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Go to your local United Way (<https://www.unitedway.org/find-your-united-way>). Pay careful attention to the current Annual Report. What agencies receive the most money from United Way? What are the services that these agencies provide to your community? Do you agree with the priorities that the allocation of funds seems to suggest? What would you do differently, if anything?

The United way is a platform who pulled together a variety of organizations, in the regards of meeting the same common goals, which is to build stronger communities, and not just by giving, but by also providing structure and outcomes that will make these communities resilient. Private, public, and nonprofit partners are the agencies that receive the most money from United Way funding; yet much is given, much is also required from each of these funded agencies. The United way impact is powered by 1.5 volunteers and 6.8 Millon donors; and together these ambassadors all work together to improve poverty and combat areas of struggles; as they all joint together to make unfair situation more equitable for the people; which open the doors for a better possibility for all to have a fair shot at education, health, and etc.

The community Rockland, New York proximity is the location that I'm currently living; I find it interesting to see that the United Way has been making an impact on the communities in this surrounding area; This Rockland community outreach isn't something that just started but been a helpful resource in the Rockland County proximity for years. As the United Wy helped supplied food to families and the needy. The United Way Emergency Food and Shelter Program began in 1983 with a \$50 million federal appropriation. The program was created by Congress to help meet the needs of hungry and homeless people throughout the United States and its territories by allocating federal funds for the provision of food and shelter.

The most significant of these United Way agencies that provide to my community is the RCOAD, which is an organization that stands for those who are impacted by disaster. Many times, after disasters, the family is left there to struggle to put together the pieces that they're left with; and that's where the RCOAD services help to uplift those in such a vulnerable state. According to (RCOAD (n.d.)), "The United Way of Rockland County in collaboration with the County of Rockland leads the RCOAD. The RCOAD is a coalition of organizations that collaboratively plans, coordinates and implements disaster preparedness and response, as well as identify and respond to the unmet needs of people impacted by disasters in Rockland County. The RCOAD is a network for organizations active in disaster. Each RCOAD member organization will maintain its own identity and independence while closely collaborating, cooperating, communicating and coordinating with other member organizations. If you are a local organization interested in joining this effort".

Yes, I agree with the priorities that the allocation of funds seems to suggest, for Food and Shelter are basic need human beings to survive with. according to (n.d.). *Basic Facts About Homelessness*, "In December 2022, there were 68,884 homeless people, including 21,805 homeless children, sleeping each night in New York City's main municipal shelter system. A near-record 22,720 single adults slept in shelters each night in December 2022." The ratio 21,805 homeless children is very saddening, especially in one of the richest countries in the world; so yes I agree and commend the United Way for providing important resources to significant allocations where and for those who need it; And if I had the chance to do anything differently, then I would create more platforms in local areas that will be able to get the people in the community involve in developing the location around them.

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