

United Way of St. Clair County has four Impact Areas. Each month, beginning in May, UWSCC will unveil the funded programs within one of these impact areas. These programs are driving forces in our quest to raise the quality of life of our community.

Impact Areas:

- * Teaching Youth Life Skills » [May](#)
- * Improving Quality of Life through Health & Advocacy » [June](#)
 - * Helping Adults through Education or Training » [July](#)
 - * Reducing the Need for Emergency Services » [August](#)



IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH HEALTH & ADVOCACY

Program

Affiliated Organization

Mental Health Counseling	Catholic Charities of Southeastern Michigan
Ramp Construction	Community Enterprises of St. Clair County
Senior Project Fresh	Council on Aging, Inc., serving St. Clair County
People's Clinic for Better Health ~ Pharmacy Assistance	Lake Huron Foundation
Increasing Independence through Advocacy	The Arc of St. Clair County
Subsidized Home Care for Patients	Visiting Nurse Association / Blue Water Hospice
Subsidized Hospice Home Care	Visiting Nurse Association / Blue Water Hospice

UWSCC believes that physical and mental health equally affect a person's quality of life. Just as we seek a doctor's aid with our body's pains and ailments, our minds require the same care. Emotional and cognitive ailments can hinder a person's degree of enjoyment of everyday life just as severely as a major illness or injury. Education in the form of advocacy also plays an important role in the quality of life of our community. Societal trends illustrate our tendency to segregate what is unknown or different from the majority; both physical and mental divergences. Advocacy helps to dispel fear and break down barriers so we can all live in harmony.

St. Clair County

2018 2-1-1 Assistance Requests

72 Healthcare

16 Medical Transportation

14 Mental Health & Addictions

6 Support & Advocacy

2-1-1 Direct Contacts: 2,528 » 14.6% Increase over 2017 Direct Contacts

What does it cost to afford the basic necessities?

The Household Survival Budget gives the cost of housing, child care, food, transportation, and health care at a bare-minimum “survival” level. It does not include any savings, leaving households without a cushion for unexpected expenses and unable to invest in the future. Yet even this minimal budget was much higher than the adjusted Federal Poverty Level of \$11,880 for a single adult and \$24,300 for a family of four in 2016.

Household Survival Budget - St. Clair, Michigan, 2017

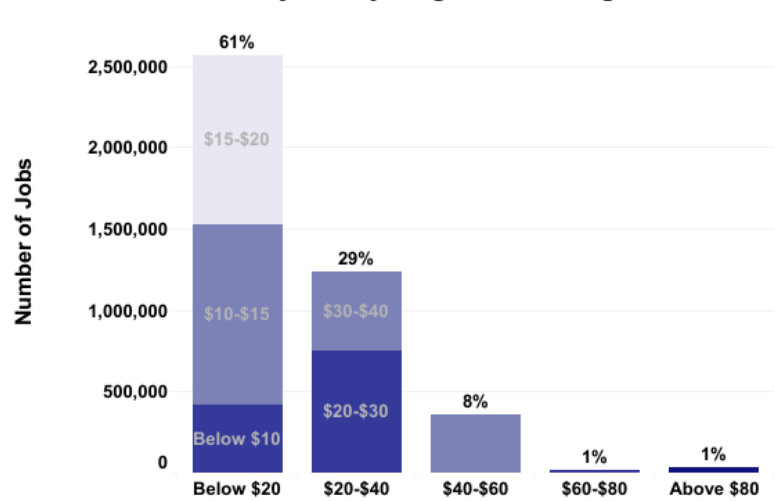
	Single Adult	2 Adults, 1 Infant, 1 Preschooler
Housing	\$578	\$911
Child Care	\$0	\$1,122
Food	\$199	\$604
Transportation	\$434	\$868
Health Care	\$234	\$879
Technology	\$55	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$180	\$511
Taxes	\$303	\$650
Monthly Total	\$1,983	\$5,620
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$23,796	\$67,440
Hourly Wage	\$11.90	\$33.72

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Bureau of Labor Statistics; Internal Revenue Service; Tax Foundation; and Early Childhood Investment Corporation, 2017.

What do jobs pay statewide?

Changes in the economy over the last several decades have increased the low-paying service economy and decreased job opportunities for ALICE households. Most jobs in each state now pay less than \$20 per hour – and the majority of those pay less than \$15 per hour (or \$30,000 per year full time). In most places, less than 10 percent of jobs pay more than \$40 per hour (or \$80,000 per year if full time).

Number of Jobs by Hourly Wage - All, Michigan, 2017



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2017.

HOW OUR SUPPORTED PROGRAMS ARE BRIDGING THE GAP TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

Catholic Charities of Southeastern Michigan

The number of people who received mental health counseling in 2018 was 268.

Community Enterprises of St. Clair County

10 of 26 ramps constructed in 2018 were funded through United Way of St. Clair County.

Council on Aging, Inc., serving St. Clair County

1,657 Senior Project Fresh coupon voucher books were distributed to 1,070 individuals in 2018. This provided over \$33,000 in fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables to vulnerable, low income seniors as well as that same amount in increased sales for local farming families.

Lake Huron Foundation

In 2018, the People’s Clinic for Better Health provided pharmacy assistance care to 488 uninsured patients and wrote 1,408 total scripts, providing quality medical care to those underserved patients who would otherwise go without.

The Arc of St. Clair County

Provided 184 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities access to independent living in St. Clair County through advocacy, assistance connecting with programs and services in 2018. Also provided 150 children and their families with advocacy, support and education on special education services, to assist children in achieving success in school.

Visiting Nurse Association & Blue Water Hospice

Subsidized Home Care for Patients served 93 clients and Subsidized Hospice Home Care served 10 clients in 2018.