



Now more than ever, community support and financial resources are critically needed. United Way of Hernando County is continuing its mission of local support with a heavy focus on programs that provide direct services to those most vulnerable. With United Way identifying unmet needs and already having a trusted process in place to make such investments, we are hopeful our community will continue to invest in us as a lead organization, because we are more than the fundraisers. We are the hand raisers and game changers.



United Way fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in our community. We fight because even though our community has much to celebrate, there is still more work to be done and issues to be tackled:

- **HEALTH:** access to care, mental & behavioral health, support services for people with disabilities
- **EDUCATION:** youth development & family engagement, mentoring support & out of school services
- **FINANCIAL STABILITY:** job development & workforce training, financial literacy for youth & adults
- **BASIC NEEDS/CRISIS PREVENTION:** protection from neglect & abuse, transitional/supportive housing, and food security

United Way is uniquely positioned to directly impact change through our collaborations with local leaders, businesses, organizations, and individuals who share a vision of improving lives through the power of collective impact. This is accomplished through generous **GIVING**, through passionate **ADVOCATING** for local causes, and through dedicated individuals **VOLUNTEERING** their valuable time.

We win when we **LIVE UNITED**, and we urge the community to continue to lean on us when they don't know where else to turn. **How will YOU choose to LIVE UNITED?**



**CORE VALUES**

ACCOUNTABILITY, DIVERSITY, LEADERSHIP, INCLUSIVENESS, VOLUNTEERISM, LOYALTY, AND EXCELLENCE.

**WHAT IS UNITED WAY? WHERE DOES MY DONATION GO? WHO DOES IT HELP?**

**YOUR SUPPORT FOR UNITED WAY OF HERNANDO COUNTY HELPS IMPACT THOUSANDS OF LIVES THROUGH OUR 2022-2023 PARTNER PROGRAMS:**

- ▲ **2-1-1 HERNANDO**
- **A NEW GENERATION**
- Epiphany
- **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF HERNANDO COUNTY**
- Mentoring
- **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**
- Foundations of Life Pregnancy Program
- **DAWN CENTER OF HERNANDO COUNTY**
- ▲ Domestic & Sexual Violence Victim Services
- Economic Justice Program
- **DEAF & HARD OF HEARING SERVICES**
- Communication Access Assistance (CAA)
- **DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY**
- **EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF PASCO & HERNANDO**
- START Initiative
- **FOR EACH 1 REACH 1**
- Mentoring Program
- **LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED & BLIND**
- Adaptive Skills and Training
- **MID FLORIDA COMMUNITY SERVICES**
- ▲ Children's Advocacy Center
- **MID FLORIDA HOMELESS COALITION**
- ▲ Diversion and Wrap Around Services
- **NAMI HERNANDO INC.**
- Education Programs
- **PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE**
- ▲ Weekend Blessings
- **SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**
- ▲ Food Pantry
- **YMCA**
- Safety Around Water

**UNITED WAY IS POWERED BY PARTNERSHIPS**

United Way is structured to mobilize resources swiftly and strategically while identifying short-term and long-term resolutions for Hernando County. Success comes by bridging the gaps in services, which is essential when addressing the key issues our community faces.

**MISSION**

TO INSPIRE LEADERS AND PARTNERS, AND MOBILIZE RESOURCES TO STRENGTHEN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY.







# United Way of Hernando County

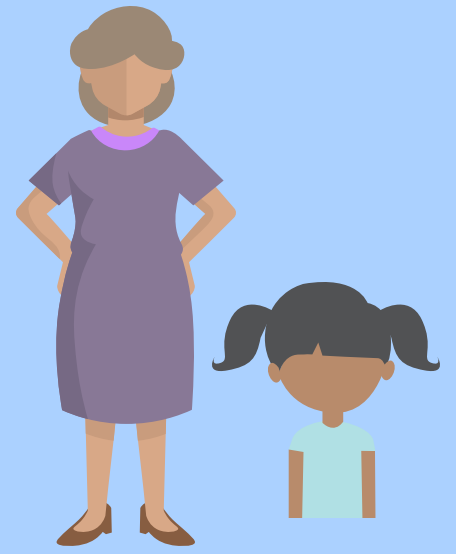
2021-2022

UNITED WAY FIGHTS FOR THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, & FINANCIAL STABILITY OF EVERY PERSON IN OUR COMMUNITY.

