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Letter from the CEO

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Right here in Clallam County, people are working hard every day to provide for their families, care for their children, and build a better future. But too many of our neighbors are one paycheck away from crisis. They're not strangers—they're the parents at school pick-up, the cashier at the grocery store, and the young adult trying to start their career. In fact, 57% of households in Clallam County are living below the ALICE threshold. ALICE stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. There is a way to help bridge the gap that these families face.

At United Way of Clallam County, we work to ensure that every resident has the opportunity to live a safe, healthy, and productive life. And we've been doing it for over 70 years. In this report, you will see the result of the donations you gave in 2024. By partnering with local nonprofits, we create opportunities for young people to thrive, build pathways to financial stability for families, and improve the health and well-being of our entire community. Our Impact Partners provide food, housing assistance, college and career readiness, and other critical services. **We can't do this work without your support.** Your donation today can keep a family in their home. It can provide food for a child go to bed with a full stomach. It can allow a young person to see a future full of promise. It can keep a single parent from having to choose between paying rent and buying groceries.

When you give to United Way of Clallam County, you're not just supporting a cause—you're investing in real people, right here at home. We understand that people don't live in categories – they live in communities. That's why the work we do often touches multiple impact areas. Whether we're supporting a **healthier community, youth opportunities** or **financial security**, our goal is the same: to build a stronger, more resilient Clallam County.

Join us in investing in the future of our community. Every gift, no matter the size, helps create real, lasting change. **United is the Way.**



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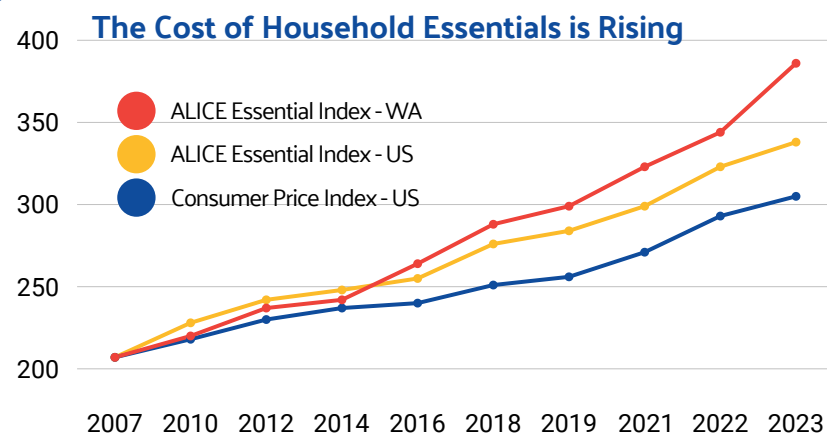
Impossible Choices

When inflation rises, the burden on financially strapped households is even greater. For those living in poverty, and those who work but don't earn enough to afford the basics of housing, child care, food, health care, and transportation, **each day revolves around a series of impossible decisions.**

There is a name for households that earn just above the poverty line but less than the cost of essentials: **ALICE. Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed** households are often one illness, one auto repair, one paycheck away from the brink.

What is the ALICE Threshold?

When we talk about households living "below the ALICE threshold," we mean **both those living in poverty and those just above poverty who cannot make ends meet.**



The **gold line** in the graph above illustrates how the national cost of household essentials has risen faster than that of the typical measure of inflation, the consumer price index (**blue line**). The **red line** spiking above both is the cost of household essentials in Washington State.

