

United Way of Hernando County

Q4 EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

2023-2024

“A Mother-Daughter Bond”



“A woman caring for her 79-year-old mother was fired from her full-time job for missing too many days. Her mom was battling breast cancer for the 2nd time which caused her to have to call out of work. Now, solely living on her mother’s disability check, she knew that it was not going to be enough to cover their expenses. Though she had job interviews already lined up, United Way referred her to Career Source anyway. She landed a job at a medical facility and was relieved to find out the supervisor had no issues with her caring for her mother while she was undergoing treatment. United Way was pleased to assist this family with their past-due rent, allowing them to continue to be there to support one another.”

“Thinking Outside The Box”



“An advocate of United Way’s Global Corporate Leader referred one of their part-time associates to us. The client had been stuck at home recovering from Shingles when she was also diagnosed with COVID-19. Since she was out of work, her paycheck was not stretching enough to pay for both her mortgage and utilities. We explored different side jobs that interested her and could help produce more income in the future; such as repurposing furniture or providing landscaping services. United Way stepped in and covered 2 months of her mortgage to prevent a foreclosure and allow her to make a full recovery. Now she can move forward with her part-time job and new income ventures without worrying about possibly losing her home.”

“A Place to Call Home”

“An elderly gentleman reached out to UW in hopes of finding a new place to live. His landlord said that he would be raising the rent, nearly doubling it. Living on social security and disability alone, he did not have a budget that covered extra expenses. He saved up some money by using local food pantries and fresh produce distributions. He was thrilled to find a trailer for rent for around the same price he was already paying. He was able to cover the deposit but had nothing left to put towards move-in costs. UW happily helped cover his first month’s rent, giving him the ability to move into his new home without a worry. Without our assistance, he could have wound up living out of his car. United Way was able to prevent a senior from unnecessarily going into homelessness.”



“In Times of Need”

“A frantic senior on a fixed income called UW. The propane provider invoiced her for services she had not approved of. Living on a fixed income made it impossible to pay both the invoice and her mortgage. Typically, she would have saved money a few months ahead of her bill date. So, when she received this bill, she became worried, and rightfully so. After carefully going over her budget, it was very clear that she was not able to cover both expenses. UW reassured her that the invoice would be paid, leaving her with enough funds to pay her mortgage. One less worry for a senior on a fixed income.”



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Supported Programs

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Q4 Highlights - Partner Success Stories

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Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired & Blind

"Tina' is 85 years old and began having difficulties doing household tasks due to her Macular Degeneration. She became frustrated and felt an overwhelming sense of defeat for no longer being able to do things she once did. 'Tina' signed up to take the Adaptive Living Skills training, hoping it would help. She learned various tips and tricks to help navigate her day-to-day. She was absolutely amazed to see that she could still thread a needle by using a flossing loop! 'Tina' graduated this program and has since moved on to taking the Adjustment to Vision Loss class. She continues her journey to regain her independence and be better prepared for future vision loss from her Macular Degeneration."

Adaptive Living Skills



People Helping People



"A local counselor reached out to People Helping People requesting assistance with pre-packaged food bags and water for the kids. This summer counseling program, Impact Your Life, is a statewide program that had just expanded into Hernando County and works directly with at risk school age children. People Helping People was more than eager to jump at this opportunity and provided an average of 88 bags stuffed to the brim with food along with 100 bottles of water to ensure that these local kids are healthy and happy all summer long."

Weekend Blessings

Early Learning Coalition Early Childhood Credentialing Program

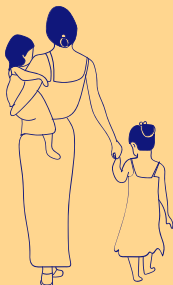
"As a fairly new preschool teacher at my teaching center, I wanted to gain more knowledge in the field so that I could become a more confident teacher and could provide my students with the best learning opportunities possible. When this program became available to me, I knew this was the opportunity I needed to be able to reach my goals as a teacher. Having a tuition free program that supports my learning needs has allowed me to gain knowledge through quality professional development training, as I pursue my Child Development Associates credential. I am at nearly 90% completion of my program, and so thrilled knowing that I almost have my teaching credential. Thank you for helping me become the best teacher I can be." - Cierra F.



Dawn Center

Domestic & Sexual Violence Victim Services

"Ann' and her two school aged children, came to shelter seeking safety from her physically abusive partner of 12 years. Through Dawn Center's advocacy and case management services, Ann was able to enroll the children in school, develop a financial safety plan, update her resume and attend support groups. During her 8 weeks stay, Ann utilized her updated resume to seek other employment opportunities and was able to obtain a second job. She was able to save enough for a deposit on a rental. The family successfully moved into their new safe housing and her children are enjoying their new school environment."



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