



Franklin-Southampton United Way

2025-2026

Year in Review





SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

WE ARE DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE PLACE WE CALL HOME

Our United Way made significant contributions to the community through initiatives including collecting donations for local animal shelters, participating in trash pick-up and beautification projects, sharing blessing bags to residents, and promoting literacy through our Little Free Library locations. Volunteer programs engaged community members in meaningful service, fostering a spirit of solidarity and collectively strengthening the fabric of our community.

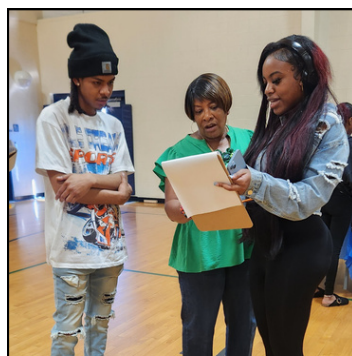




EMPOWERING OUR YOUTH

INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH TO INSPIRE OUR FUTURE

We continued serving the students of Franklin City Public Schools through our Student Wellness Program held at the JP King Career & Technical Academy and in collaboration with the James L. Camp, Jr. Family YMCA. Students and staff learned techniques to reduce stress, increase physical activity, and improve team-building skills. The year culminated in a Financial Reality Fair where participants learned about budgeting and making smart financial decisions with the assistance of Bronco Federal Credit Union and other local business volunteers.





COMMUNITY OUTREACH

WE LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS!

There is nothing that we love more than being out and about in our community - saying hello to our neighbors, sharing vital resources, and handing out items like first aid kits, wellness & hygiene products, healthy snacks, and school supplies.

Visit us at the Franklin Spring & Fall Festival, the Chamber of Commerce Expo, National Night Out, and other community events. Don't forget to bring the kids to the annual Santa Meet & Greet at the Courtland and Franklin branches of the Blackwater Regional Library.

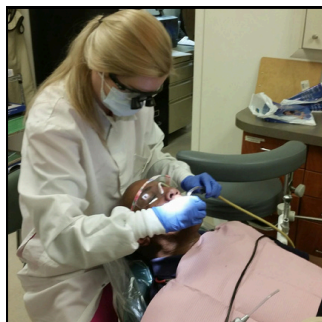




PARTNER AGENCY GRANTS

YOUR DONATION STAYS LOCAL

When you donate to our United Way, you are supporting 15-20 additional local nonprofits that serve the City of Franklin and Southampton County through our annual Partner Agency Grants. Each of these agencies provide vital services that create and foster youth opportunities, a healthy community, financial security, and community resiliency. In the past year, these agencies reported serving 30,804 individuals and providing over 85,000 services that include pounds of food, hours of tutoring, medical visits, childcare, diapers and hygiene items, and utility payment assistance.





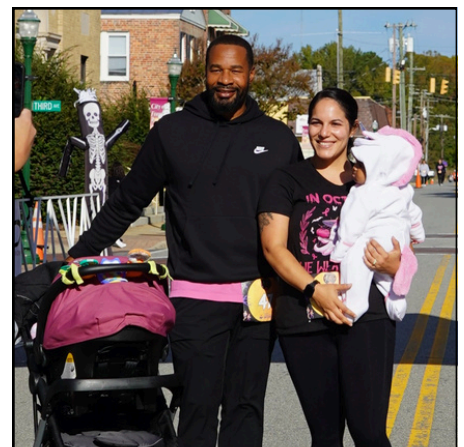
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CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH EVERY STRIDE

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2025 GINGERBREAD HOUSE CHALLENGE

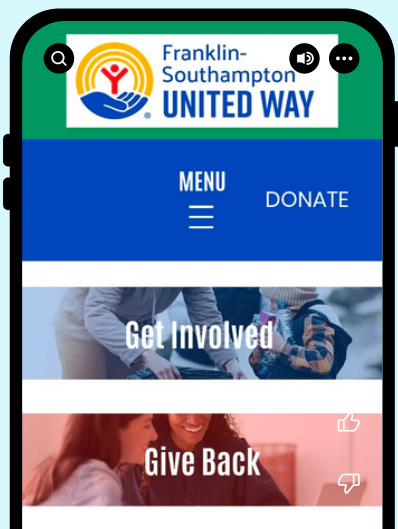
"Christmas Movie Magic"

The theme of our second annual Gingerbread House Challenge was Christmas Movie Magic! Nine amazingly creative entries were submitted and displayed at the Village at Woods Edge while community members voted through online donations. The 2026 Championship trophy was awarded to the Rawls Museum Arts. This annual event raises funds to support our Partner Agency Grants. Businesses, families, and organizations are invited to participate - it is an excellent team building activity and a great way to support your community. Visit www.franklinunitedway.org for information about this year's event!





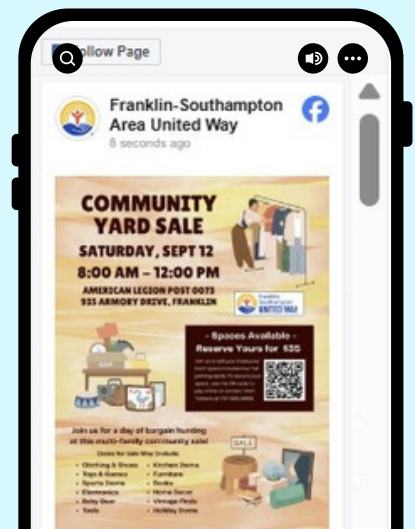
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