

Eagle Scout Success

In 2023, Avery Heskett was one of only 11 young men in Randolph County to reach the coveted Eagle Scout rank.

For his Eagle Scout project, Avery renovated the shelter at Farmer Elementary School to give teachers and students a safer place for outdoor learning.

Avery is an honor roll student and will study veterinary science at NC State. He and his family credit **Boys Scouts with his success in and out of the classroom, and his ability to gain admission to the competitive collegiate program.**

Your United Way dollars help hundreds of young people in Randolph County benefit from Boy Scout programs every year.

For more information, call 336-378-9166



Hands-on With Chickens

Middle school animal science classes learned by doing, with hands-on experience incubating eggs, caring for the newly hatched chicks, and building chicken coops.

This spring, the students will learn how to raise and show these chickens, and **4-H** will collect the eggs for a second-grade embryology program.

4-H reached more than 3,000 youth in the 2023-2024 school year.



Your United Way dollars fund the Chicken Project and other 4-H activities in Randolph County.

For more information, call 336-318-6005



Swift Water Rescue

Rescuing three people stranded on top of a car in floodwaters would have been tricky without **Ash-Rand's** specialized swift-water rescue team.

Once they arrived, **Ash-Rand** determined the best extrication route and made a plan.

They reached the victims, helped them into life jackets and the rescue boat.

Once the shore crew hauled the boat back in, waiting EMS units warmed and evaluated the three victims.

Your United Way dollars provide Ash-Rand Rescue with the equipment, training, and man-power to conduct a swift-water rescue.

For more information, call 336-625-3354



Power Hour

Most **Boys and Girls Club** members head for the club's **Power Hour Homework Assistance** after school. Nyla is one of them.

Nyla is a 4th grader who receives three hours of support weekly from a certified teacher during Power Hour.

She was way behind, but has made amazing progress, and is on track to be reading at 4th grade level by the end of the school year.



Central Boys and Girls Club uses your United Way dollars to help students like Nyla succeed in life and school.

For more information, call 336-882-2582



Our Place

Martha's mother's dementia was getting worse.

When Martha first enrolled her in **Our Place Adult Day Care**, she was quiet and withdrawn, but after a few days, she was singing, dancing, and participating in other activities.

Martha's family is confident that enrolling her in **Adult Day Care** was the best decision for their mother mentally, physically, and socially.

Because of your United Way Dollars, Our Place Adult Day Care is there to provide families with daytime relief from full time care giving.

For more information, call 336-629-3787



Unexpected Friendships

Thanks to **The Pen Pals Program**, local students and senior adults have formed unique and unexpected friendships. It is one of the most impactful components of the **Communities in Schools** mentoring program.

Students correspond with seniors at the **Senior Adults Center** during the year. They write letters, and share recipes, cards, and stories.

In the spring, the students visit the **Senior Center** to meet their Pen Pals in person. This program is a delight to both children and seniors and the smiles captured in photos are priceless.

With your **United Way** dollars, **Communities in Schools** can connect volunteer mentors with schools to help young people succeed in school and in life.

For more information, call 336-625-0008



What Next

After a tragic fire, it's often hard for families to know what to do next.

The **American Red Cross Disaster Team** responds compassionately with care and guidance, financial and mental health assistance, and spiritual care.

After securing emergency food, shelter, clothing, and medicines, the **Red Cross** team can then refer families to other community partners to guide them through the months-long recovery process.

Your United Way dollars help prepare and equip Red Cross to respond quickly and effectively when disaster strikes.

For more information, call 336-625-2399



A Healthy Baby

She was trying to escape a violent partner when she discovered she was pregnant. She had almost no social support, and no financial resources.

Thanks to United Way funding, **Kintegra's Health Prenatal Patient Assistance Program** provided her with full prenatal care, and support from the **Community Health Resource Advocates** and the **Behavioural Health Team**.

Kintegra's Health prenatal care helped ensure a healthy pregnancy and a healthy baby.

Your United Way donations enable Kintegra Health to provide prenatal labs and diabetic screening on a sliding fee plan for uninsured patients.

For more information, call 336-672-1300.



Help at Home

When her husband needed more personal care than she could provide, she reached out to **Regional Consolidated Services** for in-home care assistance.

A CNA now comes five times a week to care for him so she can see her doctor or run other errands.

Regional Consolidated Services also helped pay for an alarm system to alert her if her husband gets up in the middle of the night and wanders outdoors.

Regional Consolidated Services provides in-home assistance with personal care, house-keeping, and minor home repairs, enabling the disabled elderly to remain comfortably in their own homes.

For more information, call 336-672-1300.



Still Independent

Riding **Randolph County Adult Transportation System** gives her a way to get around in the community.

With no means of transportation herself, she relies on **RCATS** to take her to the grocery store, the pharmacy, and her doctor.

RCATS gives her independence and a way to get out of the house and be around others. She is so enthusiastic about the service that her 71-year-old daughter began using **RCATS** too.



With you United Way donations, **RCATS** vans enable local people to access community services or accomplish activities necessary for daily living.

For more information, call 336-675-3389.



“Cool Cop” at the YMCA

Sgt. Jamie Brown loves mentoring kids at the **YMCA**.

“We see so much negativity in our career, and it is just fun to come and interact with the kids, and let them see the positive side of law enforcement.”

Camden loves playing basketball at the **YMCA**, and says “It keeps me going, and it’s pretty cool that I get to talk to the cops and learn about them and their jobs.”



The YMCA needs your United Way donations to continue recreational and fitness programs for all ages, and classes for the physically and developmentally handicapped.

For more information, call 336-625-1976.



