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2019-2020 Annual Report

United Way of Hernando County



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**United Way of Hernando County
2019-2020 Board Chair
Dr. Ebony Perez**



**United Way of Hernando County
Executive Director/CEO
Angie B. Walasek**

Dear Friends of the United Way of Hernando County,

It goes without saying that this past year has been unprecedented in a number of ways. We have dealt with a deadly pandemic with no signs yet of slowing down, have had our jobs disrupted, kids have been home from school longer than any time in their short lives. We have had to answer tough questions about where we stand on the issue of racism as well as how we can show care and compassion for our neighbors. Once again, as a community, even in these historic times we have come together to **GIVE, ADVOCATE, and VOLUNTEER** to make our county stronger. On behalf of our United Way Staff and Board of Directors, I thank you for your commitment and support during these difficult times.



We could look back on the 2019-2020 year and focus on the challenges we have faced together. Instead, I challenge you to look over this past year on the opportunity it has presented us. Hernando County residents have shown that through recognizing, honoring, and celebrating our uniqueness we can build together and meet the multitude of needs present in a rapidly growing community of almost 194,000 people. We have taken time to enlist community feedback and align with our Corporate Partners' goals in order to obtain investments to continue to reinforce our community through Partner Programs that work to fulfill needs around **HEALTH, EDUCATION, and FINANCIAL STABILITY**.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we were provided the opportunity to respond to our community's unmet needs in more significant and tangible ways. We supplied over 20,000 masks and gloves, hand sanitizer, disaster relief funds, food, and 9,000 rolls of toilet paper! We know that people had more than physical needs during this time. We adapted to new technology that allowed us to connect even while social distancing to show we still cared for one another. We responded to mental health needs, Pandemic PenPals for our elderly, Boredom Busters and themed weeks. Through these positive promotions and areas of change we have shown we can indeed **LIVE UNITED**.

Our uniqueness and diversity along the lines of race, gender, ability, sexuality, and religion make us stronger. These Partnerships fortify our resolve to continue to fight for the **HEALTH, EDUCATION, and FINANCIAL STABILITY** of every person in our community. We ask that you lean on and grow with us as we continue to band together to fight against this pandemic, racism, and divisiveness. Partner with us as we employ new and innovative ways to impact our community. Allow United Way to be your #1 organization when you or someone you know is struggling and don't know where to turn. Together we will persist in our efforts to improve financial literacy and stability, build a healthier and kinder community, and provide support for some of our most vulnerable neighbors.

There is no doubt a great deal of work that needs to be done. In the noise of this chaos we have the choice, and opportunity, to create a connected community. One where we respect, honor, and work across differences knowing that in the end we all want the same thing. A safe, healthy, and vibrant community where we can work and live with our families. We cannot achieve these ambitious steps without your continued support. United Way is blessed to have a phenomenal staff, UNITED Board, and numerous incredible volunteers and donors. We are humbled by the opportunity to serve you and honored to partner with you on this incredible adventure to **LIVE UNITED**.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ebony N. Perez, MSW and Angie B. Walasek

MISSION

To inspire leaders and partners, and mobilize resources to strengthen the lives of people in the community.

VISION

To build a strong, caring community and improve the quality of life in Hernando.

INITIATIVES

Health Education Financial Stability Basic Needs/Crisis Prevention

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! = NEW
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BASIC NEEDS & CRISIS PREVENTION



GOAL: Residents experiencing crisis or trauma will receive emotional, financial, or general support they need to overcome life's unexpected barriers.

Focus Areas:

- Disaster Relief
- Emergency Assistance Services
- Food security
- Protection from neglect, abuse, exploitation
- Providing care and resources for those experiencing homelessness
- Transitional or permanent supportive housing



190,865
Hernando County Population

37% ALICE Households

15% Poverty Households

\$25,728
Household Survival Budget (Single)

\$70,980
Household Survival Budget (Family of 4)

\$1,162
Average cost of childcare for 2 children (More than rent)

Community Emergency Funds

Provided by the generous support of our partners at Publix Super Markets Charities and Duke Energy, United Way was able to help Hernando families get back on the road to Financial Stability and Self Sufficiency.

