

UNITED FOR WAUKESHA COMMUNITY FUND RAISES OVER \$6.2 MILLION FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS PARADE ATTACK

Frequently Asked Questions

Overview

1. Why was the United for Waukesha Community Fund created?

The United for Waukesha Community Fund was launched in response to the Waukesha Christmas Parade attack on November 21 to help donors support the victims of this terrible tragedy.

2. How much did the fund raise?

As of the beginning of March, 2022, the fund has raised more than \$6.2 million from more than 15,000 donors from every U.S. state and 17 other countries.

3. Who will receive the funds?

Nearly \$6 million of supportive funding will be disbursed to more than 560 individuals impacted by the Waukesha Christmas Parade attack on Nov. 21, 2021. Three nonprofit organizations that are serving impacted individuals were also funded and a five percent fund contingency is being held for unanticipated long-term issues of claimants, such as re-hospitalization of victims.

Fund Administration

4. How were allocation decisions made?

The fund is administered by the Waukesha County Community Foundation, in partnership with the United for Waukesha Community Fund Committee.

The protocols established by the United for Waukesha Community Fund are based on national best practices and are available on the Waukesha County Community Foundation website. Models for best practices include those provided by the National Compassion Fund, which is part of the National Center for Victims of Crime, as well as best practices shared by the Council on Foundations and recent efforts in tragedies such as the Boston Marathon, Orlando Pulse and the Ventura County Community Foundation.

The distribution plan for the United for Waukesha Community Fund was unanimously approved by the fund's Committee on March 10, 2022, approving the allocation of funds to claimants in the following categories: families of the six people killed, individuals who were physically injured, and individuals who were physically present at the parade including first responders/other medical professionals treating victims of the attack.

The payments from the United for Waukesha Community Fund are being apportioned as outlined in the fund protocol. Disbursements from the fund are a gift and not a reimbursement for any specific expense.

5. Who serves on the Waukesha Community Fund Committee?

The United for Waukesha Community Fund Committee consists of a group of community volunteer leaders who have been meeting since early December in regard to the fund:

- Paul Farrow, County Executive, Waukesha
- Shawn Reilly, Mayor, City of Waukesha

- James Sebert, Ed.D, Superintendent, School District of Waukesha
- Ty Taylor, President & CEO, Waukesha State Bank
- Shari Campbell, Interim President & CEO, La Casa de Esperanza
- Karin Kultgen, MD, Waukesha County Physician (retired)
- James Moore, Director of Operations, Waukesha County Community Foundation
- Nicole Angresano, Vice President Community Impact, United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County

6. What is the role of Waukesha County Community Foundation and United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County in the United for Waukesha Community Fund?

Waukesha County Community Foundation and United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County joined together to launch The United for Waukesha Community Fund in response to the Waukesha Christmas Parade attack on November 21.

The Waukesha County Community Foundation is administering the United for Waukesha Community Fund for no fee. It is part of our commitment to our community we have faithfully served since 1999. United Way is our partner in this effort and has received no funding nor fees from the United for Waukesha Community Fund.

7. Where can I find the United for Waukesha Community Fund protocol?

The United for Waukesha Community Fund protocol is available for public review [here on the Waukesha County Community Foundation website](#).

8. What outreach was done to make the claim process known?

The Protocol and Claim Forms were disseminated to all known and registered victims and made available on the Waukesha County Community Foundation website and the United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County website beginning December 10, 2021. The Fund Administrators worked directly with all claimants as requested to make sure that all claims were submitted by the deadline.

Optional face-to-face meetings were available at the claimant's request.

9. Will this process be reviewed by a third party?

After March 15, 2022 an independent review by independent auditors will begin. A report of findings will be made available to the public upon completion.

Fund Disbursements

10. Who will receive disbursements?

Supportive funding will be distributed to a total of more than 560 individuals impacted by the attack, including families of the six people who lost their lives, hospitalized individuals, injured individuals treated as outpatients, and individuals who were physically present at the parade as a parade participant, spectator or first responder.

In addition, three nonprofit organizations that are serving impacted individuals will receive a total of approximately \$59,400 among them, comprising less than one percent of total funds raised.

