

# 2024

ANNUAL REPORT

*Building Futures*



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## Our mission

To work together with neighbors  
to provide services and create opportunities  
that empower individuals and  
build strong interdependent communities.

## Our vision

To address emerging social needs and be an innovative leader  
in building strong interdependent communities  
based upon our traditional commitment of partnering  
with individuals, families, and neighborhoods.

As we reflect on 2024, we are reminded of the transformative power of community. This year, UNC served an incredible **10,494** individuals and **9,398** families, providing crucial support to neighbors across Northeastern Pennsylvania. These numbers are more than statistics—they represent lives changed, futures brightened, and communities strengthened.

Central to our mission is our ability to adapt and grow to meet the evolving needs of our neighbors. Nowhere is this commitment more evident than in the development of the **Community Education Development and Revitalization (CEDAR) Center**. This historic project is transforming the former Penn Security building into a hub for education, career readiness, community support, and immigrant integration. Scheduled to complete in May 2025, CEDAR Center will feature state-of-the-art classrooms and community spaces, enabling us to serve even more community members in the years ahead.

CEDAR Center is more than bricks and mortar—it embodies our mission to eliminate barriers, foster opportunity, and create a foundation for long-term community success.

Another key element of preparing for the future is the strategic planning process UNC began in 2024. The plan provides a clear roadmap for the next two years, focusing on increasing opportunities for permanent, affordable housing; improving employee engagement and retention to make UNC the best place to work for mission-driven staff; enhancing data-driven decision-making to achieve long-term client outcomes; and improving holistic client well-being, with a special emphasis on behavioral health.

Your commitment to our mission makes this work possible. Whether you've contributed as an investor, donor, partner, or volunteer, your support drives our work forward. Together, we are building stronger communities that offer opportunity and hope to everyone who calls this region home.

In gratitude,



**Jude McDonough**  
Chairman of the Board

## Leadership Message



### Transforming Lives:

#### UNC's Reach in 2024

10,494 Individuals Served

9,398 Families Served

7,004 Children in Families

11,051 Adults in Families

2,078 Seniors in Families

20,900 Total Individuals in Families

# Community Services

## *Building Stability*

Our Community Services department continues to serve as a lifeline for individuals and families facing complex challenges.

In 2024, UNC's **Housing Counseling program** met a significant increase in need, serving **447** clients; a 260% increase over 2023.

Housing counselors provided **3,072** hours of support with **\$169,069** in rental assistance; enabling families to secure stable housing and prevent eviction.

To meet this growing demand, UNC secured a **PHARE grant** from the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) enhancing programs and providing targeted assistance to those most at risk.



**19,446**  
Food Bags Distributed

**25,508**  
Client Check-Ins

**447**  
clients received  
housing counseling

**3,072**  
hours of  
support provided



Community Services is supported by the City of Scranton, Commission on Economic Opportunity/Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank, Giant Food Stores, Lackawanna County, Overlook Foundation, Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Fund, Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, Robert H. Spitz Foundation, Scranton Area Community Foundation, The Robert and Rose Cavanaugh Fund to Feed the Hungry Poor, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and United Way of Lackawanna, Wayne & Pike Counties.

Whether assisting clients in overcoming homelessness or navigating financial crises, UNC's Community Services team works tirelessly to address urgent needs and build pathways to long-term stability.

## Client Success Stories

In 2024, we helped a single mother of three rebuild her life after a devastating house fire, securing safe housing and empowering her to complete her nursing degree.

We restored warmth and hope for a veteran who endured a harsh winter without heat, arranging the resources needed to stabilize his household.



UNC is the lead agency for the **Scranton/Lackawanna County Continuum of Care (SLCoC)** and provides administrative support and technical assistance for six SLCoC funded service providers and 18 housing programs.

UNC is responsible for the completion and submission of the SLCoC's CoC NOFO application, as well as Lackawanna County's annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count and Housing Inventory Chart (HIC), which monitor the current state of homelessness and supportive housing programs in the region.

SLCoC is supported by a board of directors comprised of the six funded agencies and six additional agencies.



HUD awarded  
CoC NOFO  
application  
**\$4.2 million**

Together, the  
SLCoC served  
more than  
175 households  
and more than  
400 people  
this year.

SLCoC is a federally funded collaboration supported by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). CoC also receives PA Home4Good grant through FHLBank Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA).

# 40 Years of Feed A Friend

This year marked **40 years** of serving as Lackawanna County's designated agency for WNEP's Feed a Friend program.

