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#### Message from the CEO

In 2022, we made a significant impact in the areas of education, financial stability, and health/basic needs in our region. With the help of 539 dedicated community members who volunteered, 60,674 residents received support last year, and 14,781 nutritious meals were delivered to individuals and families in need. We are proud to have launched new programs and community engagement events, such as the Community Garden Project, Free Yoga series, and Halloween and Christmas-themed Front Porch events. At UWCK, we are committed to "Creating Community," and we plan to continue doing so in 2023. If you want to join us in this effort, visit our website or follow us on social media for the latest updates on volunteer opportunities, events, and more.

## It's not too late to collaborate with us on a Workplace Campaign!

Collaborating with United Way of Central Kentucky helps your company to meet its corporate philanthropy goals through workplace giving and volunteer programs for employees, without the need for heavy fundraising or management efforts. While Workplace Campaigns are drawing to a close, there is still time to schedule a campaign for your business. Email Christa Shouse at <a href="mailto:cshouse@unitedwayck.org">cshouse@unitedwayck.org</a> to learn more.



**Front Porch Events: Blood Drive** 

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Thank you to everyone who joined us for our blood drive to benefit the American Red Cross on January 19th. Earlier this year, the Red Cross experienced its worst national blood shortage in over a decade, caused by factors such as collection challenges and hospital demand amid COVID-19. We appreciate your support making this event a success with over 15 donors.

### Join the UWCK Community Garden today for greener gardens tomorrow!

The UWCK Community Garden, which is the first of UWCK's Front Porch projects, was constructed last year and it is maintained by generous community members and local donors. Set to begin this Spring, the Community Garden Group is open to members who are willing to meet monthly to help maintain the garden and fulfill its purpose of creating community. Regardless of the greenness of your thumb, anyone with a desire to give back to the community is welcome.



Apply here: unitedwayck.org/community-garden-group

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#### **#CreatingCommunity Video Series**

We're excited to introduce our new #CreatingCommunity video series, featuring testimonies from a few of our community partners. Learn more about the UWCK Community Garden and how you can be part.



# Listen to Episode 13 of CommonGood in the Commonwealth

Enjoy a 2022 recap with our United Way of Central Kentucky team. Also hear about some of the fun coming in the months to come.

Click to watch/listen.



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