#### UNITED WAY OF ALAMANCE COUNTY

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#### **COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS**

Funds raised through donors, workplace campaigns, and corporate sponsorships are granted back out to the community through our annual Community Investments process. Nonprofit agencies are invited to apply that align with our focus of ending poverty by providing access to basic needs (such as housing, food, healthcare, and opportunities for economic mobility). Grants are evaluated by a grant review team made up of diverse community volunteers and subsequently recommend agencies for funding. In 2022, we funded 19 agencies.

#### **HOUSING ALAMANCE**

Housing Alamance is the strategic housing work established in 2022 that UWAC is leading in the community. With a Housing Strategy Manager on staff, the goal is to assist in the coordination of already existing programs that are addressing housing to create an efficient flow of resources, referrals and data collection/sharing. This role will serve as an ongoing liaison between housing partners, provide support when needed, and forge new partnerships. We are working on increasing education and advocacy opportunities for quality affordable housing.

#### **RESOURCE ALAMANCE**

We offer free in-person or virtual Resource Coaching to anyone in need of assistance navigating services in Alamance County. Specifically, we can help eligible individuals enroll in the Healthcare Marketplace either during open enrollment or if they qualify for a special enrollment period. In 2022, 40+ events and resource distributions were attended to share this service with the community. We also develop a Community Guide with frequently called numbers such as agencies that offer rent assistance, food pantries, healthcare, and more.

#### TAX TIME

Tax Time is free income tax preparation for anyone making less than \$58,000 per year. This year, we completed **520** returns with nearly **\$400,000** in refunds. Tax preparation is completed solely by volunteers and this year we had **40+** volunteers completing **876** volunteer hours. We have been hosting this program for **10** years in Alamance County.

# MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER TO BUILD A STRONGER COMMUNITY

#### **COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

monthly meeting to unite various sectors to address critical needs promote volunteerism, connect resources and build relationships. Each month is a different theme and the programs vary from speakers, panel discussions, or networking activities. This cross sector group provides dedicated time each month to deeper connections for nonprofits educational institutions, healthcare business community, elected officials and so on. This meeting is open to anyone in the community that is interested in attending. Annually, we host 10 meetings with an average of 60 attendees.

### 211

We also support 211 locally, which is a free 24/7/365 phone number anyone can call that is in need of assistance such as rent, food, medical care, and so on. Individuals are then referred to local agencies and nonprofits that can assist. Year-to-date, we have had 4,950 calls to 211 from Alamance County. Top caller needs are consistently rental assistance and emergency shelter.



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