Making sure people get the help they need when they need it allows families to break out of the cycle of poverty and build stronger, better futures. United Way is committed to changing lives today and for generations to come.
Imagine running a race but starting 50 yards behind everyone else. And maybe blindfolded. And possibly without shoes. For too many people in our community, this is what life feels like. The challenges they face can seem impossible to overcome.

Families who have experienced generational poverty, addiction, violence, abuse, mental illness, racism and other traumas often have a hard time breaking free from the physical, mental, social, and economic forces that have been holding them back.

Supporting people in ways that help them deal with past traumas and envision future success is critical to creating positive patterns, behaviors and outcomes.

United Way supports many nonprofits making a difference in Whatcom County—not just today, but for generations to come.

- Quality child care, early learning, and parenting programs help parents provide a healthy and enriching environment for their kids.
- Youth mental health, education, and mentoring programs help teens imagine new possibilities for themselves in colleges, apprenticeship programs, and careers.
- Domestic violence and child abuse prevention programs create safer relationships, families, and households.

When everyone in our community is able to overcome barriers and reach their full potential, Whatcom County becomes a better place to live, work and play.

This is why we Live United.

Providing support systems that allow people to heal past traumas and break through cycles of poverty, addiction, and abuse is the best gift we can give them and our community. At United Way, we’re providing help for today and hope for tomorrow.