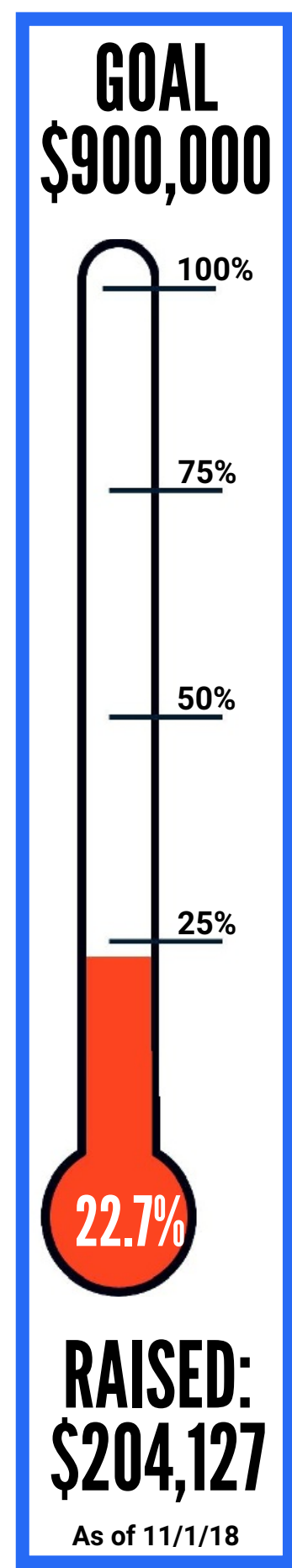


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Living alone, "Mary Graham" is a single, middle-aged woman residing in Northern Cayuga County. Mary is battling cancer and receives medical treatments outside of New York State. As a result of her medical needs, she no longer works and relies on her daughter to help offset daily living expenses.

Between the monetary burdens of treatment, the travel costs, and household expenses the financial situation became too much for Mary and her daughter to manage. Fearful of having her utilities shut off, Mary sought out the help of Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes. Accustomed to emergencies that require a 24 hour or less turn around, Catholic Charities supplied emergency funds to avoid a shutoff. To further assist Mary, Catholic Charities directed her to other community support services to assist her while she navigates her treatment.

For more than 35 years, Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes has provided emergency services to the most vulnerable of Cayuga County residents. Funding from the United Way supports the Emergency Assistance program—allowing Catholic Charities to respond directly to families and individuals like Mary. Specifically this program targets households struggling to meet basic needs and facing a utility disconnection, termination, the inability to secure a fuel delivery, limited or no fuel. The majority of those seeking emergency help from Catholic Charities live in poverty. Through advocacy and collaborative efforts, Catholic Charities is able to connect individuals and families to organizations that can help provide long term solutions.



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