27 households received assistance

77 family members impacted



\$5,503 In emergency funds was used to assist Hernando residents going through a difficult time and in need (electric, rent, water bills, etc.)

\$525 In food and basic necessities (As of June 2020)



37% OF HOUSEHOLDS ARE WALKING A FINANCIAL TIGHTROPE

The ALICE population (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) are employed, hard working individuals and families who live paycheck to paycheck, where one car repair or medical bill can tip them over into financial crisis. Our work to end generational poverty is not possible without advocates, donors, community partners, and so many more. Help us bridge the gaps in services and break the cycle.

Success Story: "I was diagnosed with ovarian cancer a couple years ago, and my previous employer let me go because I wasn't able to return to work in time. Used to being a two-income household, and coupled with my husband's hours being cut, we fell behind on bills. I'm so thankful for the assistance United Way provided me, and for helping us back on the path towards financial stability. I have a job interview lined up next week and my cancer is in remission. Things are definitely looking up for my family!"

Visit www.UnitedWayHernando.org/ALICE to download the ALICE Report and learn more about this important community conversation. **The ALICE Report is a study of family finances conducted by Rutgers University.*

Community Engagement

NATURECOAST TV
NCTV donated free monthly Web Segments for UW throughout 2019. UW shared upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and community involvement.

PUBLIX APPRECIATION WEEK
United Way and their Partner Agencies showed appreciation for Publix during the week of February 24th by visiting all Hernando County stores and posting their gratitude on social media.

"KICK" START TO EARLY LITERACY – Annual Event
Raised over \$7,056.25 to support Early Literacy. Congrats to the champs "Brooksville Bombers" from Publix Brooksville Square.

BUSINESS BLITZ CHALLENGE
Spring Hill MRI challenged all local business to give back during the month of June 2020 and matched dollar for dollar donations up to \$5,000. (\$10,000 TOTAL!) Thank you Spring Hill MRI! (see back)

LEND A HAND HERNANDO (LHH)
United Way's Online Volunteer Portal connects residents to local volunteer opportunities. Over 822 volunteers are currently enrolled! www.UnitedWayHernando.org/Volunteer

GREAT HERNANDO WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE
United Way participated with CHIPP to encourage groups of 10 people to lose 10 pounds in 10 weeks. Team "He Sheds She Sheds" won 1st place for the most pounds lost, & "UNITED Weigh" member Scott F. won for most lbs. lost for male. Overall 4,960 lbs. were lost between 47 Hernando teams.

CHIPOTLE GIVE BACK NIGHT
On 11/13/19 UW hosted a "Give Back Night" at Chipotle where 33% of the proceeds benefitted United Way.

OMG Pretzel Bites
In September 2019, the Food Network-famous food truck parked outside of Bayfront Health Brooksville to sell their delicious snacks to hospital workers, donating \$753.18 back to UW.

TIJUANA FLATS GIVE BACK NIGHT
On 12/9/19, UW hosted a "Spirit Night" at Tijuana Flats, where 30% of the proceeds were donated back to United Way.



RADIO PARTNERSHIPS
Hits 106 and WWJB partner with UW throughout the year and advocated for upcoming events and opportunities through radio promotions.

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS
United Way and the HC School's Parent Academy and Students and Families in Transition are working closely together on education initiatives and family support services.

SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH CETA
United Way donated a \$1,000 scholarship for a senior student in the LEADERSHIP category through the Chamber Education Training Association.

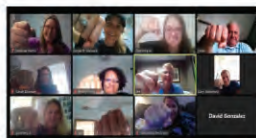
EFSP – FEMA
United Way is a part of the Emergency Food and Shelter Local Board and helps determine how funds are distributed to local food and shelter programs. In 2020, over \$150,000 was allocated to Hernando through Phase 37 and Phase CARES.

CHIPP (COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN PARTNERSHIP)
This community health initiative is a collaboration which focuses on improving the quality of life in Hernando by advocating for access to primary care, mental health care, & substance abuse services.