With our generous community support, we were able to provide non-perishable food items and grocery store gift cards to families in need, allowing them to celebrate Thanksgiving with food that reflects their traditions and cultures. Collected food also helps maintain our Angel's Attic food pantry during the busy winter season.

**In addition to the many businesses and individuals who donate to Feed A Friend, the program is generously supported by Gerrity's the Fresh Grocer, Wegmans Food Markets, and Weis Markets.**



For 45 years, UNC's partner, **Upper Valley Project Hope Holiday Meal Program** has ensured that families in Carbondale and the Upper Valley enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner.

This year, the program supported **over 200 families** in the Upper Valley.

# Program Success

👤 1,860 Lackawanna County Families were served

👨👩👧 6,773 Household Members received assistance

📦 A total of 15,000 lbs. of food was collected from 69 donation sites across Lackawanna County



# *Building Imaginations* Illumination Youth Arts Program

This year, **114 youth** engaged in Youth Arts Programming, including **110** in Visual Arts, **52** in Pottery, **32** in Photography, and **14** in Portfolio Development, among other curriculum areas.



Youth Arts students took their first step into the professional art world with an art exhibition at the AFA Gallery. **22 young artists** displayed **over 70 pieces**, with **12 students** selling their work.



Youth Arts students made holiday ornaments with their **NEW 3D printer**, donated by the United Way of Lackawanna, Wayne, and Pike Counties.

**100% increase** in students who reported, **"I have adults in my life I can go to for help."**

Illumination Youth Arts received funding from the City of Scranton, Lackawanna County, Robert Y. Moffat Foundation, and United Way of Lackawanna, Wayne & Pike Counties.

# *Building Confidence* Leader in Training

**100% of Leaders in Training (LIT) seniors** committed to college.

**100% of younger participants** advanced to the next grade.

This year, we implemented the **Positive Action Program**, an evidence-based curriculum endorsed by the U.S. Department of Justice for its proven effectiveness in reducing youth violence.

This program focuses on academics, behavior, and character development, equipping youth with the tools to build confidence, improve decision-making, and foster community.

Supported by a generous grant from the Moses Taylor Foundation and integrated into our LIT and Youth Arts programs, Positive Action is creating safer spaces and brighter futures for our youth.



LIT received funding from Lackawanna County, William G. McGowan Charitable Fund, and Moses Taylor Foundation.



## *Building Experiences* Project Hope at Camp UNC

108 campers participated in a vibrant day camp experience that fostered social-emotional growth and heart health education. Youth were transported daily from the Scranton area to Camp UNC in Tunkhannock.

## *Investing in Our Future*

### Camp UNC Improvements

In 2024, we began making incremental updates to Camp UNC while continuing to work hard to raise the funds needed for more significant future repairs and upgrades. These efforts are vital to ensuring that the camp remains a safe and enjoyable environment where youth can connect, learn, and grow.

We replaced roofs on several structures, upgraded water heaters, and repaired the septic system—critical improvements to maintain the camp's infrastructure. We also updated and recertified the Ropes Course, providing campers with exciting and challenging activities that foster teamwork and personal growth. Additionally, we constructed a new lake shed to support waterfront activities and expand lake access.

**Project Hope is a qualified Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC)/Educational Improvement Organization.**

This year, the program received funding from Comcast NBC Universal, The Dime Bank, M&T Bank, NBT Bank, and Wayne Bank.

Project Hope also received support through Hawk Family Foundation, Margaret Briggs Foundation, Mitsubishi Chemical Advanced Materials, Overlook Foundation, the City of Scranton, and United Way of Lackawanna, Wayne & Pike Counties.



## *Building Bonds* Girls Overnight Camp

105 girls had an unforgettable week of friendship and exploration. Families reported a 100% satisfaction rate with the camp staff and activities.



**"My daughter went without knowing a single girl attending and had an absolute blast! She wished for just one more day." ~ Parent**

# Child Care Centers *Stabilizing Working Families*

342 children from 251 families received before and after school care and/or preschool at our three safe and affordable centers in Scranton, with meals and transportation included.



"My daughter is exploring new foods, friends, and adventures at Green Ridge Child Care Center to prepare for Kindergarten. She loves her teachers and playtime." ~ Parent



Child Care received the Gold Champion Award from the Shapiro Administration at State Capitol Rotunda from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. It highlights the important equity work being done across Pennsylvania's early childhood education and afterschool settings, including child care, evidence-based home visiting, and early intervention.



