

United we can break down barriers, open doors, and transform lives.



Brandon found a sense of purpose through a supportive employment program powered by United Way East Ontario.

This program helps people overcome homelessness, addiction, and mental health challenges by building the skills they need to start a career. Brandon received personalized guidance, peer motivation, and the professional certifications to secure a stable job.

"Every time I came to see them, I felt like I had a home away from home and a whole family of people who supported me" —Brandon, program participant

The local facts:*



The unemployment rate among recent immigrants is **twice as high** compared to those born in Canada in the age category of 25 to 64.



~62% of working age adults with disabilities are employed compared to **78% of those without**.



1 in 5 single mothers live in low-income situations in Ontario.

With support from our donors, together we helped **5,036 people** move from poverty to possibility in 2024-2025. Read our latest **annual report** to learn how we help people achieve financial independence.



*Visit UnitedWayEO.ca/Local-Issues for fact sources and more information.

United we can create possibilities.



We invest in employment programs and supports that help Indigenous youth and equity-deserving groups, such as newcomers and people with disabilities, strengthen their skills and land jobs.



We advocate for and invest in financial literacy programs, rural transportation, and utilities relief so people can meet their basic needs.



We work with partners to direct local buying power where it matters most: supporting social enterprises, choosing ethical suppliers, and creating jobs through major community projects.



We champion community wealth-building strategies that put local people in control of their own economic wellbeing and break down barriers to create opportunities.



Your gift makes a difference.

**\$20 a month or
\$240 a year**

provides workplace essentials to help a young person be equipped for their first day on the job.

**\$80 a month or
\$960 a year**

covers travel costs for mental health appointments so the focus can be on recovery and not the stress of getting there.

**\$200 a month or
\$2,400 a year**

provides low-income job seekers with refurbished computers and phones, helping them do research and apply for jobs.

Please give today to help people break out of the cycle of poverty. Donate through your workplace.



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