



United Way Fox Cities



United Way Fox Cities helps people like Jay.

An extended period of being unemployed caused Jay's savings to dwindle and he lost his residence. Jay used The Connector, a United Way initiative in partnership with Valley transit, to provide rides for people working second- and third-shift jobs, or outside the Valley Transit service area. The Connector provides over 19,000 rides a year, averaging 50 rides per day. Jay also called United Way 2-1-1 to find affordable housing in the area. Our 2-1-1 call center responded to 12,000 calls in 2016 and reports the number one call they receive from our community is for help finding housing and shelter.

In addition, Jay worked with the Financial Information and Service Center (FISC), a United Way partner agency that offers counseling on a variety of financial matters including managing credit cards, bankruptcy, budgets, student loans, and more.

Now, Jay works at Festival Foods, has a car, an apartment, and a savings account. Jay is a member of Festival's United Way committee. As a member of the committee, he had the opportunity to be a part of a tour at Homeless Connections, another United Way partner agency and his former residence. Can you imagine the feelings he had as he walked back into the facility, not as a client, but as a committee member who would be working on a United Way campaign for his company? He said his thought was, "You have come a long way baby."

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