Overview of our Community Investments: 2015-17

United Way of the Greater Seacoast believes in a strong, stable community. Our strategic investments ensure children enter school ready to learn, youth are given a voice in the community, and families are lifted out of poverty. United Way brings together the passion and expertise of organizations, donors, and policy makers to support high quality services and better meet the needs of our region’s children, youth, and families.

United Way of the Greater Seacoast serves 47 communities in Rockingham and Strafford Counties in New Hampshire and Kittery and Eliot, Maine. In addition to funding, UWGS provides leadership, strategic partnership, and coordination of volunteers to over 80 local organizations in the Seacoast community.

Healthy Child Development: The first five years of a child’s life set the stage for future success, making access to high quality early education and family support programs critical. Annually, our partners enroll over 900 children in high quality early education, connect 700 families to home visiting services, and engage over 900 caregivers in family support programs.

Our funded partners include:

- Child and Family Services of NH
- Community Action Partnership of Strafford County
- Community Partners
- Dover Day Care Learning Center
- Early Learning New Hampshire (SELA)
- Families First Health and Support Center
- Farmington Child Care Center
- Goodwin Community Health (Baby Steps)
- Great Bay Kids’ Company, Inc
- Kingston Child Care Center
- Richie McFarland Children’s Center
- Rochester Child Care Center
- Seacoast Community School
- Somersworth Early Learning Center
- YMCA Strafford County, The Children’s Center

- **Seacoast Early Learning Alliance (SELA)** is a collaboration of child care centers that share best practices among centers, strengthen the financial foundation of the child care system, and improve the quality of early childhood education provided on the Seacoast and throughout NH.
- **Baby Steps** is a collaborative programming effort with a goal to ensure children receive developmental screening, assessment, and referral, and access to intervention and treatment services, as needed, prior to enrollment in kindergarten.

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**Family Financial Stability**: Our community thrives when families are financially secure. Annually, our partners work to prevent over 320 families from becoming homeless, help over 120 homeless families obtain safe, affordable housing, and empower 130 families with education and support to become more financially stable. Our funded partners include:

- Community Action Partnership of Strafford County
- Cross Roads House, Inc.
- Fair Tide, Inc.
- Families First Health and Support Center (GSCH)
- Homeless Center for Strafford County
- Housing Action New Hampshire
- The Housing Partnership
- More than Wheels
- My Friend’s Place
- New Hampshire Legal Assistance
- New Generation, Inc
- Rockingham Community Action (VITA)
- Seacoast Family Promise
- Seacoast Mental Health Center, Inc.
- SHARE Fund
- Workforce Housing Coalition

**Greater Seacoast Coalition on Homelessness** is a strategic, regional network of homeless service providers working together to prevent and reduce homelessness and provide permanent housing for homeless individuals and families.

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program** provides free tax preparation services to qualified working families. This program leverages volunteers' power to ensure low and moderate income families have access to free tax preparation, asset-building and financial education services.

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**Youth Opportunities**: UWGS works in partnership with local coalitions and nonprofits to ensure youth feel valued and empowered, demonstrate improved decision making skills, and show a reduction of high risk behaviors. Our goals include increasing the perception of harm of underage use of alcohol and substance abuse, establishing lasting healthy behaviors, and providing access to education, training, and opportunities for youth to create social change in their communities.

Our funded partners include:

- Allies in Substance Abuse Prevention (Granite Youth Alliance)
- Goodwin Community Health/One Voice for Strafford County (Coordinated School Health Program)

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**NH 211 Information and Referral**: UWGS, in partnership with various funders and other New Hampshire United Ways, supports 211, a 24/7 hotline that connects Seacoast residents to critical health and human services resources. The 211 hotline answered more than 10,000 calls for assistance from Strafford and Rockingham residents in 2013.