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the COMMUNITY CIRCLE

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What a month it has been!

We are excited that you are part of the Community Circle here at United Way of Washington County-East.

As you know the United Way of Washington County-East focuses on four impact areas including; *Youth, Health, Basic Needs, and Self-Sufficiency* - uniting our community to build a better life. Month to month we are working to continue our vision and mission that support the community we serve. Again, we are so excited that you are here, so grab a pen and paper because you'll definitely want to jot some things down as you read through.

Also for weekly updates or to start a conversation with us, follow us on our social channels.

Thank you all for such an incredible evening!

How is it that it has been just over two months since we all gathered in a sold out ballroom at the Royal Golf Club?

Words simply cannot express the gratitude that we feel for everyone who had a part in our 75th Diamond Jubilee. From our sponsors, attendees, in-kind sponsors, volunteers, committee members, staff, and supporters we thank you for making it truly a special night!

Together we raised over **\$230,000** to support youth, health, basic needs, and self-sufficiency for our funded agency partners and other United Way of Washington County-East initiatives.



A huge shout out to our incredible 2024 Jubilee Committee Members, you all were such a huge force behind this event. It was with your knowledge, connection, and drive that brought our vision to life!

Nicole Larie Photography captured all the magic of the night, you can view the full photo gallery online by [clicking here](#).

We ask that if you are sharing photos on social media please say "Photo credit by Nicole Larie Photography."

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The UWWCE Diamond Jubilee was the
event of the season! – Diamond Jubilee Attendee
& Community Member



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FISH United – June 8th!

Join us for our 3rd Annual One-Day Fishing Tournament on the St. Croix!

Fishing starting at 6:30am till 2:00pm launching at the Bayport 4th Ave Launch, with the option to fish from shore at Lakeside Park. After fishing join us for the wrap up celebration at Bayport American Legion with raffle prizes, food served from the River Dogs, short program, and top five prize awards!

You don't want to miss some of these incredible raffle prizes including Youth Lifetime Fishing License sponsored by the Lumberjack, 4 Hours of Guided Fishing from Muskies and More Guided Service, Rapala tackle box, Bubba filet knife, Babes Boat Care **and so many more!**

Important Information:

- At least ONE angler per boat must attend Rules & Regulations meeting, Friday, June 7th 6:30pm at Bayport American Legion
- Ages 12 and under FREE
- Boat must have one person 18+

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Community Investment

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Our annual Community Investment funding process is underway!

Each year, UWWCE invites agencies working in our community to submit grant applications for specific programs that are categorized under one of our four focus areas: Youth, Health, Basic Needs, and Self-Sufficiency. Programs address immediate or emerging needs, with special focus on those that emphasize prevention and early problem solving. Volunteers manage the Community Investment process and include members of the United Way of Washington County East Board of Directors, healthcare professionals, Washington County professionals, business professionals and community members.

The first Community Investment meeting for this cycle took place on May 14th and included an implicit bias training with Dr. Shawn Moore of Eckberg Lammers and a review of county data from Dave Brummel, Director of Public Health & Environment at Washington County. Both speakers were engaging and prepared the volunteers to review grant applications and perform site visits. Volunteers split into smaller groups and are currently completing site visits to the nonprofit grant applicants. The larger group will reconvene on June 18th to make funding decisions totaling \$460,000.

Thank you to these volunteers and to our donors who make this work possible!



Speaking: Dave Brummel,
Director of Public Health & Environment at Washington County



Speaking: Kristin Kroll, Executive Director UWWCE
& Terry Thomas, Community Investment Chair

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Celebrating 75 years

DEI Taskforce

We're thrilled to announce the kickoff of our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Taskforce! With a shared commitment to fostering a more inclusive and equitable community, a diverse group of 15 passionate volunteers came together on May 6th to drive meaningful change. Task Force members include participants from local nonprofits, Washington County government, and local businesses. During small group discussions individuals shared the challenges in our area and identified opportunities for change and growth. Brainstorming ideas ranged from tackling large issues such as affordable housing to creating a communications campaign. Over the coming months, the task force will work to determine priorities and goals and, ultimately, convene a county-wide coalition. Stay tuned for updates and opportunities to get involved.

**Thank you to our DEI committee chair, Ted Wegleitner,
for leading this effort on behalf of UWWCE and the board of directors.**

New Stuff the Bus Logo!

Introducing the new logo for Stuff the Bus 2024, designed by Sarah Mulford, Marketing & Communications Manager here at UWWCE.

A little history – Stuff the Bus was first born into the world as a United Way program. Community Thread has lovingly led the charge for over a decade and now as both organizations continue to grow, United Way of Washington County-East (UWWCE) will be taking the reins back as we head into the next school year, and will still proudly rely on Community Thread's wealth of volunteers.

Easing the financial burden of purchasing school supplies is one way we can continue to build a stronger community and improve the lives of our neighbors.



To donate and for more information on how to get involved head over to our website!

www.uwwce.org/stuff-the-bus

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MISSION

Through trusted relationships, generated resources and effectively distribute funds to unite and strengthen our community.

VISION

Create new ways to develop an empathetic and engaged community and generate abundant resources to meet or exceed our local community needs

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION STATEMENT


We are dedicated to fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion in all we do. We strive for a vibrant and equitable community.


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