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 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.

United Way of Hernando County 2016-2017 Annual Report

STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY
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 United Way hold their values high, United Way 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 collaboratively 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. Thilenbeck and Angela Bonfardino-Walasek

LIVE UNITED.

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

2016-2017 Board of Directors:

JOHN EHLENBECK | BOARD CHAIR
Community Advocate

MATT FOREMAN | CHAIR ELECT
Carter, Clendenin & Foreman, PLLC

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Community Advocate

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ICTC

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Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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City of Brooksville

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Community Advocate

LISA WILLIAMS
Publix Supermarkets #1198

UWHC STAFF:

ANGELA BONFARDINO-WALASEK
Executive Director/CEO

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Community Outreach Director

CYNTHIA GLEINSER
Finance Director

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Marker 48 Brewing
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Mid Florida Homeless Coalition
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NAMI Hernando
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Youth & Family Alternatives
Zachary Industrial, Inc.

BOLD = Workplace Campaign
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Loyal Leadership Givers

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

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

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David Hopkins - Tammy Byers
Margherita Berry - Angela Bonfardino-Walasek
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Mr. Whippy’s Shaved Ice
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The ALICE population is 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 $22,989 for a family of four), but below what it costs to provide 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 our 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.

AICHE 30% OF HOUSEHOLDS ARE WALKING A FINANCIAL TIGHTROPE

Where Your Investment Goes

Thanks to our committed Community Investment Grant (CIG) Review Team Members, throughout the 2016-2017 FY United Way proudly invested over $243,000 to 20 Partner Agencies and 26 local Health, Education, Financial Stability, and Basic Needs/Crisis Prevention initiatives and outreach programs.

ALICE IN HERNANDO

Families & Self Sufficiency

(Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed)

The ARC NATURE COAST

-Residential Supports
-Community Supports

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

Comprehensive Mentoring

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

GREATER TAMPA BAY AREA COUNCIL
-Community Service & Citizenship

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

-Foundations of Life Pregnancy Center

codosp.org
Families & Self Sufficiency

CIVIL AIR PATROL

-Hernando County Composite Squadron

gocivilair patrol.com
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DAWN CENTER OF HERNANDO COUNTY

-Domestic & Sexual Violence Victim Services
dawcenter.org
Crisis Intervention

DEAF & HARD OF HEARING SERVICES

-Communication Assistance
-Health & Wellness
dehhrsfla.org
Families & Self Sufficiency

DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Imaginationlibrary.com
Children & Youth

FOR EACH REACH 1

-Mentoring
foreachreach1.com
Children & Youth

GIRL SCOUTS OF WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA

gswfl.org
-Healthy Living Initiative-It for the Long Run
Children & Youth

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF HERNANDO COUNTY

-Home Build

JERICO ROAD MINISTRIES

-Food Barn
-Shelter Facilities

LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED & BLIND

-Adaptive Skills Training

LIV.org
Families & Self Sufficiency

MICLS

-Children’s Advocacy Center

MID FLORIDA COMMUNITY SERVICES

-micls.us.com
Children & Youth

MID FLORIDA HOMELESS COALITION

-Mid Florida Information Network

FINAM HERNANDO

-Group Support

NAMI HERNANDO

Families & Self Sufficiency

PAY IT FORWARD FARM

-Future Life Improvement Plan

PAY IT FORWARD FARM

payforwardfarm.com
Families & Self Sufficiency

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
-Communty Assistance
-Food Pantry

svdphernando.org
Crisis Intervention

UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF TAMPA BAY

-Community Assistance

ucp tampaa.org
Children & Youth

YOUTH AND FAMILY ALTERNATIVES

-New Beginnings Youth Shelter

yafinc.org
Children & Youth

Statement on Accounting & Reporting Practices

United Way of Hernando County, Inc. takes its 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.

Financial Stewardship

Accountability

United Way has a stringent system of checks, balances, and internal controls in place to ensure our operations are conducted in a sound fiscal manner. The organization’s operating budget as well as all 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.
EDUCATION

Encouraging individuals & families to succeed in school & in life

United Way is committed to supporting academic opportunities and collectively identifying education barriers. Ultimately, focusing on engaging individuals and families by giving them the proper tools to succeed in education and to ensure a lifetime of success.

10th Annual Stuff the Bus

July 22-24, 2016

6,500 lbs. of School Supplies = Equivalent to 13 Grizzly Bears

$8,840 in Monetary Donations

Total weight of School Supplies is equivalent to 13 Grizzly Bears

2016 Bus Locations:

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Paso-Hernando State College
Check Out
Regional Bank
BBVA Compass
SouthTrust Bank
Monster Transmission & Performance

July Drop Off Locations:

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Check Out
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Dolly Parton Imagination Library

13,943 books distributed to children from July 2016-June 2017

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 Kickoff 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

1,864+

Community Children

Children Enrolled

16,177

2017 VITA Site Partners

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

VITA

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

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

Hernando Residents have been impacted by using FamilyWize

$1,516,901 were saved in prescription costs as of June 2017

Little Free Library Locations

- U of Riedel at 830 Grand Avenue (Every Saturday, 8am-1pm)
- U of Riedel at 3400 Broad Avenue (Very 1st Saturdays of the month)
- U of Riedel at The Book Barn at 3600 Hernando Memorial Park (Open by appointment)

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

VITA Information

VITA site locations: 
- United Way of Hernando County
- Pasco County
- Hernando County
- Spring Hill Library
- Mid FL Community Services 
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HEALTH

Collaborating to address health concerns with healthy solutions

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.

Healthier Tomorrows

This is OUR community. DID YOU KNOW?

1,490:1 Ratio of population to mental health providers

HC data shows 2016

HC data shows 2015

2016 Community Health Needs Assessment reported...

Children are eligible for free or reduced lunch

Many important factors that define a healthy community:
- access to health care, job opportunities for all levels of education, healthy lifestyles, affordable goods/services.
- Most important health problems surveyed in Hernando County: substance/drug abuse mental health, access to primary care, obesity
- “Community Factors” Identified that could potentially impact the community’s health:
  - homeless population, unemployment, educational attainment, seasonal population, senior population, substance abuse, mental health needs, high concentration of service industry jobs, transportation barriers, ACA and legislation

Hernando County Child Health Needs Assessment

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

2-1-1 Hernando

2-1-1 is a three-digit helpline that connects anyone with local support and resources. Individuals can call 2-1-1, fast, their ZIP code to 989211, 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.

Top Identified Needs in Hernando

- Food Pantries
- Transportation
- Home Care
- Physical Health Services

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The 4 most popular HC ZIP codes 2016 calls came from: 34606, 34608, 34609, 34601

3X as many calls are made from women than men