

LIVE UNITED



United Way  
of the Greater Capital Region

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The United Way of the Greater Capital Region (UWGCR) strongly supports the University at Albany's application on behalf of the HEARTS Initiative. Participation in the MARC Project will greatly advance their collaborative efforts to address Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and promote the Restorative Integral Support (RIS) model for ACE Response among the health and human service community in the Capital District of New York State. Not only is UWGCR supportive of the concepts and strategies in the proposal, we are energized by working with the University to achieve systemic change and build community capacity for an effective ACE resilience movement. We will participate in creating a learning and innovation exchange community and impacting policy.

As a regional organization serving five counties in upstate New York (Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, and Schoharie), we are committed to the attainment of basic needs, the provision of education for all children, adequate income for families to maintain financial security and promoting health for residents of all ages. We aim to meet people's immediate needs and create lasting change by addressing problems at their root. UWGCR is proud to align with the HEARTS Initiative as we advocate for change and mobilize resources to strengthen community conditions.

UWGCR currently funds 86 programs and services in the community, representing 58 agencies working to address community needs. Expansion of the work of the HEARTS initiative is critical in translating ACE-resilience strategies into practice throughout the service system. UWGCR fully supports building an ACE Response movement. With UAlbany's RIS model to guide ACE Research translation and an ACE Response that fosters resilience, the HEARTS Initiative provides the training and community engagement to deliver more comprehensive, effective services in our region. UAlbany's School of Social Welfare is an established strong advocate and resource for high ACE Score groups in the Capital Region of New York. We are confident in their experience, strong community connections, and organizational integrity to lead the HEARTS Initiative in building an ACE-resilience movement. UWGCR believes that as a community, we can inspire hope and create better opportunities for a better life for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian T. Hassett".

Brian Hassett  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
United Way of the Greater Capital Region

## 2014-2016 Community Investments

### Basic Needs

#### Domestic Safety

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Catholic Charities of Delaware, Otsego &amp; Schoharie County</li> <li>Wellspring</li> <li>Equinox</li> <li>Northeast Health Foundation</li> <li>Northeast Parent &amp; Child</li> <li>The Center for Community Justice</li> <li>YWCA NorthEastern New York</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Domestic Violence Services</li> <li>Domestic Violence Victim Assistance</li> <li>Domestic Violence Services</li> <li>Sexual Assault and Crime Victims Assistance</li> <li>Parent Education &amp; Consultation</li> <li>Court Appointed Special Advocates</li> <li>Domestic Violence Program</li> </ul>
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#### Housing Stability

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alliance for Positive Health</li> <li>Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless</li> <li>Joseph's House and Shelter</li> <li>Legal Aid Society of Northeastern NY</li> <li>Safe, Inc.</li> <li>US Committee on Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI)</li> <li>YWCA NorthEastern New York</li> <li>YWCA of the Greater Capital Region</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing for Health</li> <li>Sheridan Hollow Drop In Center</li> <li>Advocacy &amp; Resettlement Services</li> <li>Rapid Rehousing Program</li> <li>Safe House</li> <li>Refugee Housing Stability Program</li> <li>Housing Program</li> <li>Women in Transition</li> </ul>
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#### Food Security

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Albany Damien Center</li> <li>Bethesda House of Schenectady</li> <li>Capital Roots</li> <li>Catholic Charities Tri-County Services</li> <li>Food Pantries for the Capital District</li> <li>Wildwood Programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smart Meals</li> <li>Food Security &amp; Nutrition</li> <li>Community Gardens Program</li> <li>Food Pantry Services</li> <li>Food Pantry Delivery</li> <li>Wildwood Farm &amp; Outdoor Program</li> </ul>
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### Education

#### Early Care

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arbor Park</li> <li>Baby Institute</li> <li>Capital District Child Care Council (CDCCC)</li> <li>Catholic Charities Tri-County Services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child Care Center</li> <li>Baby Institute</li> <li>BELL</li> <li>Sunnyside Child Development Center</li> </ul>
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#### Youth Development

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region</li> <li>Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region</li> <li>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of Albany</li> <li>CAPTAIN Youth and Family Services</li> <li>Catholic Charities of Saratoga, Warren &amp; Washington</li> <li>Community Maternity Services</li> <li>Equinox</li> <li>Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County</li> <li>Safe, Inc.</li> <li>Schoharie County CAP</li> <li>Schoharie River Center</li> <li>Troy Area United Ministries</li> <li>Watervliet Civic Chest</li> <li>Watervliet Civic Chest</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Big Brothers Big Sisters READS</li> <li>Strengthening Children and Families</li> <li>School-Age Enrichment Program</li> <li>Cheryl's Lodge</li> <li>Saratoga Mentoring Program</li> <li>Youth Services at the Sister Maureen Community Center</li> <li>Youth Services</li> <li>Everybody Wins</li> <li>Project Safe</li> <li>Creative Connections for Youth</li> <li>Environmental Study Team</li> <li>Computers for Kids</li> <li>Homework Help Program</li> <li>Nutrition Education</li> </ul>
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### Income

#### Financial Literacy

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CAPTAIN Youth and Family Services</li> <li>Catholic Charities Tri-County Services</li> <li>Commission on Economic Opportunity</li> <li>Wellspring</li> <li>US Committee on Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI)</li> <li>Wildwood Programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Getting Ahead Program</li> <li>Wheels and Ways to Work</li> <li>Financial Foundations</li> <li>Financial Literacy Program</li> <li>Refugee Financial Literacy Program</li> <li>Adult Education Financial Literacy Program</li> </ul>
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#### Workforce Development

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Literacy New York- Fulton, Montgomery, Schoharie</li> <li>Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County</li> <li>The Center for Community Justice</li> <li>Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region</li> <li>YWCA of the Greater Capital Region</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic Literacy and HSE</li> <li>Reading Basics</li> <li>ReEntry Job Skill Training</li> <li>Capital South Campus Center</li> <li>Ready for Work</li> </ul>
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### Health

#### Independent Living

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Catholic Charities Senior Services of Schenectady</li> <li>Family &amp; Child Service of Schenectady</li> <li>Greater Adirondack Home Aides</li> <li>Jewish Family Services of NENY</li> <li>Rensselaer Housing Resources</li> <li>Senior Services of Albany</li> <li>Wildwood Programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aging Services</li> <li>Homemaker Program</li> <li>Home Health Care Services</li> <li>Neighborhood Naturally Occuring Retirement Community (NNORC)</li> <li>Mini-Repair Program</li> <li>Providing Assistance &amp; Support to Seniors in Transition (PASST)</li> <li>Community Bridge Building</li> </ul>
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#### Mental Health

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addictions Care Center of Albany</li> <li>CAPTAIN Youth and Family Services</li> <li>Hospitality House</li> <li>Parsons Child and Family Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equine-Assisted Psychotherapy</li> <li>Street Outreach Project</li> <li>Lifeworks with Networks</li> <li>Child &amp; Adolescent Mobile Crisis Team</li> </ul>
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