



UNITED WAY OF NORTH
CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS

FY 2021 - 2022 Organization/Program Summary

Community Impact Fund

30 Agencies & 40 Programs

Aging Services of North Central Massachusetts

- **Money Management** – Clients come to the program at risk of eviction, foreclosure, utility shut off and/or food insecurity. Clients with unpaid bills have a multitude of issues including cognitive impairment, mental or physical illness or a sudden loss of income.

Arc of Opportunity in North Central Massachusetts, Inc.

- **Individualized and Family Supports** – The financial coaching program provides financial literacy, education and individualized support with a goal of improving financial well-being. Services include teaching and fostering the acquisition, retention or improvement of skills related to personal finance.

Boys and Girls Club of Fitchburg and Leominster

- **Project Learn STEAM – Power Hour After School & Summer Blast** - An afterschool and summer program designed to engage youth in learning, encourage academic success, and teach youth to become life long learners.

Boys and Girls Club of Lunenburg, MA

- **After School Program** – Specifically designed to work with the “Power Hour” program to develop positive and effective study habits while addressing and decreasing behavioral problems during school hours.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Worcester

- **Emergency Stabilization Services** – Provide case management and services to stabilize families and individuals, reduce conflict in the home and provide a pathway to self-sufficiency.

Clear Path for Veterans New England

- **Thriving During Challenging Times** – There are significant challenges for veterans including the cost of basic needs such as housing, food, and utilities. The program utilizes Mentors and Volunteer Wingmen allowing them to reach underserved areas.

Community Health Connections

- **Action Health Services** - Provides substance abuse counseling and personal addiction identification, while working through the stages of addiction and rehabilitation in order to prevent the outcome of relapse. Their patients are primarily low income individuals who are struggling to meet their basic needs (housing, medical care, food, etc.)

Gardner Community Action Committee

- **Emergency Assistance** - Serves low-income clients, addressing issues of poverty such as hunger/malnutrition, along with immediate crisis such as rental eviction, foreclosure and utility terminations. Their Fellowship Table is an outlet for isolated individuals to share a common meal, socializing with others in a hospitable location.

Ginny's Helping Hands, Inc.

- **Ginny's Helping Hands Food Pantry** – Provides prepared food bags for low-income families based on the number of people in their household.



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Girl Scouts of Central and Western MA

- **Girl Scout Leadership Experience** – Provides girls with engaging, challenging, and fun activities which help them to grow as people and as leaders, in addition to learning the value of serving others.

Growing Places Garden Project Inc.

- **Equitable Healthy Food Access in North Central Massachusetts** – Provides community outreach using diverse tactics to reach the underserved/at-risk population where they are. Offers home delivered produce, provides a mobile/farmers markets and community gardens.

House of Peace & Education, Inc.

- **HOPE for Kids** – An afterschool program for low-income children in Grades K-12 in Gardner and neighboring communities that is committed to a “whole child” approach and works closely with families to bridge the gap between home and school.
- **HOPE Summer Camp** - Provides a positive summer camp experience for those who would not otherwise have one. Provides breakfast and lunch to children who might not get enough food during the summer.

Literacy Volunteers of Orange-Athol

- **Literacy Volunteers:** Promotes literacy skills that empower adults to realize their educational, vocational, and personal goals. Provides free, confidential, and individualized tutoring in basic literacy and English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) to adults in North Quabbin communities through the use of professionally trained and supported volunteer tutors.

Literacy Volunteers of the Montachusett Area

- **Literacy Volunteers** - Promotes literacy skills that empower adults to realize their educational, vocational, and personal goals. Provides free, confidential, and individualized tutoring in basic literacy and English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) to adults in the Montachusett area through the use of professionally trained and supported volunteer tutors.

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

- **Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry** – Undertakes a comprehensive outreach effort to those in needs. Through their outreach they provide groceries to families who reside within their service area.

L.U.K. Crisis Center, Inc.

- **Vocational/Educational Support Services** – Provides essential life skills, employability and leadership training and opportunities to young people who might not otherwise have access to these services. Youth and young adults are coached to identify steps to build a resume, acquire needed training and education, and begin longer-term career planning.

Making Opportunity Count (MOC)

- **MOC Head Start & Child Care** – Provides a safe, developmentally appropriate environment for infant, toddler, preschool and school-age children. Focuses on providing stimulating early education and care experience that promotes each child’s social/emotional, physical and cognitive development.

