United Way of Hernando



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.





EDUCATION





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?**







CORE VALUES

ACCOUNTABILITY, DIVERSITY, LEADERSHIP, INCLUSIVENESS, VOLUNTEERISM, LOYALTY, AND EXCELLENCE.

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:

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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)

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EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF PASCO & HERNANDO

START Initiative

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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

UNITED WAY 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.



TO INSPIRE LEADERS AND PARTNERS, AND MOBILIZE RESOURCES TO STRENGTHEN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY.





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Emergency Assistance

2021-2022 Quarter 2

Peace of Mind During a Difficult Time

The child of a United Way client was admitted to the children's hospital, and she had no vacation or sick days left at work, so she had to sacrifice her income to be with her child. This meant she went two weeks without pay. United Way was able to bridge the gap and ensure that she could make ends meet for the month which allowed her to focus on the health of her child, rather than the stress of incoming bills.

"I am so grateful for the help United Way was able to help me with my gas. Ever since then I've been able to maintain stability and I can't thank them enough."

Valuable Agency Partnership

United Way was contacted by the Deaf and Hard of Hearing center about a client of theirs who had been without gas for months. Her family member had passed away, leaving her with no help to pay for necessary expenses. United Way was able to make arrangements with the gas company to have her gas tank filled up and service turned back on. She was grateful to be able to take a hot shower after so long.



"United Way provided me the help I needed to give my kids and wife my full attention while they were ill. I don't know how I would've done it without their help."

Support During Uncertain Times

A pregnant client gave birth prematurely and both mom and baby were in intensive care for multiple weeks. United Way was able to assist by preventing the electricity in their home from being turned off, since the client's husband could not attend work while his family was in the ICU, and he was caring for their other children at home.

Ensuring Stability Through a Health Crisis

When diagnosed with colon cancer, a client was unable to keep up with her physical labor job. She had to find a job that would suit her medical needs. She stayed at her job for as long as possible while searching for sustainable employment, but eventually she was forced to quit. This left her without income for a short period of time while she waited to begin her new job. United Way was able to step in and ensure that she did not lose her housing in the meantime.

"Without the help from United Way, I would've never been able to make it through a 14 day quarantine and still pay my bills for the month."

Helping Through Quarantine

A client who was a waitress contracted Covid and had to miss work in order to follow quarantine guidelines. Her job did not offer her sick pay or personal days, so she had no had enough money to income during her quarantine period. After contacting United Way, she was able to receive assistance from the United Way Community Emergency Fund. After the quarantine period she was able to return to work and get herself back on track.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

A client contacted United Way after having a baby and contracting Covid in the hospital. Due to complications from the illness, she was in the hospital for much longer than expected, leaving her out of work and without income. United Way was able to prevent her from losing her housing and connected her with a community member who had furniture to donate to furnish her home. With the assistance provided by United Way she was able to return to work once she was fully healed, rather than going back too soon after her illness.