Our Child Care program received funding from the City of Scranton, Community Services for Children/Early Learning Resource Center, PNC Foundation, and the Scranton Area Community Foundation.

# 2025 Strategic Plan

In 2024, UNC partnered with **StratSimple** to create a new strategic plan to guide our work over the next two years. Staff, board members, and stakeholders gathered at Urban Co-Works for a planning session.

Teams were created to drive results within each of the objectives and key results (OKRs).

**Objective 1:** Increase opportunities in permanent, affordable, stable housing for members of the community and those we serve.

**Objective 2:** Implement best practices for improving employee engagement and retention to make UNC the best place to work for high-performing and mission-driven employees.

**Objective 3:** Enhance data driven decision making to achieve long term client outcomes.

**Objective 4:** Leverage the agency's unique expertise in the social determinants of health to improve holistic client health with a special focus on behavioral health.

**Key Result:**  
90% of clients report housing stability after completing designated program

**Key Result:**  
90% of clients report improved mental health

**Key Result:**  
100% of employees with a personalized staff development plan

**Key Result:**  
ClientTrack Data Quality Measures are at least 95%

**Key Result:**  
Behavioral Health services delivered to 250 individuals

This represents a sample of key results included in the strategic plan.





# Community Education

*Building Knowledge,  
Strengthening Families*



## Adult Education

In 2024, we served **653 adults** through English classes, one-on-one and small group tutoring, and citizenship preparation, a **58%** increase over 2023.

Our Family Literacy Program enrollment grew by **59%**, supporting **202 adults and 118 children**, expanding from **45 to 60 families**.

On average, **221 adult English Language Learners attended classes monthly**, with services tailored to their unique needs and goals.

**653**

students from

**71**

countries, speaking

**20**

languages

**+58%**  
in 2024

## School-Aged Tutoring

**21 families and 82 individuals** benefitted from tutoring, through our school aged tutoring program with the City of Scranton, focusing on English language proficiency and academic support.



## Career Readiness & Advancement

**322 individuals received job readiness support in 2024.**

- **23 participants** obtained industry recognized credentials.
- **54 participants** entered higher education or training.
- **25 participants** are scheduled to graduate from RISE in May.

The most common fields include **healthcare, manufacturing, and the trades**. Additionally, **44 individuals** secured employment in similar fields.

**Job Readiness Coaching support** is ongoing for those in career exploration, requiring prerequisites such as ESL or GED, or focusing on stability and meeting basic needs.



**+43%**

Average increase  
in wages  
after training  
completion



In addition to educational support, our staff provides intensive case management, assisting clients with employment, healthcare, school enrollment, and more.

**17 New**  
U.S. Citizens  
in 2024



## *International Dinner & Celebration*

On April 25, UNC proudly hosted its **International Dinner and Celebration** at our Oppenheim Center for the Arts, with a special focus on honoring **over 40** UNC students who have obtained United States citizenship in recent years. This vibrant, culturally diverse event highlighted the achievements of our students while also recognizing the incredible contributions of our volunteers during **National Volunteer Week**.

The celebration featured recognition of our students' accomplishments, accompanied by an international potluck where guests enjoyed dishes representing a rich array of cultures and traditions.



## *Success Stories*

**A Family Literacy participant who advanced from high-beginner to advanced English proficiency was hired at UNC's Bellevue Child Care Center after initially contracting with UNC to provide child care during Family Literacy classes.**



**A 2024 RISE graduate obtained his welding certification, gaining employment with benefits, PTO, and a 401k for the first time in his life. He credits the program for helping him repair family relationships and achieve personal and professional milestones.**

**Community Education received funding from the City of Scranton, the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Hawk Family Foundation, Pennsylvania Department of Education, Scranton Area Community Foundation, and the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund.**



# Carbondale & South Side Farmers Markets

## *Building Access*

Our Carbondale Farmers Market experienced remarkable growth this year. Weekly attendance averaged **81** shoppers, reflecting the market's growing importance to the local community.

The addition of Kim and Andrew's Farm from Lake Ariel expanded produce options at our Carbondale Farmers Market.