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- The centralized hub for comprehensive information about and referral to the complete spectrum of services in Massachusetts that address the social determinants of healthy lives and communities.



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North Star Family Services (formally Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network)

- **Case Management and Financial Coaching** – Provides weekly case management sessions and group training, with a focus on financial coaching.
- **Family Homeless Shelter** – Is a safety net program that provides emergency housing, meals, clothing, intensive case management and educational opportunities in life skills

NewVue Communities

- **Financial Fitness** – Provides financial education through several channels. Their services include one-on-one financial coaching, foreclosure and eviction prevention counseling, and post-purchase counseling.

Our Father's House

- **Basic Needs Assistance for the Homeless** – Addresses the basic needs of their clients through their food pantry and their affordable housing. They provide short-term rental subsidies to the homeless and assist in finding stable affordable housing for their clients.

Pathways to Change

- **Sexual Assault Youth Education (SAYE) Program** - Provides age and culturally appropriate education/prevention services designed to change social norms within communities to reduce the perpetration of sexual assault across the life span.

Spanish American Center

- **Food Pantry**- Provides fresh and canned foods to predominantly the Latino community in North Central Massachusetts, but anyone can access their food pantry.

The Salvation Army –Fitchburg

- **Bridging the Gap** - Addresses multiple determinants of emerging anti-social behavior in first time juvenile offenders and other at/high risk youth. Includes a 12-week comprehensive life-skills program offered in the Fitchburg and Gardner areas.
- **Comprehensive Emergency Assistance** - Provides emergency assistance for those in need. Helps with food assistance, rental/mortgage, utility assistance, emergency disaster services, camp experiences, seasonal assistance, referrals, clothing, and furniture.
- **Summer Fun Program** – Is a 6-week summer camp experience for children 6-18 years old. The camp provides a safe, nurturing, caring environment with program and services geared toward nutrition and enrichment.

The Salvation Army- Athol

- **Comprehensive Emergency Assistance Program** - Strives to meet the basic needs of all who come seeking help. Takes immediate care of the basic human needs of food, shelter, clothing, and safety. Provides people with support to take the first steps in the development of a more positive and permanent life change.

United Way of North Central Massachusetts – Footsteps2Brilliance

- Provides an easy to use bilingual curriculum to help all parents, including parents who speak English as a second language, prepare their children for academic success.

Wendell P. Clark YMCA

- **Before School, After School, and Summer Camp** – Offers grades K-5 before/after school programming for approximately 50 students and summer camp for 70 students. They work closely with other camp programs, the school district and other providers.



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YMCA- Athol Area

- **Childcare (Toddler and Preschool Care), Preschool Sports** – The program provides hands-on activities and choices designed to enhance the growth and development of the child. Focuses on cognitive, social, emotional, physical and moral development.
- **Childcare Readiness Program** – Program for Grades K-4 where children have fun, learn new skills and ideas, and meet new friends in a warm and supportive atmosphere. The program is filled with a range of hands-on experiences such as sports and games, arts and crafts, clubs, and cooking.
- **School Age Program, Herren Project and Youth Sports** - Our school age program partners with the local school district and provide high risk children high quality programming.
- **Residential Program and Hunger Relief** – Work with participant to develop a 6-month plan to move off of 100% subsidized housing and transition into housing that is affordable. Also, provides meals to the community, focused on families and at-risk community members.

YMCA- Montachusett Regional

- **Preschool Program** – Our preschool program offers child care to families of all incomes. They provide vouchers and scholarships to income-eligible families and work with other Child Care Resources for additional vouchers as needed.
- **Preschool Readiness Program** – This program works in partnership with parents. The staff at the “Y” encourages parents to visit the program and welcomes parent participation and input.
- **“Y” School-Age Child Care, Teen and Camp Program** – Provides opportunities for youth to explore ideas and practice concepts. Students participate in STEM and literacy enrichments with broad-based conceptual/cognitive learning.

YWCA of Central MA

- **Girls CHOICE** - The program is a multi-year, gender-specific, with mentoring and wrap-around support services to help at-risk middle school girls from low to moderate income families overcome the obstacles they face to achieve academic success.
- **Domestic Violence Services** – Provide survivors of domestic violence with support, advocacy and referral to other providers for additional services. In 2019 piloted an initiative called Intensive Co-Assessment Planning Process (ICAPP).