11. What criteria was used to guide specific allocations for individuals?

All processes and procedures were executed by the fund administrator. The fund is

administered by the Waukesha County Community Foundation, in partnership with the United for Waukesha Community Fund Committee as outlined in the United for Waukesha Community Fund protocol.

12. What is the breakdown of fund allocations?

- a. The families of the six people who lost their lives will receive a total of \$200,000 each, for a total disbursement of \$1,200,000.
- b. The 29 claimants who were hospitalized will receive a total of \$2,510,000, with individual disbursements depending on the length of hospital stay.
- c. The 37 claimants who were injured and treated as outpatients will receive a total of \$408,000 with individual disbursements depending on short- or long-term recovery.
- d. The 495 claimants who were physically present at the parade will receive a total of \$1,712,597 with individual disbursements depending on claimants' status as a parade participant, spectator, or first responder.
- e. Additionally, a private foundation that made a generous fund donation requested that part of its gift be allocated to nonprofit organizations directly serving the mental health needs of victims. Following a separate grant process, three organizations will receive a total of approximately \$59,400 among them, comprising less than one percent of total funds raised. These organizations include Wisconsin Hero Outdoors, Family Service and Catholic Memorial.
- f. There is a 5% contingency being held for longer-term issues (such as a need for re-hospitalization) for the individuals who have already applied. That portion (\$310,000) will be completely spent down in January 2023 after the fund closes.

13. When will funds be disbursed?

- a. The protocol, claim forms, and additional details were available on the WCCF website beginning on December 10, 2021.
- b. All individual death claims were processed as soon as the applications were received. All claims for those with physical injuries, those present at the Waukesha Christmas Parade, and first responders were processed during the application period between December 15, 2021 and February 28, 2022.
- c. Initial disbursements began in December 2021, and as of the end of February 2022, nearly \$1 million has already been sent in initial disbursements to the families of the six people killed, to those hospitalized, and to those treated as outpatients.
 - i. December 3, 2021: The first phase of distributions to the families of the deceased began. The initial payment amount was \$25,000 per victim.
 - ii. December 20, 2021: The first phase of distributions related to approved physical injury claimants began.
 - iii. January 5, 2022: The second phase of distributions related to individual death claims was processed.
- d. All remaining gifts will be sent via check by certified mail on a rolling basis beginning the week of March 14, 2022.
- e. There is a 5% contingency being held for longer-term issues (such as a need for re-hospitalization) for the individuals who have already applied. That portion (\$310,000) will be completely spent down in January 2023 after the fund closes.
- f. The fund will continue accepting donations through fund close on December 31, 2022, and the remaining funds will be distributed to claimants based on criteria outlined in the fund protocol by January 31, 2023.

14. Are all funds going directly to individuals and families impacted by the Waukesha parade attack?

Our commitment is to transparency and donor intent. 100% of donations from individuals are being distributed directly to individuals and families impacted by the Waukesha Christmas parade attack.

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The \$59,400 to the nonprofits outlined above was allocated solely from a portion of the donation made by a private foundation, per their wishes.

15. Are claims still being accepted?

The protocol, claim forms, and additional details were available on the WCCF website beginning on December 10, 2021. The deadline for submission of Claim Forms was February 28, 2022; claims for the United for Waukesha Community Fund are no longer being accepted.

16. When will approved claimants receive their check?

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17. If someone submitted a claim that was approved, how will they be informed?

If they have not already been contacted, the receipt of the funds via check by certified mail will include communication of their approval.

18. If someone submitted a claim that was ultimately not approved, how will they be informed?

For the small number of submitted claims that were denied because they did not meet requirements as outlined in the protocol, Waukesha County Community Fund administrators are reaching out to inform these individuals directly.

19. What is the status of the criminal case resulting from this tragedy?

If you are a victim of this crime and wish to receive information and notification about the criminal case resulting from this tragedy, please contact Waukesha Victim Assistance at 262-548-7071, or help4victims@da.wi.gov. If you have already been contacted by Victim Assistance, there is no need to contact Waukesha Victim Assistance again unless you have specific questions or concerns at this time.

20. What timeline has the United for Waukesha Community Fund Committee followed?

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- c. The immediate priorities for initial disbursement were families who lost a loved one, and those persons who have received in-patient care.

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