UNITED WAY STUDENT BOARD
An opportunity for students (ages 16-21) to engage in something larger than themselves. Their mission is to raise community awareness and develop leadership skills for a bright future.

#HERNANDOPREPARES
Emergency Management, Hernando COAD, and UW worked hand in hand to identify unmet needs during the COVID-19 pandemic and helped prepare during hurricane season.

RESIDENT'S RECEPTION
The United Way staff attended the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce's Resident's Reception on 12/6/19 to spread Holiday cheer and share resources with the community.



Where Your Investment Goes

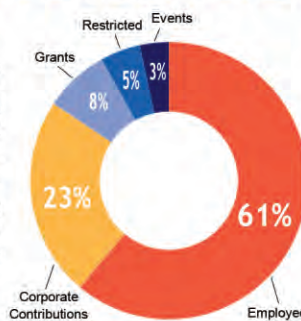
Thanks to our committed Community Investment Grant (CIG) Review Team Members, throughout the 2019-2020 FY United Way proudly invested over \$303,000 in 18 Partner Agencies and 20 local Health, Education, Financial Stability, and Basic Needs/Crisis Prevention initiatives and outreach programs.

2-1-1 TAMPA BAY CARES, INC. UnitedWayHernando.org/211	2-1-1 Hernando Crisis Intervention	JERICO ROAD MINISTRIES -Food Barn -Shelter Facilities	jericho-road.net Food Security Transitional Housing
ABILITY TREE FLORIDA -R.E.S.T. for parents of children with disabilities	abilitytree.org Recreation, Education, Support & Training	LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED & BLIND	lvib.org Services for People with Physical Disabilities
THE ARC NATURE COAST -Residential Supports -Community Supports	tancinc.org Permanent Supportive Housing Services for People with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities	MID FLORIDA COMMUNITY SERVICES -Children's Advocacy Center	mfc.us.com Protection or Prevention from Neglect, Abuse, Explo-
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA GREATER TAMPA BAY AREA COUNCIL -Community Service	tampabayscouting.org Youth Development	MID FLORIDA HOMELESS COALITION -Mid Florida Information Network	midfloridahomeless.org Basic Needs/Crisis Prevention
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF HERNANDO COUNTY -School Year Scholarships	bgchernando.org Out of School Time	NAMI HERNANDO INC. -Support Groups -Education Programs	namihernando.org Mental Health Services
CATHOLIC CHARITIES -Foundations of Life Pregnancy Program	ccdosp.org Healthy Beginnings	OBRIA MEDICAL CLINIC -Epiphany	obria.org Youth Development
DAWN CENTER OF HERNANDO COUNTY -Domestic & Sexual Violence Victim Services	dawncenter.org Protection or Prevention from Neglect, Abuse, Exploitation	PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE -Weekend Blessings	phpinhc.org Food Security
DEAF & HARD OF HEARING SERVICES -Florida Telecommunications Homebound Assistance -Communication Access Assistance	deafhhsfla.org Financial Stability Basic Needs/Crisis Prevention	SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL -Food Pantry	svdphernando.org Food Security
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EARLY LEARNING COALITION -Support for School Readiness	phelc.org School Readiness & Early Learning	YOUTH & FAMILY ALTERNATIVES -New Beginnings Youth Shelter	yfainc.org Emergency Shelter Services

Financial Stewardship

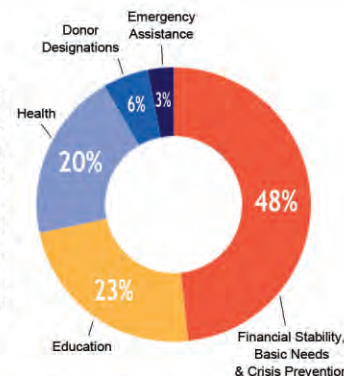
Accountability

United Way has a stringent system of checks, balances, and internal controls in place to ensure it operates in a sound fiscal manner. The organization's operating budget, as well as its community funding decisions, are reviewed by volunteer committees and approved by the Board of Directors.