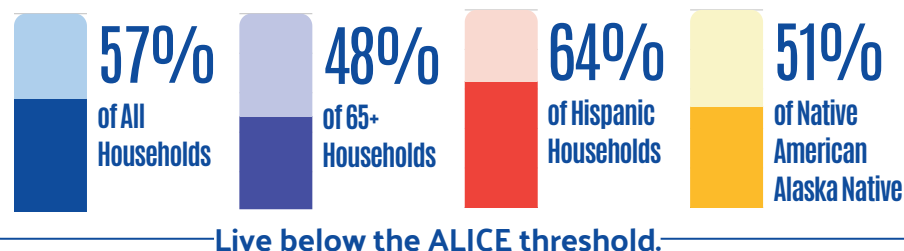
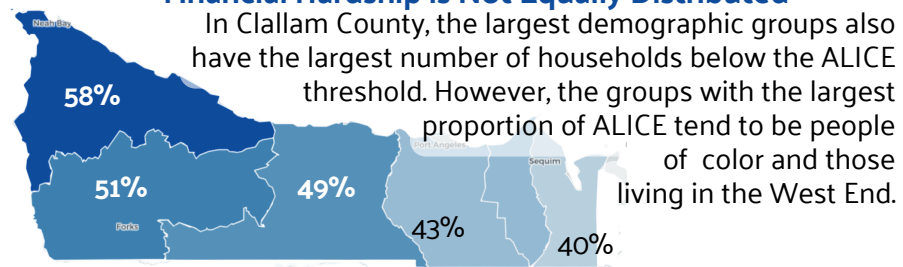
Households Living Below the ALICE Threshold - by Type

Single-female-headed with children	76%
Single-male-headed with children	56%
Single or cohabitating no children	37%
Married with children	23%



In Clallam County

Financial Hardship is Not Equally Distributed



FACING IMPOSSIBLE CHOICES: HOUSING VS. EDUCATION

"During my senior year, we became homeless again. I was able to [move out on my own] because having my cosmetology license, I was able to work full time. But because I had to work full time, I dropped out of high school."

Amie Batton, Dean of Transitional Studies
Peninsula College



Ways Our Impact Partners Support ALICE Households

9am: A woman in an abusive relationship waits until her partner leaves for work before calling Healthy Families of Clallam County to discuss her options for leaving.



12pm: A single mother walks into the Forks Community Food Bank to access healthy food for her family. Volunteers help her choose a combination of fresh and non perishable items that will feed her children and herself.



2pm: A high school senior joins a FAFSA presentation in an effort to find funding for their college education.



6pm: A previously unhoused disabled veteran sits down to dinner with his housemates in his new permanent, supportive housing unit.



8pm: A dad cuddles up with his son to read an award winning book they received for free from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fundraising Events: \$108,533

United Way hosts four signature events that bring our community together in support of a stronger Clallam County. **Whether you join us as a guest, sponsor, or in-kind donor, your generosity helps fund the essential work of our Impact Partners.** Every ticket purchased, table sponsored, and raffle item donated makes a real impact. These events shine a spotlight on area businesses—providing valuable recognition for sponsors and encouraging our community to shop local and support the businesses that give back to our neighbors in need.

CELEBRATE UNITED | Campaign Kickoff

Our campaign kickoff brunch featured a panel discussion with the CEOs of 3 of our game-changing partner agencies: Boys & Girls Clubs of the Olympic Peninsula, Olympic Peninsula YMCA, and Peninsula Behavioral Health.

GALENTINE'S DAY | Hosted by Women United

Our annual girls' night out lifts up local female entrepreneurs. We changed the program a bit this year and ended up breaking records! Galentine's Day 2025 became our top earning event of all time, raising just shy of \$47,000!



LIVE UNITED PROM | Awards Ceremony

Live United Prom celebrates the end of the campaign year and honors individuals, organizations, and businesses that have made significant contributions to it. This year's Old Hollywood theme brought a touch of glamour to a moving and festive evening.



HIKE UNITED | Hike-a-Thon

The Hike United hike-a-thon encourages participants to embrace physical activity and community, while enjoying the natural beauty of the Olympic Peninsula. In 2024, we tested a fundraising platform with 3 of our dedicated "Trailblazers."

CLALLAM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Clallam Community Foundation is a collection of charitable funds that support the health and well-being of people in Clallam County – now and for generations to come.

Foundation Value as of 3.31.2025 ≈ \$5.7 million

We manage and grow gifts from individuals, families, and organizations, and distribute annual earnings to support our community – while keeping the original investments safe for the future.

The Foundation distributed over \$490,000 during the 2024 - 25 campaign year.

Our 3 Fund Types

UNITED WAY FUNDS

Supports local nonprofits and special projects chosen by the United Way Board of Directors.

NAMED FUNDS

Created by donors to honor loved ones or support specific causes like youth programs or scholarships.

PARTNER FUNDS

Nonprofits like the YMCA, North Olympic Library Foundation, Clallam Mosaic, and Peninsula Behavioral Health invest with us to help fund their work long-term.