**Carbondale Farmers Market**  
**\$53,233 in sales**  
**81% increase**  
**over 2023**



### 2024 Combined Market Impact

\$174,848 Total Sales

7,826 Total Attendance

83 Unique Vendors Participated

\$14,531 Combined SNAP/EBT & Fresh Produce Food Bucks\*



**CEO Weinberg hosted cooking demonstrations at both farmers markets, inspiring customers with simple, healthy meal ideas.**

Carbondale Farmers Market received a Collaborative Philanthropy Grant from All One Foundation Charities and the Frederick and Colette Heldring Trust, and is also supported by a Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Neighborhood Partnership Program tax credit investment from Honesdale National Bank, NBT Bank, Gentex Corporation, and Mar-Paul Construction.

SNAP recipients receive Fresh Produce Food Bucks through a partnership with The Food Trust, increasing access to fresh, nutritious food.



# Community Revitalization

## Re-building Neighborhoods



Now in our third year, we continue to enhance the neighborhood's physical and social assets, while UNCCDC works to advance affordable housing opportunities.

Funding for Pine Brook's revitalization efforts is provided through PA DCED's Neighborhood Partnership Program with multi-year support from



14 Planters  
\$8,000  
impact



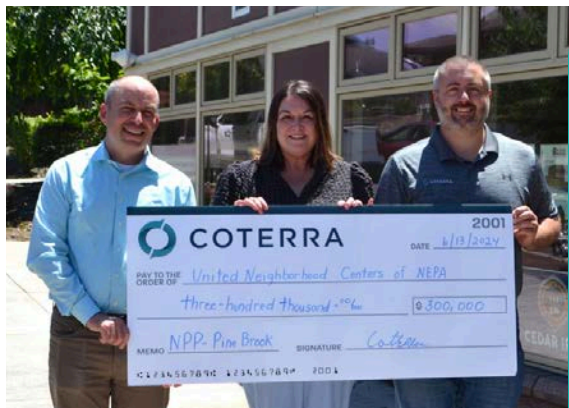
NPP  
Summer  
Community  
Celebration



Free  
Weekly  
Summer  
Programs



6  
Commercial  
Facade  
Upgrades



Over 400 people enjoyed our 3rd Annual Pine Brook Family Arts Festival at John Adams Elementary School with 40 partners and 32 activities.

Community Revitalization received funding from the City of Scranton, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Coterra Energy, Peoples Security Bank & Trust, and The Willary Foundation.

# Community Health & Aging

## *Building Resilience*



Our **Scranton Senior Community Center** underwent a transformation this year, thanks to funding from the **Pennsylvania Department of Aging**. These improvements included new furniture, state-of-the-art fitness equipment, and a smart TV with video conferencing capabilities.

The first floor received a fresh coat of paint, and the stage got a beautiful new curtain, updated cabinets, and enhanced framing. These updates have created a more inviting, modern space for seniors to gather, stay active, and connect with one another.



**1,381**  
seniors served  
across 4 centers

**100,000+**  
Activities &  
Meals Delivered

**475**  
New  
Enrollees



Our Hillside Senior Community Center **Koffee Klatch** group began as a small grief support network and has grown into a thriving community of **28** individuals who provide mutual support and friendship. Members meet weekly, organize events, and have become a family.

**"This group saved my life."**



Community Health and Aging receives funding from Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Aging, Community Care Behavioral Health Organization (CCBHO), and the Lackawanna County Area Agency on Aging. They also received support from The Armature NEPA, and Pennsylvania Health and Wellness.



Each of UNC's four Senior Community Centers offers a packed calendar of activities designed to keep seniors active, engaged, and connected. From Tai Chi, yoga, and ballroom dancing to bingo, paint-and-sip events, and interactive theatrical productions, there's great programming for every interest.

In 2024, the centers welcomed seniors from **56 different cities and towns** across the region, underscoring their importance as a community hub for socialization, recreation, and wellness.

The centers were frequently visited by government officials, who visit both in their official capacities and as participants in social activities, strengthening ties between community members and local leadership.



**4,159**  
individuals were  
served with  
our HBHI

## Housing and Behavioral Health Initiative (HBHI)

Through HBHI, Community Health Navigators provide individualized services to reduce barriers related to Social Determinants of Health (SDOH), such as food security and stable housing. Supported by a contract with Community Care Behavioral Health, the program serves individuals on medical assistance, aiming to prevent ER visits and the need for higher levels of care by stabilizing their living conditions.

In 2024, UNC served **4,159** individuals through HBHI. **Of these, 491 received direct care plans with intensive follow-up and advocacy from our Health Navigators.**

### *Client Success Story*

UNC received a referral for a gentleman whose wife was in a skilled nursing facility, unable to return home until they secured an accessible apartment. The man was also dealing with health challenges, including poorly controlled diabetes that had severely impacted his eyesight.

