

# United Way delivers \$132K in grants

MIDDLEBURY — The United Way of Addison County (UWAC) board of directors has approved a combined \$132,000 in Community Impact Funding (CIF) grants this year that are being divided among 12 local nonprofits that deliver health services to people in need.

In addition to the annual disbursements UWAC makes to more than two-dozen Addison County nonprofits, the organization each year assembles, and awards, CIF funding to charitable service providers in three core areas: health, education, and financial stability.

This year's CIFs are targeting health care providers.

Below are the grantees and the amount each received:

- Addison Allies Network (\$8,000)
- Addison Children's Advocacy Center (\$8,000)
- Addison County Home Health & Hospice (\$12,500)
- Addison County Relocalization Network (\$10,000)
- AgeWell (\$10,000)
- Atria Collective (\$20,000)

- Elderly Services (\$8,700)
- Have A Heart Food Shelf (\$5,000)
- Lund (\$2,000)
- Mountain Community Health (\$12,500)
- Open Door Clinic (\$22,500)
- Turning Point Center (\$12,800).

Because of the generous support of mission-driven donors, UWAC is able to invest \$12,521 more in its funded partners this year than in 2024.

Each year, UWAC enters new three-year funding partnerships through this program, guided by a comprehensive review process led by a team of Addison County volunteers. These reviewers evaluate applications and make funding recommendations to the UWAC board.

"UWAC's Community Impact Funding is a powerful investment of local philanthropic dollars that are intentionally flexible so our local nonprofits can use them where/how they are needed most," said Helena Van Voorst, the organization's

executive director.

Amy Hoekstra, UWAC's community impact manager, led the

CIF process from start to finish.

"We're incredibly grateful for the thoughtful work of our team

and community partners, and for the support of the UWAC board," Hoekstra said. "This outcome

reflects our shared commitment to equity and impact."



## Lunch on the go

THIS TINY HUMMINGBIRD clearwing moth reaches out to grab a quick meal from a lilac in Lincoln recently. Dale Cockrell saw the nice, gentle sun on the lilacs and the dark green shade behind, and thought it would make for a nice shot if a clearwing were to show up — and it did!

Photo by Dale Cockrell