UNIVERSAL WAY OF GREATER KNOXVILLE
unites people and resources to strengthen communities
and solve systemic issues.

OUR IMPACT

FOOD SYSTEMS
- 509 organizations mapped and 150+ individuals engaged in our food systems work
- 4k locally-grown tomato plants were distributed through our Great Tomato Project
- $2 million was leveraged to enhance food security in our communities

EARLY CARE & EDUCATION SYSTEMS
- 150+ community members and 40+ organizations engaged and convened around early care and education
- 700 hours were spent in a community-wide strategic planning process creating the Bright Steps Action Plan - a comprehensive approach to supporting children’s well-being and development from birth to age 3
- $4.5 million grant was secured for 36 students to receive high-dose, low-ratio tutoring

HOUSING SYSTEMS
- 189 clients attended our Launch Point Class that teaches life and job skills for people experiencing homelessness
- 75 stipends were provided for youth to attend the Homeless Youth Council Meetings
- $29K in rent-support housing assistance was given through our House Knox program, serving 68 households

ECONOMIC MOBILITY SYSTEMS
- $25 million state grant was received to develop the East Tennessee Collaborative
- With community partners, we’re working with families to reduce poverty, increase economic opportunity pathways, and enhance social supports using a relational, comprehensive, and evidence-based approach

GRANTMAKING
We distributed $7.8 million in grants to local nonprofits. 268,252 total community members were served by our nonprofit grantee partners (a 5% increase over the prior year)

- 119,171 individuals participated in healthful activities
- 5,850 participants accessing affordable mental health services
- 36,149 families and caregivers with better access to childcare resources
- 6,511 individuals provided with basic needs assistance

Total touchpoints: 494,866 - 65% of the Greater Knoxville area population

UPWARD SUMMIT
We held our first Upward Summit, empowering nonprofits to share best practices, learn from each other, and inform the vision of what Knoxville can become.

CHANGE MOBILE
A mobile vehicle for change, the Change Mobile was present at 68 events as a command center and a volunteer and event hub.

HACKATHONS
Our Hackathons for Food Security and Early Care and Education gave Knoxvillians the opportunity to unite in partnership to design solutions that address some of our most pressing community issues.

CHANGE AWARDS
We honored the incredible efforts of our region’s most dedicated change makers at the first-ever annual Change Awards.

POWERED BY UWGK

- 360 nonprofit member organizations
- 650 people engaged in 60 trainings and networking events
- 50 consulting projects completed

VOLUNTEER EAST TENNESSEE
- 18,113 volunteers engaged with nonprofits
- 72,452 volunteer hours completed
- $1.9 million value of volunteer hours invested in our communities

100 YEARS OF SERVICE
In 2022, we celebrated a century of bringing people together to create lasting change that will improve lives in our community.

United Way of Greater Knoxville
is part of United Way Worldwide, the largest charitable organization in the world. Through more than 170 programs with 75 agencies, UWGK is an innovative problem-solver and facilitator of social change.

We are dedicated to creating a more equitable Greater Knoxville region with stable housing, financial security, quality early care and education, access to food, economic mobility, and more.

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