Leaving a Legacy

SMART TAX GIFTS

Giving directly from your IRA using Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) is a great way to lower your taxes while supporting United Way.

PLANNED GIVING

Include United Way in your will or estate plan, or name United Way as a beneficiary of your life insurance or retirement account and help shape the future of Clallam County.

IMPACT AREAS

HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Improving health & wellbeing for all

"One gentleman, a veteran in his 70s, called us at noon on a Thursday. He received a call from a hospital in Seattle that he needed to bring his wife home to Sequim on Friday morning. He did not have either the gas money or ferry fare to bring her home. We met him four hours later at the gas station to fill up his gas tank and hand him round-trip ferry tickets to bring home his wife. He was in tears and gave us a big hug."

-St. Vincent de Paul representative

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

Helping young people realize their full potential

Youth United recognizes students who volunteer 145+ hours with a Varsity Letter in Community Service.

Total Volunteer Hours: 3,171.25

Sequim: 13 Letters

Port Angeles: 5 Letters

\$29,463 in Scholarships was distributed to 23 students across the Peninsula.

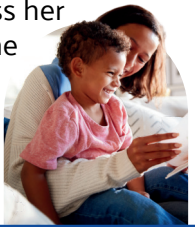


FINANCIAL SECURITY

Building financial stability & strength

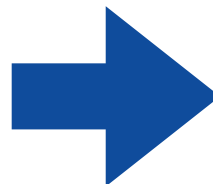
"When United Way called about someone who wanted to donate a car, I knew we couldn't pass this opportunity up. I asked our advocates to think who would be a good fit for this generous donation. We had a client in our housing with a child. Mom works full time and relied on the bus for everything. She had never had her license. Her partner used this to isolate her. We helped her pass her permit test and paid for driving lessons. The car is going to be life changing for her and her child! Thank you for thinking of us!"

-Leslie Bond, Executive Director, Healthy Families of Clallam County



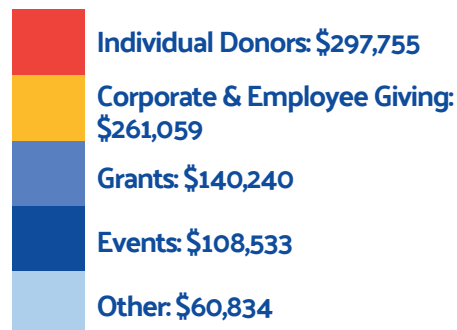
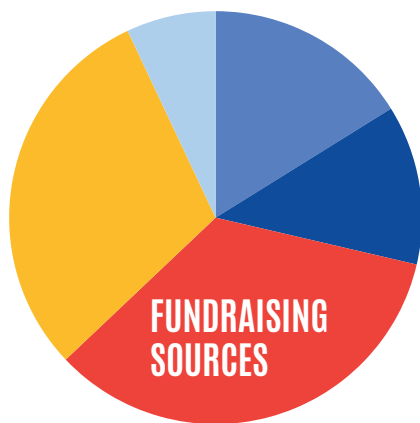
\$868,421

Raised thanks to donors like YOU



1.5 MILLION

Invested in Clallam County



THANK YOU to the individuals, employees, and local businesses who helped us raise money for the community through donations, pledges, and sponsorships!



\$568,925 Community Care Fund

We reinvest this money into our hardworking Impact Partners. This is the best way to make the biggest impact in our community.



\$349,817 Partner Allocations & Designations

Allocations are distributed to Impact Partners. Designations can be made by donors at the time of giving.



\$350,000 Albert Haller Foundation

Since 1994, United Way has made funding recommendations to the Haller Foundation for Basic Needs Grants including food, housing, and medical care.



\$35,896 Scholarships & Grants to Teachers



\$140,240 Other Grants

These grants fund multiple projects including our Educational Attainment Program.

IMPACT PARTNERS

In order to build a more sustainable, responsive, and impact-driven funding model, we are shifting to awarding 10 to 15 high-impact grants each year.



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Can provide a new crib and sheets so a baby can sleep safely.

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PER MONTH

Can provide mental health therapy to someone recovering from substance misuse disorder.

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PER MONTH

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PER MONTH

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