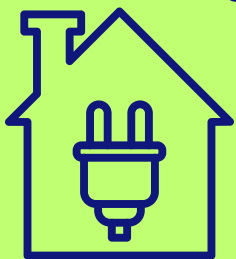


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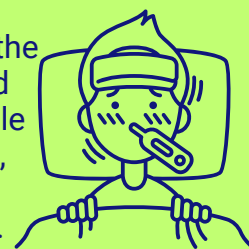
“Starting All Over”



A single mom with a 12-year-old who is also the caretaker for her disabled sister was on the verge of getting her electricity turned off. She was falling behind on bills quickly after adjusting to the financial change from being newly separated from her spouse. Out of desperation, she reached out to UW not knowing exactly what it is that we do for the community. UW stepped in to help this hard working mom with her electric bill while also connecting her other local resources such as Florida Master Money Mentors. With United Way’s assistance and guidance, she is now on the road to financial recovery and could focus on more important things such as taking care of her family with one less bill to worry about.

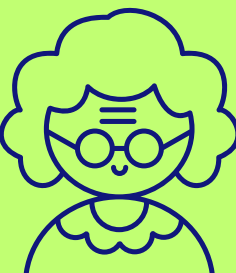
“Caught By Surprise”

A man was referred to United Way from a community partner in hopes of getting this individual the assistance they needed. A few months prior, he had fallen extremely ill and eventually developed Pneumonia. Due to the severity, they had to be hospitalized, which is when their bills began to pile up at home. While in recovery, he failed to realize that their water bill was not set up on auto pay, leaving them to owing almost a thousand dollars and on the verge of being shut off. Even after being back at work, they were still unable to accumulate the full amount for this outstanding bill. United Way alleviated this burden by covering nearly half of their water bill, finally allowing them to fully recuperate after being sick for so long.



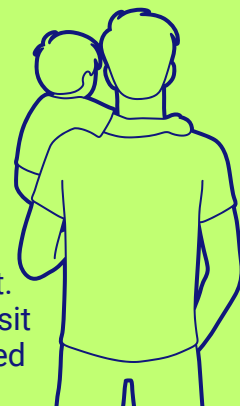
“You Are Not Alone”

A grandmother raising her 5-year-old grandchild fell behind on rent after having knee surgery. Being self-employed with no medical benefits made it extremely difficult for this grandma to stay afloat. She was desperate and did not know who or where to turn to when she had come across United Way’s Contact Us webpage and shared her story. After accessing her situation, United Way agreed to assist this hard working grandmother by covering that months rent, preventing an eviction for her and her young grandchild. A few weeks later, she was invited to United Way’s annual Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Seminar, where she was able to connect first hand to other outside resources as well as make new friends who are experiencing similar obstacles. She shared with our team how she no longer felt alone navigating this new chapter in her life of caring for her young grandchild.



“No Place Like Home”

A gentleman who was working at a local distribution center was evicted from his apartment and had been living out of his car. He made a livable income but because of his eviction, it became impossible for him to rent another apartment with this on his record. He was connected to the United Way office by his employer, where we were able to fully assess and assist his needs. He shared that he had not been allowed to see his 3 year old son while living in his car and that he was concerned for his safety with hurricane season quickly approaching. Our team was able to connect him with a previous client of ours who had a room for rent and was in search of a tenant. He could afford the rent but needed help with initial move-in costs. United Way covered his deposit fee allowing him to move into his new room that same day. After sleeping in a bed again, he called to express how happy he was to no longer be homeless and that he couldn’t wait to see his son.



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Q4 Highlights - Partner Success Stories

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Mid Florida Homeless Coalition

Division & Wraparound Homeless Services

“Jane Smith’ became homeless in March of 2023 due to trauma and the end of a relationship. While suffering with multiple chronic disabling health conditions, Jane was sleeping in her car. She began utilizing community resources, including working with Mid Florida Homeless Coalition’s PATH Outreach Program, where the Case Managers with Mid Florida Homeless Coalition were able to assist Jane with applying for affordable housing. After being homeless for over 15 months in Hernando County, Jane was approved for housing and was able to move into her own home.”



YMCA

Safety Around Water



“Madison’, a bright and energetic two-year-old, recently participated in our Safety Around Water program with her mother. From day one, it was clear that Madison was full of curiosity and excitement around water. However, like many young children, she didn’t yet understand the risks. Through the program, Madison learned essential skills like floating, finding the edge, and how to stay calm if she found herself in deep water. But the impact didn’t stop there. Madison’s mother, who was actively involved in every lesson, learned techniques to reinforce these water safety skills at home. She was given the tools and confidence to continue practicing with Madison, creating a routine that kept water safety top of mind. Now, whether they’re at the pool, beach, or even bath time, Madison’s mother feels empowered to guide her in staying safe around water. Thanks to this program, not only did Madison develop life-saving skills, but her family also built a foundation of safety that will last a lifetime.”

Catholic Charities

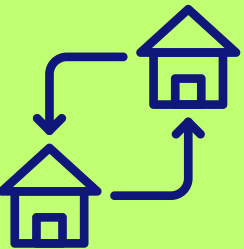
Foundations of Life

“Sharon’ came to Foundations of Life Pregnancy Center with her 5-month-old daughter for assistance, having been referred by People Helping People. Although she had a full-time job, Sharon was having difficulties making ends meet and needed housing as her current rental was no longer affordable. Additionally, there was an issue with her daughter’s health insurance and Sharon was unable to take her daughter for a check-up to get the paperwork required for her daycare completed. Sharon was provided necessities for the baby and referred to United Way for services. Through this referral, Sharon was able to get an appointment for her daughter’s doctor’s visit and to get a new rental. Collaboration with United Way of Hernando County partner agencies impacted this family very positively!”



Dawn Center

Domestic & Sexual Violence Victim Services



“Mary’, a mother of four, entered Dawn Center’s emergency shelter after having suffered significant physical injuries from her partner of 14 years. As a survivor of domestic violence and now a single mother of four children, she was overwhelmed and did not know how to start over. Dawn Center was able to provide services, referrals, and resources; which included therapy, support groups, job placement assistance, and transportation to doctor visits. ‘Mary’ was also connected to Dawn Center’s Legal Advocate in order to seek an injunction for protection. The children were able to get enrolled into school and ‘Mary’ was able to find employment. She was able to save enough to relocate her family to another state, where they had additional support from loved ones. They are now living safely with family in another state”

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