# **OUR UNITED WAY**

United Way of Bristol does much more than raise money. We are a focused, results-driven organization working year-round to unite our community to improve the conditions and create lasting solutions for our greatest needs.

## FOCUSED ON OUR COMMUNITY

United Way of Bristol is a local organization, governed by people who live and work in our community. When you partner with United Way, you are supporting local efforts which strengthen our community and create opportunities for everyone to succeed in school and in life.

### LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO LOCAL PROBLEMS

United Way of Bristol understands the needs in every community are different. This is why our approach begins with bringing together people from within our community to identify and prioritize our greatest needs, and develop strategies to change community conditions.

## **RESULTS DRIVEN**

When partners, donors or volunteers give to United Way of Bristol, they are making an investment that benefits the entire community, not just one program, issue or population. United Way strategically invests in results-driven programs and initiatives to maximize the impact we have in our community.

# **VOLUNTEER**

United Way of Bristol works with our partner agencies to create meaningful volunteer opportunities for youth, busy working adults and seniors with a passion to help. Our partner agencies offer a wide range of opportunities; choose the causes that are most meaningful to you. Learn more by visiting our website at www.unitedwaybristol.org

# **PARTNER AGENCIES**

United Way of Bristol has the expertise to identify our community's most pressing issues. We address those issues by investing your donations in sustainable, local non-profit programs - creating lasting changes.

Abuse Alternatives	423.652.9093
American Red Cross - Mtn. Empire Chapter	276.645.6650
Big Brothers Big Sisters of East TN	423.247.3240
Boys & Girls Club of the Mountain Empire	276.669.8932
Boy Scouts of America - Sequoyah Council	423.952.6961
Bristol Faith in Action	276.466.8292
Bristol Life Saving Crew	276.669.5441
Bristol Regional Counseling Center	423.989.4500
CASA for Kids	423.652.1171
Children's Advocacy Center of Sullivan County	423.279.1222
Contact Concern of NE TN	423.246.2273
Family Promise of Bristol	276.494.0388
First TN Human Resource Agency	423.461.8202
Frontier Industries	423.878.1600
Girl Scouts of the Southern Appalachians	800.474.1912
Girls, Inc.	276.669.8686
Healing Hands Health Center	423.652.0260
Imagination Library for Bristol/Washington Co.	276.258.4581
Legal Aid of East TN	423.928.8311
Link House	423.288.1828
River's Way	423.612.1242
Salvation Army	423.764.6156
Southwest VA Legal Aid Society	888.201.2772
YMCA of Bristol	423.968.3133
YWCA Bristol	423.968.9444



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**United Way of Bristol TN/VA** 





The United Way of Bristol fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in our community.

# **REAL PEOPLE... REAL PROBLEMS... REAL SOLUTIONS!**

# **YOUR GIFTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE** IN OUR COMMUNITY

"My husband's demeanor changed dramatically, which I would later discover was due to drug abuse." Family seeks refuge from abuse in shelter. Abuse Alternatives

"I was a stranger in a strange land and I didn't know where to turn. I was scared, broke, jobless and desperately needed medical care but couldn't afford insurance. For the first time in my life, I experienced hopelessness."

#### Divorced senior struggles to find affordable health care. Healing Hands Health Center

"My kids are used to hearing "no" when they ask about the basic things, but it's still hard for them to understand that even though I work full-time, I can't afford a pack of gum."

#### Single mother struggles to make ends meet. **Bristol Faith in Action**

"Being a 14-year-old old boy who loves sports, I really wanted my mother to be able to come to my games, but all she and my dad did was yell at each other. The whole thing ended up with so much fighting that I just wanted to give up."

Local teen living in hostile environment searches for help. CASA for Kids



# **COMMUNITY INITIATIVES**



In addition to working with our partner agencies to make sure that the people in our community have access to the services they need we also believe in forming partnerships among public and private organizations to help with specific issues and needs. This year we have invested in the following initiatives to help people live their best possible lives.

# FAMILYWIZE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM

Many people who live and work in our community have to choose between getting the medicine they need and paying for food or other basic necessities. FamilyWize offers a free prescription discount card program to help everyone in our community receive the medication they need at an affordable price. Available to everyone, no matter your income.

# **JOBS FOR LIFE BRISTOL**

By training, equipping, and connecting churches, ministries and businesses right here in our community, Jobs for Life Bristol is helping prepare unemployed or underemployed men and women for meaningful work through honest relationships, mentoring, Biblically-based training and an ongoing community of support.

# **READING BUDDIES BRISTOL TN/VA**

Reading Buddies provides Title I students in kindergarten through second grade in Bristol Tennessee City Schools and Bristol Virginia Public Schools a meaningful relationship and incentive to assist them in becoming "on grade level" readers by third grade with the skills necessary to reach the ultimate goal of high school graduation. This program served over 565 students at five elementary schools in the 2016-2017 school year and continues to grow.

# SULLIVAN COUNTY ANTI-DRUG (SCAD) COALITION

This initiative addresses prescription and illegal drug abuse, underage alcohol consumption and nicotine prevention in our community. Their work focuses on education and collaborating with professionals in the appropriate health fields, while improving lives.

# SULLIVAN COUNTY WORK READY COMMUNITY (WRC)

This initiative is focused on helping Sullivan County (Bristol, TN) to become a Certified Work Ready Community (WRC). This certification will provide Sullivan County the opportunity to implement proven workforce development strategies to lessen the skills gap and develop highly-qualified workers for existing and incoming businesses.







Everyone deserves the opportunity to have a good life: a quality education that leads to a stable job, sufficient income to support a family through retirement and good health. This is why United Way of Bristol's work focuses on a foundation for a good life: Education, Income, Health and Basic Needs.

**HELPING CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUCCEED** 

**ENSURING HEALTH, SAFETY & STABILITY** 

FINANCIAL STABILITY AND INDEPENDENCE

**BASIC NEEDS** 

**PROMOTING EMPLOYMENT.** 

**IMPROVING LIVES**