

ANNUAL REPORT to DONORS 2025

*Ensuring that the Italian American
Culture and Heritage, Education, Scholarships,
UNICO National Charities and
Anti-Bias efforts will continue forever!*



FOUNDATION, INC.

Endowing UNICO National's Motto of

“Service Above Self”

Fairfield Commons, 271 Rt. 46W, Suite F-103, Fairfield, NJ 07004

Financial

As of

Balances

December 31, 2025

UNICO National Charities:

COOLEY's ANEMIA	\$19,004
ITALIAN Heritage, Culture, Studies	\$10,581
GERALDINE LIPARI MENTAL HEALTH	\$18,737
Alzheimer's Research	\$17,842
CANCER RESEARCH	\$46,278
St. Jude	\$3,027

UNICO Endowments:

Guarco Family Italian Heritage Fund	\$273,880
Torraco Food & Shelter Fund	\$624,409
Patricia Corsini Cardiac Prevention Fund	\$120,775
Musto Alzheimer Fund	\$50,010

UNICO Scholarships:

Alati Musical Arts	\$59,066
Alessio Southern Italy	\$55,927
Dr. Ben Cottone Medical	\$236,067
DeFrancis Natural Science	\$495,228
DiMattio-Celli Study Abroad	\$60,952
Manganaro Founders	\$135,910
Robert Tarte Italian Studies	\$63,867
Louise Torraco Science	\$218,415
Torraco Computer Sciences	\$149,726
Torraco Fine Arts	\$206,187
Torraco General	\$219,762
Torraco Nursing	\$817,997
Torraco Therapy Science	\$147,951
Torraco Seminary Studies	\$136,791
Torraco Special Education	\$153,220
Torraco Veterinary	\$164,191

21st CENTURY FUND

Restricted Endowment	\$2,012,122
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GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Unrestricted Account Balances	\$61,468
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TOTAL ASSETS . . . \$6,579,390

Revenue - Disbursements

COOLEY's ANEMIA	
Donations	\$ 7,900
Grants	
ITALIAN Heritage/Culture/Studies	
Donations	\$34,170
Grants	\$50,000
Geraldine Lipari MENTAL HEALTH	
Donations	\$ 9,200
Grants	\$ 4,150
CANCER RESEARCH & PREVENTION	
Donations	\$40,797
Grants	\$12,500
TORRACO FOOD/SHELTER	
Grants	\$29,250
SCHOLARSHIPS (non-endowed)	
Donations	\$14,350
Awards	\$33,250
SCHOLARSHIPS (endowed)	
Awards	\$88,500
21 st CENTURY FUND	
Scholarship Awards	\$22,000
Grants	\$28,000
<u>MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS DONATED to UNICO National</u>	
Alzheimer's Research	\$9,050
Anti-Bias	\$2,300
Armed Services	\$10,875
Calendar	\$12,750
Columbus Day	\$5,950
Disaster Relief	\$3,290
Raffle Proceeds	\$8,365

EXPENSES

Administrative Fees	\$3,695
Advertising	\$750
Financial Reporting Fees	\$3,200
Tax Preparation, Filings, Outside Audits	\$4,800
Annual Outside Audit	\$2,750
Charitable Registrations & Dues	\$500
Bank-Credit Card Fees	\$423
Scholarship Administration Fee	\$3,500

For more information,
please do not hesitate to
contact the office of the
UNICO Foundation, Inc.

To donate to the
UNICO Foundation
visit unico.org
Or call 973-808-0035

LIST of DONORS to benefit UNICO CHARITIES in 2025

Donations of over \$250 received between January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

GRAZIE

MAGNIFICO

GRAZIE

(\$10,000 and Up)

Brian Guarco – Bloomfield Senior Citizen Housing – John Chiaia, Esq.
Highland Beach Chapter – Frank Manganaro Family
Robert Musto - Greater Philadelphia Chapter

GRANDE

(\$5,000 to 9,999)

Joe Corsini - Scranton Chapter - Avon Chapter

ECCELLENTE

(\$2,500 to 4,999)

Dr. Mary Ann Re – Chris & Ann DiMattio, PNP – Greater Orlando Chapter - Hackensack Chapter
Queensboro Chapter - NJ District VII – Morris Borea, Esq. - Nutley Chapter
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ARGENTO

(\$1,000 to 2,499)

Belleville Chapter - Brookhaven Chapter - Lisa Conte Browne - Carbondale Chapter – Chicago West Suburban –
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(\$250 to 999)

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Frank & Joan Tidona, PNP - Frank Travisano – Mike Veselka, PNP - Wayne Chapter

As we reflect on the year 2025, we need to remember the life of UNICO National Executive Director **Melanie Naro**. Melanie loved everything Italian and proudly encouraged all to support UNICO and its motto, “Service Above Self”. Melanie passed away in November from cancer but fought the illness until her last breath. To help in the fight against this disease, UNICO will donate the next Cancer Research & Prevention grant in Melanie’s memory.

The year also saw significant increases in endowment support from individuals. We are truly grateful for your financial support for our charitable programs. Your financial support helps so many in need. The UNICO Foundation welcomes the addition of the **Patricia Corsini Cardiac Prevention Fund**, the **Musto Alzheimer Fund** and the **Guarco Family Italian Studies, Heritage and Culture Fund**. We also wish to recognize the outstanding work of long-time Foundation Legal Counsel **John Chiaia** and congratulate him as he takes on a new role as a Judge in the Superior Court of Essex County, New Jersey. *All the Best!*

Chris DiMattio, Chair

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Ex-Officio Members Elected

UNICO National President – Joseph Nasello

UNICO National Executive Vice President – Brian Guarco

Scholarship Director – Glenn Pettinato, PNP

Ex-Officio Members Appointed

General Counsel – Hon. James Guida, J.S.C. (Ret.)

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If you would like information on how you can create a legacy by endowing a scholarship or program or would simply like information on how to include the UNICO Foundation, Inc., in your estate, please contact us.