Dear Friends of the United Way of Hernando County,

Thank you for another wonderful year. There is so much to share; I would have to write a book to tell of all the great programs your United Way is commissioning.

We have all chosen the Hernando County area as a place where we proudly live, work, raise our families and build great lives. When you picture Hernando County at its best, what do you see? Can you picture successful students? Independent residents? How about families overcoming obstacles with ease, or people with disabilities thriving in the community? As we focus on the community’s health and help provide additional resources to our citizens, we too as an organization have barriers to overcome. The high demand of charitable giving, the rapidly changing social media platforms and Workplace Campaign opportunities. All which invite community members as well as organizations to join the movement and pledge to LIVE UNITED.

It’s up to each and every one of us to ensure our community remains a strong, vibrant place for everyone. By partnering with United Way you join hundreds of local people who want to see Hernando at its very best. Not only does UWHC hold their values high, UWHC is committed to the richness of diversity in all aspects of our organization and those with whom we partner and serve. We will continue assessing needs and collectively working together for solutions.

Needless to say, we could not achieve our goals without your support. We are fortunate to have a terrific staff, a dedicated, supportive UNITED board, and so many wonderful volunteers and donors. Let’s keep on keeping on.

As we embark on a new year we ask that the community participate in United Way’s online survey to help sharpen our focus for future investments. It has been our pleasure to serve.

Sincerely,
John E. Ehlenbeck and Angela Bonfardino-Walasek

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Thanks to our committed Community Investment Grant (CIG) Review Team Members, throughout the 2016-2017 FY United Way proudly invested over $426,000 in 20 Partner Agencies and 26 local Health, Education, Financial Stability, and Basic Needs/Crisis Prevention initiatives and outreach programs.

### Partner Agencies

- **2-1-1 TAMPA BAY CARES, INC.**
  - 2-1-1 Hernando
  - UnitedWayHernando.org/211
  - Crisis Intervention

- **ALICE IN HERNANDO**
  - (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed)
  - Families & Self Sufficiency

- **THE ARC NATURE COAST**
  - Residential Supports
  - Community Supports
  - tancinc.org
  - Health & Wellness

- **BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS**
  - Comprehensive Mentoring
  - bbbstampabay.org
  - Children & Youth

- **BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**
  - Greater Tampa Bay Area Council
  - Community Service & Citizenship
  - Tampabayscouting.org
  - Children & Youth

- **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**
  - Foundations of Life Pregnancy Center
  - CCDosp.org
  - Families & Self Sufficiency

- **CIVIL AIR PATROL**
  - Hernando County Composite Squadron
  - Gocivilairpatrol.com
  - Children & Youth

- **DAWN CENTER OF HERNANDO COUNTY**
  - Domestic & Sexual Violence Victim Services
  - Dawncenter.org
  - Crisis Intervention

- **DEAF & HARD OF HEARING SERVICES**
  - Communication Access Assistance
  - Florida Telecommunication Homebound Assistance
  - Deafhhsfla.org
  - Families & Self Sufficiency
  - Health & Wellness

- **DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY**
  - ImaginationLibrary.com
  - Children & Youth

- **FOR EACH 1 REACH 1**
  - Mentoring
  - Foreach1reach1.com
  - Children & Youth

- **GIRL SCOUTS OF WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA**
  - gswcf.org
  - Healthy Living Initiative-In It for the Long Run
  - Children & Youth

- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF HERNANDO COUNTY**
  - habitathernando.org
  - Home Build
  - Families & Self Sufficiency

- **JERICHO ROAD MINISTRIES**
  - Food Barn
  - Shelter Facilities
  - Jericho-road.net
  - Crisis Intervention
  - Families & Self Sufficiency

- **LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED & BLIND**
  - lvib.org
  - Adaptive Skills Training
  - Families & Self Sufficiency

- **MID FLORIDA COMMUNITY SERVICES**
  - Mid Florida’s Children’s Advocacy Center
  - Mfcs.us.com
  - Children & Youth

- **MID FLORIDA HOMELESS COALITION**
  - Mid Florida Information Network
  - Midfloridahomeless.org
  - Families & Self Sufficiency

- **NAMI HERNANDO**
  - Support Groups
  - Flnamihernando.org
  - Families & Self Sufficiency

