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?**

**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 2021-2022 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**
- **Mid Florida Information Network**
- **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**

**UNIVERSITY 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.
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Success Stories

The Cost of Childcare
A mother who tested positive for COVID in May 2021 was placed on probation at work due to using all of her sick time for quarantine. She had to find new childcare for her son when her previous babysitter quit, setting her behind. United Way's Coronavirus Relief Assistance funds helped her secure reliable childcare so she can remain employed.

Stability During School
A full-time nursing student was working at Wal-Mart when the pandemic started. Due to COVID, the state college closed and he had to enroll at a more expensive, private college with a more demanding schedule, which caused him to lose his job and fall behind on rent. United Way's Coronavirus Relief funds were able to help him remain housed until he graduated with his nursing degree.

Peace of Mind During a Difficult Time
Between losing her husband to COVID and long delays at the Social Security office due to the pandemic, a client was in danger of losing her home before she could file for benefits. United Way's Coronavirus Relief Assistance funds helped bridge the gap so she could remain housed until her SSI benefits went into effect.

The Effects of Long COVID
When 5 members of her family tested positive for COVID-19, a USPS worker took a leave of absence to quarantine. Due to her long-term symptoms, she has been unable to return to work and was unable to make ends meet with her short-term disability payments. United Way's Coronavirus Relief funds were used to pay her rent while she continues to recover.

Impact on Teachers
When a teacher's remote position was eliminated due to COVID, she was having difficulty paying all of her bills with just the Pandemic Unemployment. While she searched for another job, United Way's Coronavirus Relief Assistance funds were able to provide some breathing room for her family.

Bridging Gaps Between Jobs
A home health nurse’s two clients were admitted to the hospital with COVID and as a result, her contract was not renewed. She was able to find another position with a different staffing agency, but she needed help with her electric bill. United Way's Coronavirus Relief Assistance funds were able to prevent disconnection until she received her first paycheck at her new job.

Caring for A Child with COVID
A client's three year old child was admitted to the hospital for COVID-like symptoms and treatment, and as a result the client had to take significant time off work. United Way's Coronavirus Relief Assistance helped her stay current on her utilities and provided food assistance for her family until she could return to work.

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