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**United Way of Kenosha County announces  
recipients of Community Investment Funding**

**August 2, 2022 (Kenosha, WI)** – United Way of Kenosha County (UWKC), mobilizing the caring power of our community, is pleased to announce that it will partner and invest in 16 nonprofit agencies throughout Kenosha County.

United Way of Kenosha County invests local dollars donated during its annual campaign through a competitive grant process known as Community Investment. The Community Investment Committee, consisting of 13 community volunteers, uses a thorough vetting process to select nonprofit partners who are delivering measurable results in the areas of education, financial stability, and health.

The 2022 recipients of United Way of Kenosha County's Community Investment grants are:

BeLEAF Survivor's - S.C.A.N. Stop Child Abuse and Neglect  
Big Brother and Big Sisters of Racine/Kenosha - One on one Mentoring  
Boys and Girls Club - Youth Empowerment  
Catholic Charities - Behavioral Health and Counseling Services  
ELCA Outreach Center - Summer Camp  
Habitat for Humanity - Home Construction  
Kenosha Achievement Center - Early Intervention  
Kenosha Area Family and Aging Services - Meals on Wheels  
Kenosha Human Development Services - Transitional Housing for Homeless Youth & Adults  
Kenosha Human Development Services - Juvenile Crisis  
Kenosha Literacy Council - Literacy for Life  
Kenosha Vocational Ministry - Vocational Ministry  
Kenosha YMCA - Abilities in Motion Adaptive Sports  
Kenosha YMCA - Safety around Water  
Kenosha YMCA - Live Strong  
Shalom Center - Homeless Shelter Program  
Sharing Center - Nutrition Program  
Society's Assets - Art to Increase Disability Awareness  
Women and Children's Horizons - Legal Advocacy  
Women and Children's Horizons - Children's Services

Community Investment partner agencies are excited to utilize provided funding to continue, and expand, their vital community programs.

“Thanks to everyone at United Way for your partnership and support of bilingual Community Counseling services,” says Jackie Rekowski, director of mission advancement at Catholic Charities. “You are helping people impacted by poverty receive vital mental health care.”

“We are looking forward to expanding the impact of the Society’s Assets Disability Awareness through Art programs in Kenosha County,” says Donna Menarek the marketing and development manager at Society’s Assets.

Without the support from the local community, UWKC’s Community Investment Grants would not be possible, which would greatly limit the resources available to partner agencies.

“Our community is fortunate to have so many incredible nonprofits,” says Jevon Claussen, director of community impact at UWKC. “We are very thankful for the organizations and individuals who continue to support United Way Kenosha County, whose generosity makes these grants possible.”

In addition to the workplace campaign, individuals may support and give to UWKC’s Community Investment and other local initiatives by sending contributions directly to United Way of Kenosha County at 5500 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53140, or by donating online at [kenoshaunitedway.org](http://kenoshaunitedway.org).

Additional photos available upon request.

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### **About UWKC**

United Way of Kenosha County fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person. For almost 100 years, UWKC has created positive change throughout Kenosha County by mobilizing the caring power of the community, improving lives, and striving for lasting, positive transformation. Through partnerships and collaborations, UWKC both supports local initiatives with an annual community investment process and manages programs such as Readers are Leaders, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, SingleCare Prescription Discounts and more.



The Sharing Center team gears up excitement to serve their community.



Kenosha Literacy Council provides more than language lessons by creating a supportive, empowering community of students.