Without transportation, he was unable to attend critical eye appointments.

Our Community Health Navigator arranged transportation for his appointments and provided advocacy by attending them with him, as well as assisting with housing applications.

Recognizing his feelings of loneliness, she referred him to UNC's Peer Support Program, offered in partnership with Ignatian Volunteer Corps.

Through these coordinated efforts, the family secured accessible housing, his wife returned home, and his eyesight stabilized.



# designer purse BINGO

Presented by:



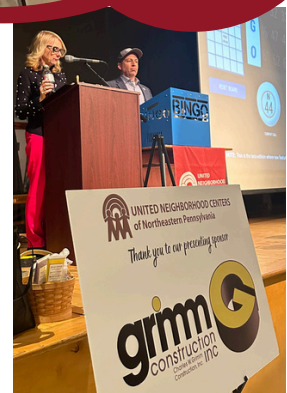
UNC's 2nd Annual Designer Purse Bingo was a tremendous success, and we couldn't have done it without the incredible generosity of so many.

We want to thank our purse, game, and in-kind sponsors, as well as our generous raffle donors. A huge shout-out to our guest callers – **Evie Rafalko McNulty, Jacqueline Lewandoski, Thom Welby, and the entire UNC staff and volunteers.** Thanks to your efforts, the evening ran smoothly and was full of excitement.

We're also incredibly grateful to **Holy Cross High School** and our almost **370 guests** who joined us for this fantastic event. Your participation and generosity helped us **SELL OUT** everything, making it a night to remember.



**\$31,090**  
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PROGRAMS  
& SERVICES



Special thanks to our presenting sponsor, Grimm Construction, along with Citizens Savings Bank, PNC, Community Bank, N.A., and Peoples Security Bank & Trust; as well as Center City Print, Lamar Advertising and WNEP-TV.



# Chocolate & Wine Frolic

Presented by:  
 **PNC**

**\$24,940**  
RAISED FOR  
PROGRAMS  
& SERVICES

Our 16th **Chocolate & Wine Frolic**, presented by PNC, made a triumphant return on Friday, September 27, after a five-year hiatus.

It was an unforgettable evening at the **Scranton Cultural Center**, filled with the sounds of Michele Conaboy McGrath and Kenny McGraw, as well as delicious samples from **22 local businesses**, all in our interpretation of the famous **Wonka Factory**.



**Thanks to our vendors:**

- Barbour's Bakery
- Caffe Fresco
- Calkins Creamery
- Capra Collina Winery
- Deep Roots Hard Cider
- Edible Arrangements
- Evil Sweets by Lulu
- Gerrity's The Fresh Grocer
- Gertrude Hawk Chocolates
- Grovedale Winery
- Hilton Scranton & Conference Center
- Lucchi Family Wine Cellars
- Lynn Sandy's Bakery
- Maiolatesi Wine Cellars
- Manning Farm Dairy
- Naked Toffee
- Pilgers' Pastries
- Pittston Popcorn Co.
- Space Time Mead & Cider Works
- Susquehanna Brewing Co.
- Talerico's Tropical Winery
- Texas Roadhouse



Special thanks to our presenting sponsor, PNC, along with Grimm Construction, William G. McGowan Charitable Fund, Alliance Wealth Advisors, LLC, Toyota of Scranton, Citizens Savings Bank, Topp Business Solutions, WNEP-TV, Center City Print, Lamar Advertising, Dempsey Uniform & Linen Supply, Metz Culinary Management, and Sprint Print.

# UNDER CONSTRUCTION: CEDAR CENTER

*Building our future*

Community, Education, Development, And Revitalization

Construction is underway at the historic Penn Security building at 530 Cedar Avenue in South Scranton. Renovations are expected to be completed by May 2025, transforming the space into the **Community Education Development and Revitalization (CEDAR) Center**—a regional hub for education, job readiness, workforce development, and immigrant integration services.

This nearly 90-year-old structure, generously donated by **Peoples Security Bank**, is being transformed into a 13,550-square-foot facility that will serve as a lasting community asset. The renovated space will house expanded state-of-the-art adult education classrooms, job-readiness programming, offices, a café, community spaces, and an indoor location for the year-round South Side Farmers Market.

**This project is made possible with the generous support of:**

Senator Robert P. Casey Jr.

