

A National Network Of Local Impact Experts

Canada's unifying force for social change in
local communities.

Tackling The Toughest Social Issues



Poverty and access to basic needs

We deliver direct supports to people in local communities to meet their immediate needs and address the root causes of poverty by advocating for funding and policy change, engaging in local and national research, and bringing together people and organizations that share a goal to end poverty.



Housing and homelessness

We help people across Canada access affordable, safe, and permanent housing by investing in emergency shelters and by advocating for affordable housing in "housing first" programs, a recovery-oriented approach that centers on quickly moving people experiencing homelessness into independent and permanent housing and then providing additional supports and services.



Youth and child success

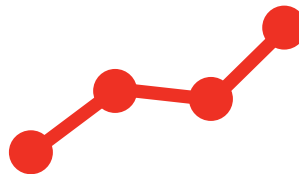
We bring together local experts and community members, advocate for enhanced supports and systemic change, and invest in local and national programs and services like homework clubs, youth mentoring and parenting groups to help kids across Canada realize a brighter future.



We Are Local Impact Leaders



United Way Centraides exist locally to serve those experiencing vulnerability in our communities and to create an equitable future for all.



Our 57 local United Way Centraides (UWC) mobilize over \$600 million annually to support the needs of over 8 million people within 5,000 communities. Each UWC is registered as its own non-profit organization and governed by an independent volunteer-led local Board of Directors.



Our Impact



In 2024, United Way Centraides invested over \$100M to help people in local communities meet their basic needs, including \$38M for housing support, \$32M for food support, \$22M for low-cost/no-cost goods and services and \$7M to help people manage their finances. Over 2.4M people will benefit from these investments.

Last year, we invested over \$38M in housing and shelter across the country, including \$20M in housing-related assistance programs and \$10M in emergency and transitional shelters. Over 379,000 people experiencing or at risk of homelessness will be able to access housing-specific support because of this investment.

The UWC network is investing \$77M to support youth and children. This includes an investment of \$14M in school success programs, including \$4.6M in high school completion supports programs, \$4.2M for in-school integrated community services, and \$800K in tutoring and homework assistance. Over 158,000 children and youth will receive, as valued and supported members of their communities, the opportunities and resources to help them reach their fullest potential.