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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 **2024**, we funded **20** 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. We also maintain a Community Guide with frequently called numbers such as agencies that offer rent assistance, food pantries, healthcare, and more. In 2023 we connected **400+** callers to local resources and had the opportunity to attend **30+** events and resource distributions throughout the county.

#### TAX TIME

Tax Time is free income tax preparation for anyone making less than \$58,000 per year. This year, we completed **739** returns with nearly **\$600,000** in refunds. Tax preparation is completed solely by volunteers and this year we had **40+** volunteers completing **1,213** volunteer hours. We have been hosting this program for **10** years in Alamance County.

## MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER TO BUILD A Stronger Community

#### **COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Community Council is our signature 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 crosssector group provides dedicated time each month to deepen 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. Top caller needs to 211 from Alamance County are consistently rental assistance and emergency shelter.



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