Peoples Security Bank & Trust

Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Program, through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Pennsylvania Dept. of Community and Economic Development, Keystone Communities Program

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program

City of Scranton

Lackawanna County

Oppenheim Foundation

PNC

PPL Electric Utilities



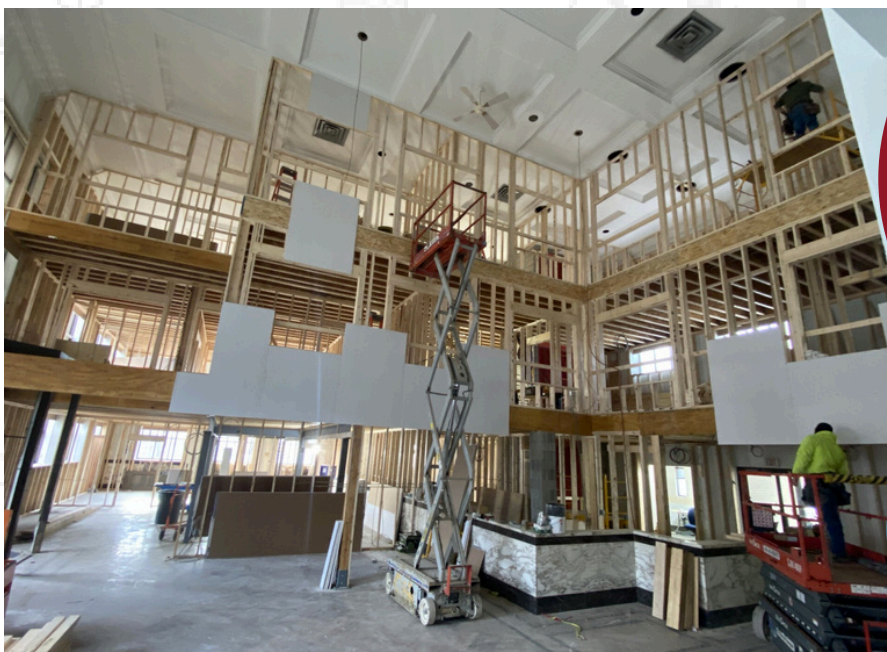
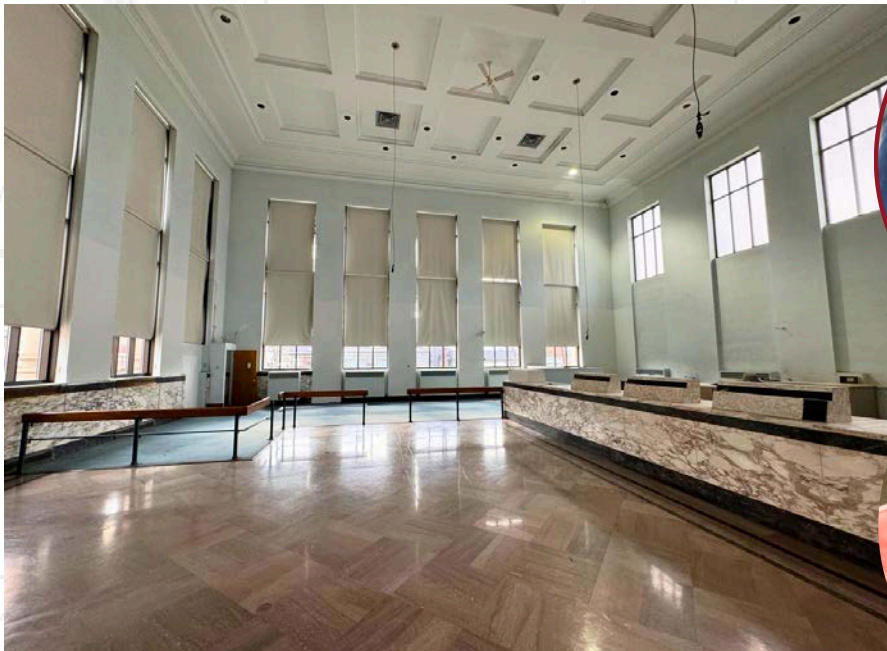
**13,550  
square  
feet**

**CEDAR Center is supported by a Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Neighborhood Partnership Program tax credit investment from PNC and The Dime Bank.**

PARTIAL FLOOR PLAN - REVISED  
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

**We welcomed Representative Kyle Donahue, 113th District, for a tour of the construction progress. Rep. Donahue was instrumental in helping us secure the \$1.24 million grant through the Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Program, funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.**

**With ongoing support from our local legislators, including Reps. Bridget Kosierowski and Kyle Mullins, the CEDAR Center is set to become a cornerstone for opportunity, economic growth, and community well-being.**



# 2024 Annual Giving

Donations listed are from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 and are cumulative for the year.