Backpack Pals

Schools serve breakfast and lunch, but many children may not eat again until the next day because there is not enough food for them at home.

The **Communities in Schools Backpack Pals** sends over 760 children home with bags of child-friendly food every Friday. The children depend on this food to make it until Monday.

Teachers report that **Backpack Pals** help these children make greater academic progress because they are more alert on Mondays, more focused, and more engaged in class.

Communities in Schools uses your **United Way** contributions to provide weekend and summer food for students who do not have enough to eat at home

For more information, call 336-625-0008.



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Reporting Abuse

Children often don't realize they are being abused or neglected. The **CARE** program teaches second graders how to recognize abuse and report it.

During class, the CARE officer noticed clear signs of abuse on a boy who would not make eye contact. The boy confided that his stepfather was beating and slapping him and calling him “worthless and stupid”.

The school notified DSS, and the officer stayed with him until he was released to DSS. The boy is no longer in the home, and today he is happy, healthy, and safe.

CARE depends on your United Way dollars to help bring the CARE program to every 2nd grader in Randolph County.

For more information, call 336-318-6791.



The Right Plan

The Information & Options Counseling Program at Randolph Senior Adults Association helps seniors select appropriate Medicare Supplement plans.

With her Medicare supplement, drug plan, and Extra Help plan, the 88-year-old had no co-pays. An insurance agent convinced her to switch to Medicare Advantage, which left her with significant costs. Her son felt she had been taken advantage of, and called I & OC for advice.

With help from the NC Department of Insurance, I & OC was able to get her re-enrolled in her Medicare supplement, and in a drug plan that cost less and covered all her medications. That saved her thousands of dollars.

Your donations help programs like the I&OC service at Randolph Senior Adults Association, and can offer seniors much-needed assistance.

For more information, call 336-625-3389.



Meals and Smiles

Meals on Wheels at Randolph County Senior Adults Association delivers a smiling face and a few minutes of fellowship as well as a nutritious hot meal to the homebound.

Often, that delivery is the only human contact the clients have and means as much to them as the good food they receive.

Each visit includes a wellness check. Trained drivers can assess general health issues, fall risk, and safety at home.

Your donations help the Randolph County Senior Adults Association provide nutritious, hot, home-delivered meals to homebound clients.

For more information, call 336-625-3389.



Livable Housing

Sandra's house was declared beyond repair.

The [Neighbors Helping Neighbors](#) program at [CUOC](#) helped her secure new housing in a senior-living apartment and helped with utility bills, medications, and access to the food pantry.

It changed her life. Sandra obtained permanent, livable housing, and gained a greater understanding of budgeting her money.

Your donations help [Christians United Outreach Center](#) help people like Sandra get back on their feet and remain self-sufficient.

For more information, call 336-625-1500.



Leaving Home Safely

After a few falls down the outside steps, they knew it wasn't safe to try to leave the house, even for doctor appointments or groceries.

When **Regional Consolidated Services Home Repair Service** installed a ramp for their home, it was a game changer.

They knew they could once again leave home safely and be more mobile and independent.

With your United Way dollars, **Regional Consolidated Services Home Repair Service** can continue helping the elderly age well and safety at home.

For information, call 336-629-5141.



Better Chance for Success

NC Pre-K through the **Partnership for Children** offers quality, affordable child care, and helps prepare children like Junie for kindergarten.

When Junie entered Pre-K, she could not identify all the letters and sounds. By the end of the year, she knew the sight words and could read beginner books and write sentences.

Now she is reading above grade level and is far ahead of her classmates.

Your United Way donations help The Partnership for Children improve access to quality, affordable child care, and early learning opportunities.

For information, call 336-629-2128.



Summer Camp

My daughter loves summer camp so much, but I can't afford the tuition.

A **YMCA scholarship makes camp possible for her, and it gives both of us the option to participate in other after-school sports.**

There is a free nursery for my 4-year-old son, so I can work out or choose another activity while my daughter is at camp.

We love the family atmosphere at the **YMCA.**

The YMCA Uses your United Way dollars to nurture the potential of every child, and to bring families together through fitness, sports, fun, and shared interests.

For information, Call 336-625-1976



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Food and Friends

Lunch at the **Randolph Senior Adults Association Center** is the highlight of his day.

He loves going to the Senior Center! He likes the games and being with other people, but the congregate lunch is his favorite part. It is one meal he does not have to eat alone.

He says he has “come a long way” in his four years at the Senior Center. His social skills have improved, and it keeps him from being isolated at home.

With United Way donations, Randolph Senior Adults Association provides transportation, meals, outreach, advocacy, and support for seniors and their families.

For more information, call 336-625-3389.



Making Smart Moves

William is a 6th grader who was being bullied online and pressured at school to do the wrong things.

The **Smart Moves program at **Central Boys and Girls Club** helped him learn that it's ok to report the bullying, and that ignoring peer pressure is the best way to fight it.**

William has given himself permission to speak up. He has gained confidence and learned valuable skills that will help him throughout his life.

Because of your United Way dollars, Central Boys and Girls Club is there to help students like William succeed in school and life.

For more information, call 336-882-2582.



Finding Help

The **Salvation Army** offered a woman and her disabled autistic son a chance to catch up and get back on their feet.

She could not pay her power bill, was facing a double mastectomy, and had no insurance. They depended on her son's SSI benefits for their expenses.

The **Salvation Army** paid her power bill so she would not be disconnected, and is working with her to find other sources of help for her and her son.

The Salvation Army uses your United Way contributions to provide food and clothing for the needy, fuel assistance in the winter, and disaster relief.

For more information, call 336-625-0551.