- **PAY IT FORWARD FARM**
  - Future Life Improvement Plan
  - Payitforwardfarm.org
  - Families & Self Sufficiency

- **SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**
  - Emergency Assistance
  - Food Pantry
  - Svdphernando.org
  - Crisis Intervention

- **UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF TAMPA BAY**
  - Hernando Early Intervention
  - Ucptampa.org
  - Children & Youth

- **YOUTH AND FAMILY ALTERNATIVES**
  - New Beginnings Youth Shelter
  - Yfainc.org
  - Children & Youth

### 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**

United Way of Hernando County, Inc. takes 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 is available upon request.
Monetary Donations

Through local Partnerships and Programs, United Way strives to ensure that our community and its residents have access to affordable and quality healthcare, a healthy environment, and a physically and mentally healthy lifestyle.

Financial education through courses teaching fundamentals such as how to develop a budget, save, reduce debt, and improve credit

Job training programs, such as those offering GEDs, computer literacy, Job placement services

Adaptive skills training and outreach to those facing independent challenges

Providing access to tax preparation services and Connecting community members to vital resources

Permanent and transitional housing programs that promote self-sufficiency and independence

It doesn’t have to be an up-hill battle forever. Let’s collectively work together to identify local issues and support sustaining solutions.

Total weight of School Supplies is equivalent to 13 Grizzly Bears

July 22-24, 2016

6,500 lbs. $8,840

Of School Supplies Monetary Donations

2016 Bus Locations:

July Drop Off Locations:
Pasco-Hernando State College
Chick-fil-A
Regions Bank
BBVA Compass
SunTrust Bank
Monster Transmission & Performance

Financial needs & health concerns of our community

This is OUR community. DID YOU KNOW?

*Hernando County Health Needs Assessment
*Robert Wood Johnson’s County Rankings & Roadmaps 2016 Report
In support of Early Literacy, Hernando County children enrolled in United Way’s Dolly Parton Imagination Library program receive a FREE book in the mail every month from birth to age 5! United Way’s “KICK” Start to Early Literacy Kickball Tournament created an increase of children enrolled for 2017-2018 to 2,200 kids per month... that’s 26,4000 books next year!

Statistics as of June 2017

- 1,400 Currently Enrolled Per Month
- 460 New Children Added in 16-17
- 407 Children Graduated in 2016-2017
- 1,864+ Total Children Graduated

Save on prescriptions with United Way’s FREE FamilyWize Discount Prescription Card!

Hernando Residents have been impacted by using FamilyWize Volunteer Income Tax Assistance is available to those who have a low-to-moderate income (generally $65,000 or less)

2017 VITA Site Partners

- United Way of Hernando County
- Spring Hill Library
- Mid FL Community Services—RSVP
- Publix at Barclay Store #630
- Publix at Hernando West Store #220

$287,155 Total EITC
$230,000 Amount Saved
Returning to our Hernando community:

$1,217,508
Those could be dollars spent on:
- covering child expenses
- transportation costs
- paying bills & groceries
- purchasing household necessities

Mental Health Services
Housing/Rental Assistance
Utilities Assistance
Health Care
Food Pantries
Transportation

Top Identified Needs in Hernando
*gathered from 2-1-1 database

- Electric Services & Payment Assistance
- Rent Payment Assistance
- Missions
- Food Pantries
- Transitional Housing/Shelter
- Low Cost Home Rental Listings
- VITA
- Community Mental Health Agencies

*From July 2016 to May 2017

The 4 most popular HC ZIP codes 2-1-1 calls come from:
34606, 34608, 34609, 34601

2-1-1 is a three-digit helpline that connects anyone with local support and resources. Individuals can call 2-1-1, text their ZIP code to 898211, or visit UnitedWayHernando.org/211 for information about food, shelter, health care, crisis intervention, and much more. This service is free, confidential, and available 24/7 and proudly provided by United Way.

Hernando County’s 2016 Community Outreach Grant supported 2-1-1: Project Hernando

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance is available to those who have a low-to-moderate income (generally $65,000 or less)

920 Tax Returns Completed
60 Returns — MyFreeTaxes.com
$930,353 in Total Refunds

$230,000 Amount Saved
$287,155 Total EITC

3X as many calls are made from woman than men

avg. age of callers
45-54
3,608 Need Count
2,902 Call Count

Hernando Residents have been impacted by using FamilyWize
$1,516,901 were saved in prescription costs as of June 2017
The ALICE population 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. These individuals are living above the poverty level (which is approximately $29,989 for a family of four), but below what it costs to provide for the basics of self-sufficiency: housing, childcare, food, transportation and healthcare.