## Major Donors

CEO/Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank  
Coterra Energy  
Peoples Security Bank & Trust  
PNC  
The Harry And Jeanette Weinberg Foundation  
United Way of Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike Counties  
William G. McGowan Charitable Fund, Inc.



## Businesses

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Cintas Corporation  
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Toyota of Scranton  
Vanity Lounge  
Wallis Electric Construction Co.  
Wayne Bank  
Wegmans Food Markets  
Weis Markets  
WNEP-TV



University of Scranton at our Pine Brook Family Arts Festival



PNC at our Child Care Center during the United Way Day of Caring

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## Foundations

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The Michael Hanley Endowment Fund for  
United Neighborhood Centers of NEPA  
The Robert and Rose Cavanaugh  
Fund to Feed the Hungry Poor  
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## Government

Child and Adult Care Food Program  
City of Scranton  
Lackawanna County Area Agency on Aging  
Lackawanna County Commissioners  
Lackawanna County Dept. of Arts & Culture  
Lackawanna County Dept. of Economic Development  
Lackawanna County Dept. of Human Services  
Lackawanna County Early Learning Resource Center  
Lackawanna County Office of Youth  
and Family Services  
Lackawanna County Treatment Court  
Lackawanna/Susquehanna Office of Behavioral  
Health/Intellectual Disabilities / Early Intervention  
Lackawanna/Susquehanna Office of Drug and Alcohol  
Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Program

PA CareerLink  
PA Department of Aging  
PA Department of Community and Economic Development  
PA Department of Corrections  
PA Department of Education  
PA Department of Environmental Protection  
PA Housing Affordability and  
Rehabilitation Enhancement Fund  
PA Housing Finance Agency  
PA Liquor Control Board  
PA Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program  
Special Services Lackawanna County Interagency Council  
State Correctional Institution at Waymart  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

## Organizations

AARP Chapter 3731 Northeast PA  
Allied Services  
Atmosfere  
Community Care Behavioral Health Organization  
Employees of Lockheed Martin  
First Presbyterian Church Deacons Fund  
Friends of Rosemary Brown  
Holy Cross High School  
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Junior League of Scranton  
Keystone Chapter UNICO National  
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PA Health & Wellness  
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St. Paul Parish  
Temple Hersed  
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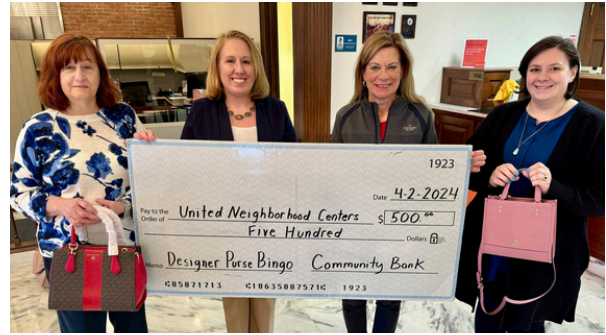


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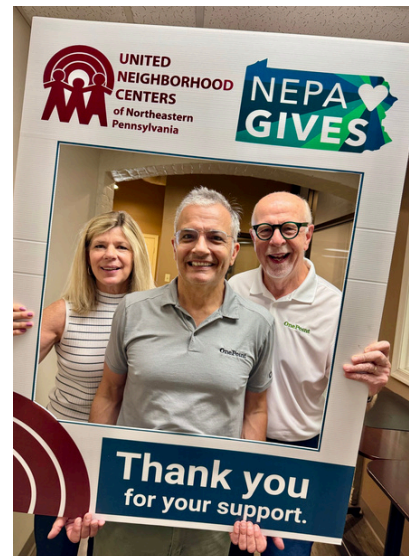
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Northeastern Pennsylvania is facing a critical shortage of affordable housing, and UNCDC is working diligently to address this growing need. Over the past year, we've made remarkable progress, advancing two important projects that will bring much-needed housing to our neighborhoods.

In Dunmore, **Bucktown Center** is well underway and slated to open in Summer 2025. This development will provide 40 affordable housing units for adults aged 62 and older, along with prime commercial space that will enhance the area's already vibrant, walkable neighborhood.