Ethics

United Way's Board of Directors annually abide by the Code of Ethics and Conduct Agreement. The purpose of the code is to describe standards of conduct and business ethics expected of the directors, officers, standing committee members, and United Way staff & volunteers. Practicing but not limited to: leadership, responsibility, personal and professional integrity, diversity and equal opportunity, and confidentiality.



Statement on Accounting & Reporting Practices

For a list of frequently asked questions, visit www.UnitedWayHernando.org/FAQ

Here at United Way of Hernando County, Inc. we take our role as a trusted community leader seriously. As a result, we have a long tradition of adhering to high standards of accountability and transparency. Our most recent IRS Form 990 and audit are available upon request.

HEALTH



GOAL: Individuals & families in our community are able to access & benefit from affordable health services to better their overall quality of life.

Focus Areas:

- Access to health care & public awareness
- COVID-19 Disaster Relief
- Healthy beginnings & education
- Mental health/substance abuse services
- Senior/elder support
- Support services for people with disabilities (physical, intellectual, developmental)



Healthier Tomorrows

This is OUR community. DID YOU KNOW?

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Hernando

2-1-1 is a free health and human services helpline that connects residents to available resources. Call 2-1-1, text your ZIP to 898211, or visit the website at UnitedWayHernando.org/211.

This service is confidential and available 24/7. 211 Hernando is proudly provided by United Way.

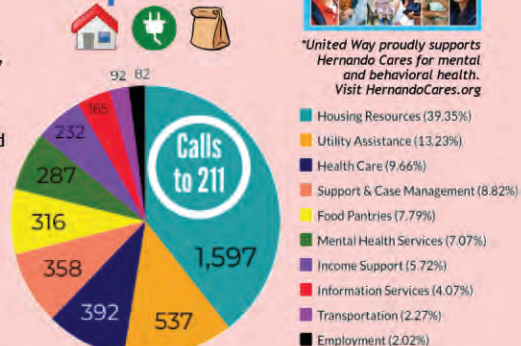
*Data collected from 211 report July 2019 to June 2020

97
COVID-19 related calls received from March-June

3,374

Total calls received to 211 Hernando

Top Needs



United Way proudly supports Hernando Cares for mental and behavioral health. Visit HernandoCares.org

COVID-19 Response

Although United Way and many of our Partner Programs temporarily shut their doors to the public as a result of necessary safety precautions due to the coronavirus, we continued providing necessary services to those in need.

United Way of Hernando County specializes in mobilizing resources, and collectively distributed:

- 9,238 rolls of toilet paper
- 480 containers of wipes
- 1,800 medical gloves
- 6 gallons of hand sanitizer
- 540 homemade masks
- 20,000 reusable masks



Proud Partner Highlights

Mid Florida Homeless Coalition
Continued outreach efforts to those experiencing homelessness. They worked with local organizations to open outdoor toilet facilities and hand washing stations, distributed masks and hand sanitizer, and monitored outbreaks among this vulnerable population.

St. Vincent de Paul

The Food Pantry adapted by implementing a drive-thru, no contact service while the "Safer at Home" order was in effect. They partnered with UW to offer a delivery service on a case-by-case, food emergency basis for home-bound individuals.

Dawn Center

The domestic violence shelter services noticed a decrease of reports following the "Safer at Home" orders & knew many victims may be stuck at home with their abusers with no safe way to contact help. Their outreach team created a 24/7 text hotline and implemented a web chat.

EDUCATION



GOAL: Residents of all ages will have access to quality education services to further enhance their knowledge, skills, & behavior in order to be successful in school, work, family, & community.

Focus Areas:

- Early childhood development & school readiness
- Mentoring/tutoring support or out of school services
- Middle grade success & transitions
- Youth development & family engagement



2019 13th Annual Stuff the Bus

United Way organizes Stuff the Bus every summer, a county-wide supply drive to fulfill teacher Wish Lists for children in need. While the critical need for supplies grows, a large majority of our schools and families struggle to provide students with even the most basic tools to succeed. All items collected benefited over 158 Hernando County classrooms.

