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

**July 31, 2023 (Kenosha, WI)** – United Way of Kenosha County (UWKC), mobilizing the caring power of our community, announces that it will partner and invest in 15 nonprofit agencies throughout Kenosha County. Investing in area nonprofits and local needs is a 100-year-old legacy for United Way of Kenosha County, which was originally founded in 1923 with the goal to bring people together to make a larger impact. This year's community investment funding continues this legacy.

"We are thrilled to announce the 2023 recipients of United Way of Kenosha County's Community Investment grants, which represent a diverse group of 15 nonprofits set to have a meaningful impact throughout Kenosha County," says Jevon Claussen, Senior Director of Community Impact at UWKC. "Through a rigorous selection process led by our dedicated Community Investment Committee, we have chosen partners who consistently deliver tangible results in education, financial stability, and health."

The 2023 recipients of United Way of Kenosha County's Community Investment grants are:

Asset Builders of America – Kenosha Youth POWER Academy of Finance  
BeLEAF Survivors – S.C.A.N. Stop Child Abuse and Neglect  
Boys and Girls Club – Youth Empowerment  
Catholic Charities – Behavioral Health and Counseling Services  
ELCA Outreach Center – Summer Camp  
Hope Council – Parenting Time/Supervised Visitation  
Kenosha Area Family and Aging Services – Meals on Wheels  
Kenosha Human Development Services – Homeless Rapid Rehousing Services  
Kenosha Literacy Council – Literacy for Life  
Kenosha Vocational Ministry – Vocational Ministry  
Kenosha YMCA – Abilities in Motion Adaptive Sports  
LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin – Youth program  
Shalom Center – Homeless Shelter Program  
Sharing Center – Nutrition Program  
Women and Children's Horizons – Legal Advocacy  
Women and Children's Horizons – Children's Services



*Local nonprofits celebrate and accept community investment funds from United Way of Kenosha County.*

*Left: Kenosha Area Family and Aging Services (KAFASI) promotes healthy aging, strong families, and a connected community.*

*(Left to right: Carolynn Friesch, CEO at UWKC, and Ron Tatum, Executive Director at KAFASI)*

*Right: The Kenosha Literacy Council helps adults acquire the literacy skills they need to become successful students, workers, family members and community citizens. (front, left to right: Jevon Claussen, Carolynn Friesch, Cheryl Hernandez, executive director at Kenosha Literacy Council (KLC), and Cassie Christianson, program coordinator at KLC, among students and tutors.)*

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

“Kenosha Vocational Ministry assists people returning from prison to sort out the complex issues around families and communities that have changed since they were gone,” says James Schatzman, executive director at Kenosha Vocational Ministry. “Having support to negotiate these complexities makes it more likely reentrants will connect with family and services in a way that will allow them to live rich and satisfying lives – fully engaged with the local economy and their loved ones.”

UWKC's Community Investment Grants are made possible by the organizations and individuals who continually support United Way Kenosha County, their generosity enables these impactful grants.

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.

*Mobilizing the caring power of our community since 1923.*