The ALICE Report shows 42% of Hernando County is considered to be in the ALICE population or already in poverty. These are our neighbors, families, friends and co-workers. United Way chose to use Workplace Campaign presentations as a platform to share the ALICE Perspective Game. This exercise incorporated local employers and real life circumstances. Although they were faced with making difficult budgeting decisions, it gave United Way the opportunity to highlight local resources and solutions.

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

### Community Engagement

**CINEMA FOR A CAUSE**
Georgia Theatre Company raised $4,871 for United Way.

**NATURECOAST TV**
NCTV donates free monthly Web Segments to United Way for sharing upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and community involvement.

**CHARITY CRUISE-INS**
Monster Transmission & Performance and Chick-fil-A’s summer Cruise-Ins were dedicated to collecting School Supplies for United Way’s Stuff the Bus program.

**7TH GREEK FESTIVAL**
United Way organized volunteer efforts and received $1,000.

**GO GREEN GIVE BACK**
United Way encourages the community go green on St. Patrick’s Day by recycling paper products at United Way. Proceeds benefit the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

**TAP FOR A CAUSE**
Marker 48 Brewing raised over $860 for local programs by brewing “Criss Cross Applesauce” for United Way.

**“KICK” START TO EARLY LITERACY**
Raised over $4,000 to support Early Literacy.

**WWJB PARTNERSHIP**
This partnership highlights United Way’s Did You Know Awareness Campaign facts, upcoming events, 2-1-1 and services.

**FAMILY CAR WASH**
United Way was selected as the recipient charity for the month of February and Family Car Wash donated $1,140.

**FLASH MOB**
United Way Partner Agencies thanked Publix Associates on Publix Appreciation day by hosting a Flash Mob to all 8 Hernando Stores.

**2-1-1: PROJECT HERNANDO**
The 2016 Community Outreach Grant allowed UW to create localized 2-1-1 Hernando materials highlighting the new website and database.

### Bright Apple Award
Winding Waters K-8 was awarded with United Way’s Bright Apple Award and received a traveling trophy to showcase their hard work in the community.

**SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH CETA**
United Way donated two $1,000 scholarships through the Chamber Education Training Association.

**EFSP**
United Way is a part of the Emergency Food and Shelter board and helps determine how funds are distributed to local food and shelter programs. In 2016, $20,703 was allocated to Hernando.

**GREAT HERNANDO WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE**
United Way participated on the GHWLC committee encouraging groups of 10 to lose 10 pounds in 10 weeks. Over 5,400 lbs were lost.

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

**LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES**
LFL’s are FREE book swap locations in Hernando that encourage children to take a book and leave a book. These book stands are graciously stocked by hosting book drives, misc. donations, and Challenger K-8.

**BORN LEARNING TRAILS**

**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.

**Crime Stoppers**
United Way participated in the Hernando County Crime Stoppers and received a $1,000 grant.

**United Way in the Media**
United Way ran a series of ads in the Hernando Sun for the ALICE Report.
Corporate Partnerships

