

Project Lifesaver

The Lycoming County United Way is the local administrator for Project Lifesaver International, also a 501 (c) (3) community-based, public safety nonprofit that provides law enforcement, fire/rescue, and caregivers with a program designed to protect and, when necessary, quickly locate individuals with cognitive disorders who are prone to the life-threatening behavior of wandering.

The program is structured in a way that strategically combines state-of-the-art locating technologies, innovative search and rescue methods, and community policing courses that educate first responders about cognitive conditions. The search times for certified Project Lifesaver agencies have been reduced from hours, potentially days, down to minutes. Recovery times for Project Lifesaver agencies are averaging 30 minutes, which is 95% less time than standard operations without Project Lifesaver. Equipment and training are provided by certified Project Lifesaver experts, and equipment is funded and provided by our United Way.

Current partners include the City of Williamsport Bureau of Fire, Loyalsock Twp. Volunteer Fire Co., South Williamsport Fire Department, and the Lycoming Regional Police Department.

KidzKlozet

KidzKlozet is a community-driven initiative led by Lycoming County United Way, to establish resource closets in elementary schools throughout our region. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, we are dedicated to supporting children by providing them with essential items, such as clothing and necessities, free of charge. These closets will serve as a lifeline for children in need, offering them the dignity and support they deserve.

Through KidzKlozet, we aim to build a stronger, more resilient community where every child has the opportunity to succeed. By working together with schools, businesses, and community members, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of children and families.

Phoebe Smith Jackson Memorial Veteran's Fund

Established in 2023 to honor the passing of Phoebe Jackson, the mother of our current board chair, Patti Jackson-Gehris, this is a board-designated fund for helping veterans in Lycoming, Sullivan, and Tioga Counties.

Phoebe was also deeply interested in helping veterans in the communities where she lived. This fund is not only for memorial donations in honor of Phoebe but is also open to the public. Funds will be used to support a variety of veteran-related issues as determined by the Lycoming County United Way Board of Directors.

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“I support the United Way because it does the exceptionally important work of engaging with our community to intimately understand the needs and challenges our neighbors face. I am proud of the work they do and the ways in which the United Way invests resources in those who need it most.”



– Chip
Edmonds,
Lycoming
County
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