# Our 2026 Funded Partners:

For the first time, United Way of Mid Rural New York implemented a two-year allocation cycle for 2025 and 2026. This meant funds raised were allocated to the same approved programs for both years, providing greater stability for our partner agencies and the services they deliver.

**Chenango County**

**22** Programs funded in Chenango County.

**Delaware County**

**09** Programs funded in Delaware County.

**Madison County**

**12** Programs funded in Madison County.

**Otsego County**

**11** Programs funded in Otsego County.

This multiyear funding approach allows community programs to plan ahead, strengthen their impact, and continue providing critical support to individuals and families throughout Mid Rural New York. We will be using this same process for 2027-2028 funding.

**Scan the QR to access the list of funded partners or visit:**

**www.uwmrny.org**


## *How can you make an impact in your community today?*

- Your contribution helps hardworking ALICE families in Mid-Rural New York access essentials such as food, housing support, childcare, transportation, health resources, and opportunities to achieve long-term financial stability.
- Your involvement creates sustainable change, empowering communities to thrive long-term.
- Together, small actions lead to big impact.


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# Together, We Make Change Happen

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**Empowering communities, supporting children, and creating brighter futures.**

# Great Ways to get connected.

United Way Local Ambassadors

United Way Ambassadors are passionate community members who proudly represent United Way, raising awareness and sharing knowledge about how we create lasting change together.

**CHENANGO COUNTY**

***Kelly Collins-Colosi***
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***Terra Carnrike-Granata***
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***John Stafford***
NBT Wealth Management
***Megan McKown***
Unison
***Lisa Colabelli***
Mountain, Ltd.
***Nicholas Colosi***
Oxford Academy and Central School District
***Lori Olsen***
Miles of Love

**DELAWARE COUNTY**

***Amanda Holland***
SUNY Delhi

**MADISON COUNTY**

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**OTSEGO COUNTY**

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Community Financial System, Inc.
***Anna Hillis***
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## United Way of Mid Rural New York Local Initiatives

**Regional Dental Task Force:** Partnership with local community organizations and multiple County departments that provided 16,000 dental kits to local children grades K-5th in every district in our footprint in 2025. (Chenango, Delaware, Madison and Otsego).

**Dolly Parton Imagination Library:** United Way of Mid Rural NY contributes $2.60 per book to offset the cost of shipping the books to more than 3,555 children birth through age 5 in Chenango, Delaware and Otsego Counties.

**The CA$H Coalition:** This partnership was able to process more than 3,623 2024 tax returns for local families, which returned $2,315,000 in Federal Funds.

**Micro Loan Program:** There are currently over 20 active loans throughout our four-county region that are helping our ALICE population individuals pay for car repairs so that they can continue to get to work.

**2-1-1:** Our United Way helps support this 24/7 information and referral hotline throughout our region. 2-1-1 is the phone number to call to connect you to health and human service programs in your community, like food pantries, childcare services, mental health support and help for seniors or people with disabilities.

**COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster):** This collaborative works with all entities in our communities to help prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters.

# MICRO LOAN

SERVING CHENANGO, DELAWARE, MADISON, AND OTSEGO COUNTIES

## SUCCESS STORY

RH, a man in his 50s, had always been independent, working a stable job in healthcare and living comfortably until a serious medical condition forced him to stop working. Shortly after, his wife was diagnosed with cancer, bringing additional emotional and financial strain. Despite rising medical expenses, they managed to stay afloat until RH discovered a pinhole leak in his fuel tank, leading to fuel loss and the need for costly replacement and environmental cleanup.

After exhausting other options, RH came to our office seeking help. Though discouraged, he brought all his documentation and hoped for support. He qualified for a microloan, which allowed him to replace the tank, clean the contaminated area, and restore his fuel supply. Since then, RH has remained current on his payments, completed a financial literacy class, and stabilized his situation.

RH's story is a powerful example of an ALICE household–working hard yet vulnerable to unexpected crises–and a reminder of the real impact the Micro Loan Program can have.

-Victoria Mitchell, Micro-Loan Coordinator