

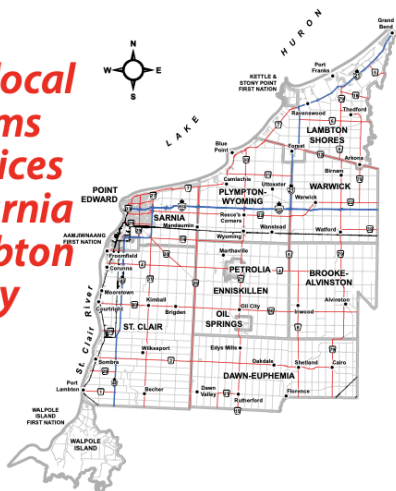
2024 Funded Agencies

Big Brothers Big Sisters
BGC (Boys & Girls Club)
Canadian Red Cross
Children's Aid Society-Trauma Support
Family Counselling Centre
Habitat for Humanity
Inn of the Good Shepherd
John Howard Society
Lambton Elderly Outreach
New Beginnings, ABI & Stroke Recovery
North Lambton CHC-Opening Doors
Rebound
River City Vineyard
Salvation Army
VON-Student Nutrition Program
Walpole Island First Nation Warming Shelter
YMCA

-Youth Resource Houses
-Autism Summer Camp

In total, 17 locally funded agencies that provide 29 programs and services. More than 17,000 Sarnia-Lambton residents are directly impacted by a United Way of Sarnia-Lambton funded program ; 14% of our local population.

**Funding local
programs
and services
across Sarnia
and Lambton
County**



2023 Outcomes

A total of 29,146 people used United Way services last year. That represents 23.6% of the population of Lambton County. In addition to this number, many family members of these individuals were also indirectly impacted by United Way services.

- 90% of clients of the Salvation Army Rent & Utility Assistance program were able to sustain their household and avoid eviction.
- 90% of youth attending the Resource House program provided by the YMCA in geared to income neighbourhoods had reduced absenteeism at school.
- 100% of clients receiving subsidized Meals on Wheels through the Red Cross report that their nutritional status has improved.
- 83% of the Go Girls Game On program, provided by Big Brothers Big Sisters, felt better about their overall mental health and could identify one or more ways to cope with their mental health.
- 100% of clients of the Rapid Housing & Housing Stabilization program provided by John Howard Society did not utilize the emergency shelter system, freeing up beds for others in need



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2023 United Way of Sarnia-Lambton Annual Report



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Jason Killingsworth, President

This year provided several highlights for the United Way of Sarnia-Lambton.

First and foremost, we are grateful to our community for helping us reach and exceed the 2023 campaign goal. The additional revenue enabled us to invest more in poverty-related programming and expand much-needed youth programming.

This year, we welcomed a new regularly funded agency, River City Vineyard, which expanded its shelter in downtown Sarnia. United Way funding enables the RCV to house our community's homeless population, many of whom have behavioural issues, addictions, and mental health challenges. United Way funding provides security to keep everyone safe, including the increasing female population.

United Way funding also provided an increase to the Inn of the Good Shepherd so they can meet the growing number of income tax filing for people who do not have the access or ability to complete their taxes on their own. Last year, this program resulted in \$9.5M in income for the most vulnerable in our community.

United Way also added Big Brothers Big Sisters funding for the In-school mentoring program and increased funding for the BGC, formerly the Boys and Girls Club. BGC services are now available at two Sarnia locations and multiple locations in rural Lambton County.

I was surprised to learn that more than 17,000 residents are helped directly through a United Way funded program yearly; that's 14% of the entire Sarnia-Lambton population.

As a result of the successful 2023 campaign, 47% of available allocations will be invested in poverty and poverty-related programs and services, 30% in youth programming, and the final 23% in what we call Healthy People, Strong Communities. This includes seniors and mental health programs and services.

I speak for the Board when I say we are excited about 2024. Our campaign has already started raising money, thanks to many locally owned businesses such as Coffee Lodge, The Bagel Factory, Fairwinds Lodge, Global Donuts, Refined Fool, and others. Lambton College students recently completed a successful three-on-three school basketball tournament.

Our entire volunteer board of directors deserves my sincere thanks for their work over the past 12 months. I'd like to highlight Vicky Ducharme, who has chaired the campaign for several years, and Gerry Whitcombe who has chaired our Community Investment committee for several years.

Unfortunately, we must say goodbye to two United Way Board Members, Jill Joseph and John Girard who is at the end of 10 years on the Board, and must step down after 10 years.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize the staff for all their hard work these past 12 months.

Finally, I am excited to welcome two new Board Members, Melanie Tiggelaar and Mike Edgar. Mike will chair the 2024 campaign, which is set to kick off on Tuesday, September 17, 2024.

United Way of Sarnia-Lambton 2023 Board of Directors

Jason Killingsworth John Girard Jill Joseph
Kathy Sitter Cathy Thompson Lynn Findlay
Greg Findlay Terry Doyle Gerry Whitcombe
Vicky Ducharme Sarah Craig Krista Randall
Bert Thakkar Shelley Gartshore Alan Blahey

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