"The youth centre was a blessing for my son Max. It was a place for him to go when I worked and a place for him to make friends in our new town. We now feel part of the St. Marys community." - Bethany

7,349 visits made to the St. Marys Youth Centre last year

17-year-old Spencer was escaping an abusive father. His school referred him to a United Way funded youth shelter where he found a safe, nurturing environment. Spencer finished high school, got a job and now has somewhere to reach out for help when he needs it.

5 St. Marys youth helped at Stratford/Perth Shelterlink last year

Joe was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Counselling funded by United Way helped him and his family through a difficult time and also eased the pain and loss Joe’s family felt after he passed away.

177 St. Marys individuals and families received counselling last year

United Way partners with 18 organizations in St. Marys

1,725 St. Marys residents helped by United Way last year

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• Mitigates the effects of poverty by offering wholesale prices on local fresh veggies, fruits and meat to lower income residents
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OUTCOMES
• Builds a culture of connectedness
• Empowerment through information
• Improves well-being

Community Connector
A staff person to link community members to local groups, services and activities.