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TRI-COUNTY UNITED WAY ANNOUNCES NON-PROFIT PARTNER AGENCIES FOR 2023-2024

Tri-County United Way reaffirms its commitment to identifying partner agencies as community needs evolve. The expansion of the Community Investment Fund increases support programs focused on seniors, youth, and mental health throughout Warren, Washington, and Northern Saratoga Counties.

Glens Falls, NY - February 26, 2024 – Tri-County United Way is pleased to announce the selection of non-profit partner agencies for its 2023-2024 funding cycle. The chosen organizations include longstanding partners such as Adirondack Samaritan Counseling Center, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Southern Adirondacks, Catholic Charities of Saratoga, Warren & Washington Counties – Domestic Violence Elder Abuse Prevention Project & Youth Services Project, Family Service Association, Greater Glens Falls Senior Citizens Center, The Salvation Army Glens Falls Corps, and The Senior Center of Kingsbury and Fort Edward.

In addition, Tri-County United Way is proud to welcome four new partner agencies to its network: North County Ministry, Glens Falls Association for the Blind, Comfort Food Community, and ASCEND Mental Wellness.

"We are committed to identifying and supporting our partner agencies as our community's needs evolve," said Kristin Chlopecki, Executive Director Tri-County United Way. "With the expansion of our Community Investment Fund, we are excited to increase our impact and support more programs focused on seniors, youth, and mental health."

Tri-County United Way's recently added partner agencies provide essential services and support to underserved communities, aligning with the Tri-County United Way's mission to improve lives and foster positive change.

North County Ministry provides a Hand of Hope to those facing life's challenges in our rural and underserved 650-square-mile service area. Comfort Food Community strives to end rural hunger by providing nourishing food to those in need and has made significant impacts, distributing over 1/2 million pounds of food and serving over 20,400 individuals in 2022. The Glens Falls Association for the Blind, Inc., provides services to blind and visually challenged persons of all ages in Warren, Washington, Hamilton, Northern Saratoga, Eastern Fulton, and Montgomery Counties. Ascend Mental Wellness encourages and

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assists individuals in discovering pathways to their optimal mental health and wellness, while supporting hope and awareness of well-being in our community.

The selection of these funded partner agencies follows a thorough application process, including review by the Community Investment Committee, comprised of local volunteers with expertise in mental health care, senior care, childcare, education, and program outcomes. This committee plays a crucial role in allocating donor funds entrusted to Tri-County United Way.

Tri-County United Way serves Warren, Washington, and northern Saratoga Counties, prioritizing support for ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) families and individuals. In 2023, marking their centenary, the organization achieved significant milestones, including increased support to partner agencies, distribution of backpacks to ALICE families, and savings on income tax preparation fees for residents, among others. For more information, visit www.tricountyunitedway.org.

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About Tri-County United Way: Tri-County United Way is an organization dedicated to helping people. We work to improve lives and make a positive impact in our communities by raising resources, both monetary and volunteer. We strive to do this through collaboration with others, encouraging volunteerism, and resolving community problems through identifying and communicating our community's priority issues.