With a heavy focus on poverty, mental health, & crisis response services, United Way is dedicated to assessing the unmet needs Hernando faces and directly assisting residents in crisis with wraparound services. Our team advocates on behalf of those in need of help, and in need of hope.

## "Injured Grandmother is Provided Relief"

A grandmother who was the sole caregiver for her granddaughter reached out to United Way asking for assistance with her monthly rent payment. She was gainfully employed at two companies, and worked well over 40 hours a week. Unfortunately, she had recently fallen and broken her arm, which required surgery and kept her out of work for over two months while she attended physical therapy. This caused her a significant loss of income, and she was struggling to make ends meet for both her and her granddaughter. United Way was able to partner with St. Vincent de Paul to step in and prevent the client from facing an eviction, keeping her and her granddaughter safe and stable while she heals.



## "Ensuring Student's Learning Continuity"

A local high school student found himself placed with a relative due to unforeseen circumstances beyond his control. He was enrolled in virtual learning and although his new home did have internet access, he did not have a computer to complete schoolwork and homework on. United Way was able to gift a laptop to this student so that he would not fall behind in his studies during this difficult transition period.

## "RIDE UNITED: Making Food Accessible for Homebound"

A homebound senior's husband passed away in January 2021. She had relied on her husband to shop for groceries, and/or drive to local food pantries when needed, as she is blind and unable to drive. His social security check had been their main source of income, and without this she is now experiencing food insecurity. With no steady access to transportation, she has been unable to benefit from the local food pantry. "I wish I could find a food pantry that delivers" was her statement. United Way of Hernando County was able to bridge that gap through their RIDE UNITED pilot program, in partnership with DoorDash. Food was successfully delivered, contactless.



## "Imagination Library Books Comfort Toddler"

"I wanted to say Thank you. Thank you to the United Way for sponsoring my baby for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Your thoughtfulness allows my daughter to relax, imagine, pretend, think, and learn. This past week we transitioned into a big girl bed for my daughter's second birthday. As we made her bed, we placed a couple cuddle babies and a book in her bed. Just after midnight on the first night, my daughter woke up. Instead of crying, she grabbed her book and started to read." - Pamela

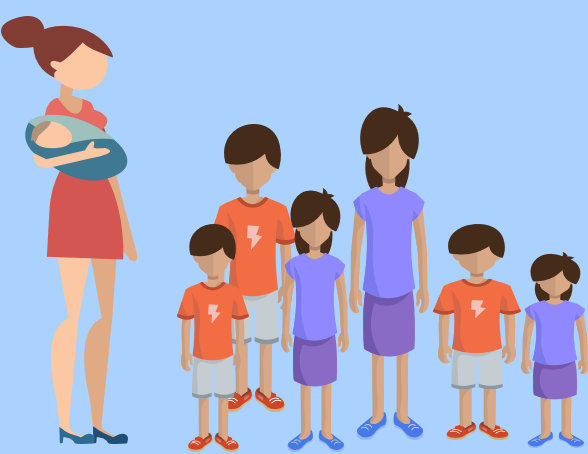
## "Supportive Changes for Disabled Vet"

A disabled veteran was no longer able to safely live in his second story apartment, as the stairs became nearly impossible for him to climb. His apartment complex was able to secure him a first floor unit, and allowed him to transfer his lease to the new unit, however he was going to be facing multiple unanticipated fees for his utilities to be transferred. These fees were going to push the client over his monthly budget, and could potentially lead him into a financial crisis. United Way was able to prevent this from happening by assisting with the fees the client was facing. The client was able to get the keys to his new apartment and move in. This prevented both a safety concern, and a potential financial crisis.



## "SWIFT REHOUSING"

A hard working mother in the medical field and her family of 8, found themselves unhoused when their landlord sold the house out from underneath them to a buyer who intended to reside there vs. rent it. After a 2 week stay in a hotel (which depleted their savings account), they managed to secure a lease for a new apartment. However, at this time, they no longer had the funding required to cover move in costs. United Way's emergency assistance fund was luckily able to step in and assist, preventing them from sleeping on the street for even 1 night.



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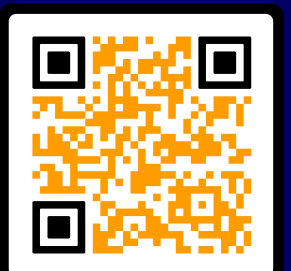
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