In Scranton's Pine Brook neighborhood, the **Matzo Development** is transforming a long-vacant property into a space featuring affordable housing and commercial storefronts. Located on Capouse Avenue, this project aligns with our Pine Brook Neighborhood Plan by addressing blight and revitalizing the commercial corridor. It is also set for completion in Summer 2025.

Both projects reflect UNCDC's strategic commitment to increasing access to permanent, affordable, and stable housing. In 2024, our properties achieved an impressive **98% occupancy rate**, far exceeding the national average for subsidized housing—a testament to the demand for quality, affordable housing in our region.

None of this progress would be possible without the collaboration of our dedicated public and private partners, investors, donors, and community members. Your support fuels our vision to create sustainable housing solutions that meet today's challenges while laying the foundation for long-term community stability.

Sincerely,

**James Caffrey**  
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# Building Affordable Housing Bucktown Center



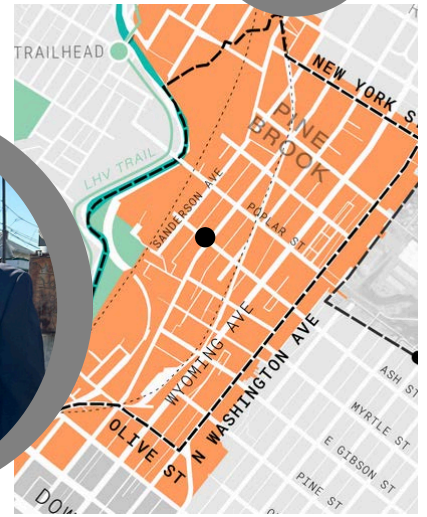
The construction of our brand-new **Bucktown Center** in the heart of Dunmore is well underway! Since breaking ground in March 2024, we're on track for a projected opening in Summer 2025. Bucktown Center will offer **40** beautiful, affordable housing units for adults aged 62 and older, plus prime commercial space.



Primary funding for Bucktown Center is secured through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program managed by the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA), as well as, Federal HOME funds, The Harry And Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, PNC, and Lackawanna County.

# Reviving a Landmark Matzo Development

Expected  
Completion  
Summer  
2025



Since breaking ground in October, construction at our **Matzo Development** is also well underway. This exciting project, part of our Pine Brook Neighborhood Plan, will bring much-needed housing and commercial space to Capouse Avenue, while returning the vacant property to productive use.



**Fun Fact:** Once home to the Matzo family and Matzo Market, the site name honors the legacy of 1940s film star Lizabeth Scott, born Emma Matzo.



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# UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD Community Development Corporation

United Neighborhood Community Development Corporation (UNCDC) is the nonprofit housing and economic development subsidiary of United Neighborhood Centers of Northeastern Pennsylvania. It was created in 2006 out of a need for more affordable housing options in the region. UNCDC constructs new, and adapts older buildings by using public and private funding sources and developing cooperative relationships with local government entities and private investors.

Owner, Developer  
and Management

Agent for  
**359**  
units

**43**  
new  
units  
in 2025

## *Longer Tenure*

Residents in UNCDC multifamily apartments have an average tenancy of **9.4 years**, exceeding the national average of 6.6 years for subsidized housing

## *Stable Housing*

**98% Occupancy Rate**, well above the national average of 87% for subsidized housing

## *Advocacy & Leadership*

UNCDC is committed to building affordable housing in the region.

Our reach extends well beyond Lackawanna County and we are active participants in the Wayne County Housing Task Force, with a future project being planned for Honesdale.

## *Community Transformation*

Our new Matzo Development will play a crucial role in advancing the objectives of UNC's Pine Brook Neighborhood Plan. Future development plans are underway for a 41-unit multi-family in the Pine Brook neighborhood.



In 2024, our team attended More Front Doors: The Pocono Housing Summit. Marty Fotta, UNC's COO, participated in a panel discussion exploring the question, "What is needed to create more front doors?" The discussion highlighted sustainable housing development, policy reform, affordability strategies, and the impact of housing on community well-being.



Rendering of proposed 41-unit multi family affordable housing project in Pine Brook.

## *Service Coordinators in Long-Term Housing Stability*

Service Coordinators play a vital role onsite, assisting residents in navigating the wide variety of programs and services to which they may be eligible. Individuals, seniors, and families living in UNC properties and other locations throughout the region benefit from social and recreational programs, crisis intervention, community health programming, direct aid, and more.