Niagara Women's Enterprise Centre (NWECC) went above and beyond, helping with gas, office supplies, and assisting me in paying for Niagara College courses...Thanks to NWECC, I'll be graduating this fall and starting my career!"

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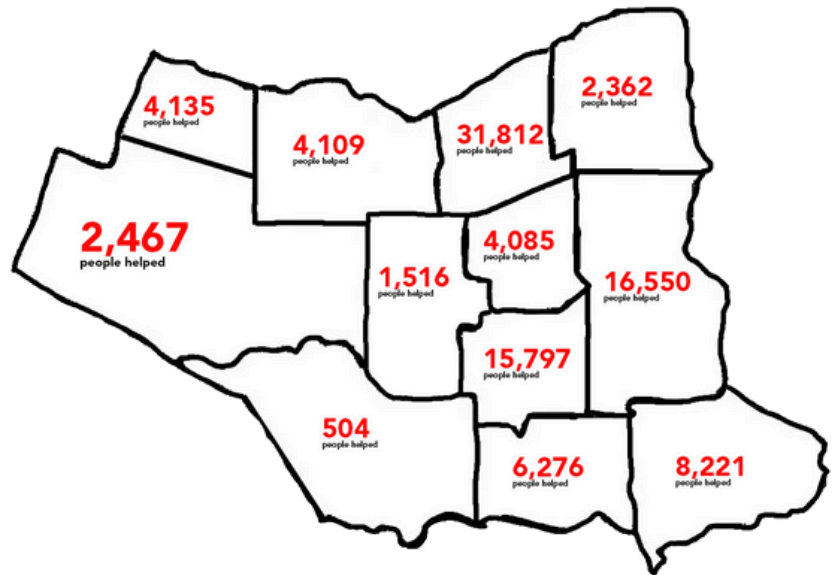


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In St. Catharines:

31,812
people served

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"I knew that I wanted to be a big sister because I thought that if I would have had someone like that when I was a young girl, it would have positively impacted me. I was nervous when I first started my in-school mentorship last year because I didn't know how my mentee and I would connect. What would we talk about? What would we do? Would she have fun? Would I be glad that I signed up for this? Despite my hesitations, I'm glad that I honoured my commitment to my little sister and the BBBS program because at the end of the year her teacher said to me "I always knew she'd be at school on Tuesdays" ...the day that we would hangout. Knowing that our hangouts were something she looked forward to every week made me so happy!"
- Heather, ISM Mentor

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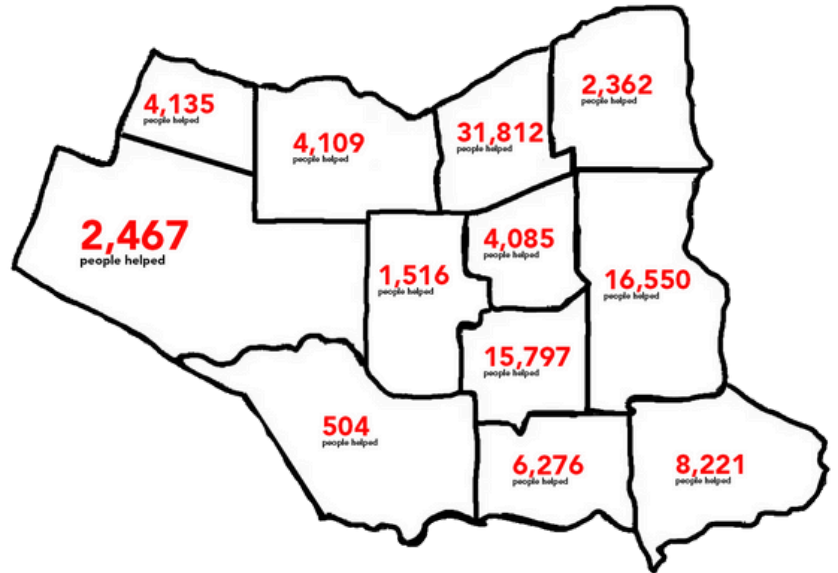


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In West Lincoln:

48

local programs

2,467
people served

West Lincoln
Your Future Naturally

Last year our investments played a crucial role in supporting 92 impactful programs and services across Niagara, 48 of which directly benefit local residents. These programs helped 2,467 residents right here in West Lincoln.

"My time at YWCA's West Niagara Transitional Housing program has been very good. Before I came here I had no clue where to turn or what my next steps were going to be. This program was so very helpful and made it possible for me to make it out on my own. I always know if I'm in need of some advice or need some extra help along the way I have it with no hesitations. I am forever grateful for all the help, encouragement and support I have received."

- Jodi,

**Agency
spotlight:**



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