

United Way Haliburton Kawartha Lakes helps tackle challenging problems through financial support for agencies and programming in City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County.

What we do: through our work we address our 3 Pillars of Poverty to Possibility, All that Kids Can Be and Healthy People, Strong Communities.



United Way
Haliburton Kawartha Lakes



With your support of United Way, our community becomes a stronger and better place to live, work, and play.

We provide funding and support for vital programs throughout Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton that help people in your community:

- access food
- access warm and dry winter clothing
- access safety equipment to help their children have a safe start in life
- access government benefits that can improve their financial situation
- make connections and feel at home in their new community
- respond quickly to unexpected expenses that can have a negative impact on household budgets

Edwin Binney's Community Farm and Education Centre

- We provide fresh, locally grown produce to 30 food banks and organizations delivering food security programs across Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County.
- 96,915 pounds of fresh produce donated since 2019.
- More than 2,000 individuals supported annually through food distribution programs.
- Educational workshops are available for schools, summer camps, daycares, and other programs serving children and youth.
- Team-building volunteer opportunities are available at the farm. Whether it's a one-time experience or a weekly commitment, your team can get involved and help reduce food insecurity in our community.



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Examples of the impact of United Way HKL funded programs:

- The Central Food Network coordinated 15 tax clinics across Haliburton County, helping 339 individuals file their income taxes and unlocking nearly \$1.5 million dollars in tax benefits. This grant also helped connect people to benefits they did not know they were qualified for, including Ontario Electricity Support Program hydro credits and Canada Disability Benefits.
- The CKL Situation Table was able to assist 8 people in situations that were deemed to be “acutely elevated risk”. The quick response of this program allowed families to stay together or reunited on a quicker timeline than would have been possible with out United Way funding support.
- The Pinnguaq Foundation (Ampere) was able to purchase refrigerated food storage at Ampere’s Makerspace. Once in place, it will provide supplemental food items to low income and economically vulnerable households in Kawartha Lakes. These items can be taken from the pantry any time without fear or judgement.
- 50 individuals received grocery gift cards through VCCS’ Food for Work program, helping them provide food and basic necessities for themselves and their families while they looked for work.
- A sole caregiver supporting two youth had been without a reliable vehicle for nearly a year due to an unresolved car repair. Living on a limited income, the family could not afford to fix the issue and were left without a functioning vehicle. Funding from United Way’s Local Emergency Needs Fund went directly toward essential repairs to restore their access to transportation.
- The primary caregiver of a family recently lost their job and thus, stable and consistent income. As a result, they have been struggling to provide food while supporting a child with mental health challenges. These mental challenges have also impacted the caregiver’s ability to maintain employment. Local Emergency Needs funding provided grocery gift cards, helping ensure the family had access to food during this time.
- SIRCH’s community meal program in Haliburton was facing a funding shortfall that put its ability to continue providing meals at risk. This program supports individuals experiencing food insecurity and is a vital resource in the community. United Way funding helped bridge the gap, ensuring meals could continue without interruption and that individuals maintained access to reliable, nutritious food.