3M Company
AAA Auto Club South
Alstate*
Alumni-Guard
The Arc Nature Coast
AT&T
Bank of America*
Baycare Behavioral Health*
Bayfront Brooksville/Spring Hill
BB&T*
BBVA Compass Bank
Belk Department Store
Big Brothers Big Sisters*
Brown & Brown Insurance!
Burns & McDonnell Engineering
Capital City Bank
CareerSource Pasco Hernando
Carter, Cledenin & Foreman PLLC
Catholic Charities*
Ceridian*
Charles Schwab
Charter Communications!
Chek-fli-A
Chris the Savior Greek Orthodox Church
Citigroup
City of Brooksville
Crystal Automotive
Davis Family Hearing
Dawn Center of Hernando County
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services*
Delta Airlines
DIX Imaging!
Duke Energy
Enterprise Leasing
Express Scripts!
Family Car Wash!
Federal Express*
Fifth Third Bank!
 Frontier Communications!
 Frosty Bites Hawaiian Shave Ice!
 Georgia Theatre Company
 Hampton Inn
 HCA, Oak Hill Hospital*
 HC Board of County Commissioners
 HC Clerk of Circuit Court
 HC Community Resource Council!
 Hernando County Schools
 IBM Employees/Retirees
 JC Penney
 Jericho Road Ministries
 Kiwanis Club of Brooksville Ridge!
 Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind, Inc.
 L.R.E. Ground Services, Inc.
 Lowe’s
 Macys*
 Manpower
 Marker 48 Brewing
 Mid Florida Community Services!
 Mid Florida Homeless Coalition
 Monster Transmission & Performance
 Mosiac Company
 NAMI Hernando
 Nationwide*
 O’Reilly Auto Parts
 Pay It Forward Farm!
 Paychex*
 Payless Shoe Source!
 Pepperidge Farms*
 PNC Mortgage National*
 PUBLIX Super Markets & Charities!
 Quality Inn & Suites Brooksville
 R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company*
 Raymond James & Associates*
 Regions Bank*
 Ring Power*
 Salvation Army!
 Spring Hill Dental Associates
 Senator Wilton Simpson!
 St. Joseph’s Baptist Healthcare!
 St. Louis Contact Center!
 State Farm Insurance
 Sumter Electric Cooperative (SECO)
 Suncoast Credit Union!
 SunTrust Bank!
 Tampa Bay Times
 TARGET
 United Cerebral Palsy
 United Health Group!
 United Way of Florida!
 UPS
 Utica National Insurance Group!
 Walmart Distribution Center
 Wells Fargo
 WREC*
 Xerox Corporation
 Youth & Family Alternatives
 Zachry Industrial, Inc.!

**Bold = Workplace Campaign
* = Increased Campaign
! = NEW
* = Kickball Team

Publix Super Markets Charities & 960 Associates Contributed $388,926+ to United Way’s Community Investment Fund!

Loyal Leadership Givers

John & Pam Allan
Angela Ausiello & Family
Todd Barker
Barney & Carol Barnett
Robert Benedetto
Jim Benner
Anthony Bisesti
Terry Brieck
Daniel Brown
David Burbine
Matt Caldarella
Susan Carriveau
Noreen Carter
Vicki Carter
Anthony Clark
Rich & Toni Clauson
Darin & Kelly Dampier
John Dunn
Eric Emmerth
Jeff Finlan
Kent Flanders
David Gonzalez
Michael Gordon
Louis Grasso Jr.
Andrew & Shawna Hall
Wayne Heavens
Ann Johnson
Sam & Dawn Johnson
Riley Kinman
Aricha Koster
Steven & Jewel Lamb
Alice Lied
Frances Lodge
August Manalili
Janet Marino
Brittany Mastantuono
Michelle McCormick & Family
Brian Miller
Kelly Miller
Daniel Mullane
Roxanna Naylor
Brittany Parks
Akshar Patel
Jon Ponds
Anna Reynolds
Bryce & Danielle Robinson
Gino Romanello
Chris Scavuzzo
Troy Schulte
Jason R. Sedgwick
Christine Simpson
Michael Statuto
Gina Stifanic
Ken & Michelle Tate
JoAnn & John Velez
Ellen Viereck
David Walker
Krista Walker
Robert & Monica Watts
Steven Wegner
Allyn D. Welch
Christy Wiggins & Family
Janice Williams
Stephanie Williamson
Lisa Wyatt
Michael Yatroussis

TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY $10,000: Carol Jenkins Barnett & Barney Barnett

In Memory of

David Hopkins
~Tammy Byers
Margherita Berry
~Angela Bonfardino-Walasek
Joseph D. Branscomb
Thank You to those who GIVE:

We couldn’t continue serving the community like we do without each and every one of you. EVERY dollar, every contribution counts.

Thank You to those who ADVOCATE:

You give us a voice and a presence here in Hernando. You share our stories and you connect our community to the services we help provide.

Thank You to those who VOLUNTEER:

Your helping hands are always there when we need you the most. You are valuable.. You are appreciated.. You are priceless.

YOU are all a part of something much larger than yourself. YOU are the true definition of what it is to LIVE UNITED. United Way THANKS YOU for that.