BREAK THE CYCLE OF POVERTY

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.















We're working to break the cycle of poverty, so our community's kids can dream big.

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.

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.

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.

MAKING SURE EVERYONE GETS THE SAME GREAT START.

Some people need a little bit of help. Some people need a lot. By funding a variety of local programs, we can address big issues in a big way. Dream big, Whatcom County. We're here for you.





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