8,306 lbs. Of School Supplies **\$9,520** Monetary Donations

Total weight of School Supplies is equivalent to 16 pigs!



2019 Bus Locations:



Partners in Education:



Dolly Parton Imagination Library



13,675

books distributed to children from July 2019-June 2020

On 2/22/20, United Way hosted their 5th Annual "KICK" Start to Early Literacy Kickball Tournament. Proceeds raised helped enroll 271 additional children! 14 teams competed but Publix #1132 took home the Ultimate Traveling Trophy won first place!

A special thank you to "Base Run Baller" sponsors from Family Chiropractic, Carter Foreman PLLC, PED-Stuart Corp, and supporting sponsors Simply Healthcare, Centennial Bank, Hernando County Parks and Recreation, Texas Roadhouse, SunTrust Bank, and Sam's Club.

Supporting Teams:

- Accuform
- Barrette Outdoor
- Keller Williams Plumadore Group
- Oak Hill Hospital
- (8) Publix Stores
- Target
- Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative

Statistics as of June 2020

1,000 Currently Enrolled Per Month
444 Children Graduated in 19-20
3,240+ Total Children Graduated

A special thank you to Suncoast Credit Union, Rotary Club of Brooksville, and Kiwanis of the Adventure Coast for being Proud Partners in Education and providing grants for the DPIL program.



Born Learning Trails

United Way's Born Learning Trails are installed around Hernando parks and are designed to engage parents and caregivers with their children to help instill learning. These trails offer a wide variety of activities and help prepare children to enter kindergarten and build/enhance key fundamental readiness skills. The Born Learning Trails can be found by visiting UnitedWayHernando.org/BornLearningTrail.



Little Free Library Locations

- LFL #1 Bookshelf at Bayfront Spring Hill Hospital
- LFL #3 "The Book Barn" at Veteran's Memorial Park (Dedicated by The Ciappetta's)
- LFL #4 "UNITED We Read!" at the United Way of Hernando County office
- LFL #5 "The Cozy Corner" at the Parent Academy at Fox Chapel Middle School (Dedicated by Clement Rambeau & Sarah Duncan)
- LFL #6 "The Nature Nook" at Hernando Park (Dedicated by Publix Super Markets Charities)



FINANCIAL STABILITY



GOAL: Individuals & families will be equipped with resources to achieve & maintain self-sufficiency.

Focus Areas:

- Financial literacy for youth & adults
- Job/workforce development & training
- Veteran employment & empowerment



VITA 2020 Survey Results

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Over **714** households utilized United Way's VITA program. **350** clients participated in this survey.

VITA clients described **(#1) affordable housing**, **(#2) health care**, and **(#3) transportation** as the 3 greatest needs in Hernando County.

Out of **350** VITA households, **87** consider themselves **ALICE** (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed).

Most VITA clients are retired and are in the age category of **61-70** years old. **40** VITA clients were **81+** and **12** were between the ages of **21-30**.

11 clients received one-on-one financial counseling through United Way's partnership with the Florida Master Money Mentors.

VITA Volunteer Income Tax Assistance is available to those who have a low-to-moderate income (generally \$56,000 or less)

Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, VITA was cancelled in early March. Thankfully, many VITA volunteers were still able to safely provide services to many. The deadline to file was extended to July 15, 2020.

2020 VITA Locations

- United Way of Hernando County
- Spring Hill Library
- Jerome Brown Community Center
- Publix at Barclay Store #630
- Publix at Hernando West Store #220

677 Tax Returns Completed
\$810,489 in Total Refunds
\$238,809 Total EITC | **\$193,500** Saved

Returning to our Hernando community:

\$1,003,989

- Those could be dollars spent on:
- covering child expenses
 - transportation costs
 - paying bills & groceries
 - purchasing household necessities

Save on prescriptions with United Way's FREE FamilyWise Discount Prescription Card!



32,440

Hernando Residents have been impacted by using FamilyWise **\$2,653,666** were saved in prescription costs as of June 2020