

Impact Statements

United Way funding supports a network of agencies that provide vital programs to thousands of people in the region. Last year, United Way agencies helped 75,000 clients in KFL&A through United Way funded programs.

All That Kids Can Be (23,200 Children & youth reached their full potential)

FAST FACTS

- Only 7% of 5-11 year olds are meeting the Canadian Physical Activity Guidelines for Children and Youth, as of 2009-2011.
- Based on the body-mass index, 33% of children aged 5-11 are overweight or obese.
- Children who are unsupervised after school are more likely to become victims of crime and are more likely to engage in delinquent behaviour.

IMPACT

- 1,318 kids developed positive relationships with adult mentors.
- 289 children and youth were provided with addictions intervention and counselling.
- 230 youth at risk learned new coping skills, strategies, behaviours and attitudes
- 3,014 children and youth participated in afterschool activities.

Healthy People, Strong Communities (37,100 Individuals & families accessed supports)

FAST FACTS

- The KFL&A Poverty Reduction Initiative identified access to information about services as a key priority.
- 15.5% of people in Ontario are living with a disability. Of this group, 41.7% have severe or very severe disabilities.
- 1 in 3 people will experience a mental health issue at some point in their life, and early detection and treatment greatly improves future outcomes.

IMPACT

- 2,300 people with disabilities had access to supportive services.
- 351 people with vision loss learned daily living skills and safe indoor and outdoor travel methods.
- 557 women and their children fleeing violent and abusive relationships got safe shelter and supports.

From Poverty to Possibility (14,700 People with basic human needs got out of poverty)

FAST FACTS

- 1 in 3 shelter users in Kingston are youth
- 15% of people in Kingston live below the poverty line
- A 2014 count of meals noted a 23% increase in the number of individuals who must access meal programs to meet their nutritional needs.

IMPACT

- 620 adults, youth and children who were homeless had safe shelter, with their basic needs met
- 37,000 meals were provided at two soup kitchens
- 1,106 children started the school year ready with fully equipped school supplies and backpacks.