



## United Way is a great way to help our neighbors in Palm Beach County. PLEDGE NOW!

As we continue to stay at a distance to prevent the spread of COVID-19, United Way is finding new ways to come together and strengthen our community. With every new challenge, we SEE our community show true compassion and generosity. Even when we're apart, we FEEL connected in kindness, service, and hope. And now — more than ever — we need your help to create change and BE a Champion for our community's needs. From fighting hunger to increasing access to medical care to supporting education, we are working to be a community where all individuals and families achieve their full potential. We appreciate your continued support of United Way of Palm Beach County!

To find out more about your local United Way or to get involved, visit [UnitedWayPBC.org](http://UnitedWayPBC.org)



## Each year, thousands of local volunteers donate their time and make a difference in our community.

Whether tutoring a young person, offering skills as a volunteer tax preparer or packing backpacks for local students so they can start school equipped — your time and talent can have a huge impact in someone's life. Get connected through our Volunteer Center, now offering social distancing and virtual volunteer projects. Our free, online volunteer database provides organizations, individuals, teens, and families with volunteer opportunities to suit every interest or need.



To volunteer, please visit [UnitedWayPBC.org](http://UnitedWayPBC.org)  
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“I knew there was one person I could talk to about my situation...I knew that she would have my back and help me get back on track. My mentor, my guardian angel, showed me tough love but with so much compassion. 🙏”

– Trey, mentee with Student ACES

## MENTOR MATCHES

### GOAL

Youth have access to a positive, caring relationship with a nonparental adult

## INVESTMENT

# \$1,393,879

in 50+ programs

## We SEE a Person Changing a Life.

Just one hour of your time per week can help a child become:

- 52% less likely to skip a day of school
- 37% less likely to skip a class
- 46% less likely to start using drugs
- 27% less likely to start drinking
- 33% less likely to hit someone

(Statistics provided by Big Brothers Big Sisters)

The Mentor Center oversees more than 10,000 mentor matches and serves as the anchor of the Palm Beach County Mentor Network, a professional affiliation of 42 formal mentor programs working together to elevate mentoring in the community.

A partnership with



### JACOB'S story...

Jacob is an 11-year old boy with a difficult home life. Living in a tough neighborhood where the kids hang out unsupervised and engage in risky behaviors, Jacob is a prime target to be recruited into a gang.

But he has Florence Fuller Child Development Center (FFCDC) looking out for him. He has a mentor who gives him undivided attention and helps him realize how important he is. The FFCDC staff also work with him to develop leadership skills, encourage him to rise above his environment, and reach his potential.



**UNITED WAY FUNDED PROGRAM:**  
Florence Fuller Child Development Center

**“HELPING YOUTH SUCCEED” Investment Area**  
Funded programs facilitate quality mentoring relationships, promote academic achievement, and prepare youth for post-secondary education and employment.

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**FACT:** *Of all new jobs created in Florida by 2020, 68 percent will require an education beyond high school. In Palm Beach County, however, only 44 percent of all high school graduates are predicted to receive a post-secondary credential within 6 years of high school graduation.*

## GRADUATE & THRIVE

### GOAL

Support youth so they graduate from high school and succeed in life

## INVESTMENT

# \$1,019,651

in 18 programs

## We SEE a Diploma in Hand.

United Way of Palm Beach County funds local programs that make an impact on:

- Academic achievement
- Preparing youth for education beyond high school
- Preparing youth for employment

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### ROSE'S story...

*Rose was born in Haiti and came to the U.S. at seven years old. When Rose was a high school freshman, her father died, and she started working to help her mother cover rent and food costs. In 2017, Rose was accepted into Path to College's fellowship program with a 3.74 GPA and a PSAT of 940. Through this program, she received one-on-one mentoring, career and leadership development workshops, and SAT prep. Rose increased her SAT score to 1210, achieved the 75% Bright Future Merit Scholarship and was accepted to five universities. Rose is studying International Relations at the University of Florida, has a 3.83 GPA, and will graduate debt-free.*



### UNITED WAY FUNDED PROGRAM:

Path to College  
Academic Fellowship Program

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**OUR WORK:** Since 2015, United Way of Palm Beach County has worked alongside community partners to address food insecurity in the county. The five focus areas that our Hunger Relief work groups and 180 volunteers seek to improve are: Childhood Hunger, Seniors, The Glades, Building Infrastructure and SNAP Outreach/Advocacy.

## HUNGER RELIEF

### GOAL

Households have increased access to nutritious food.

## INVESTMENT

# \$256,090

in 8 programs

## We SEE Full Bellies.

United Way of Palm Beach County's Hunger Relief team works with local nonprofits and community volunteers to achieve the following outcomes:

- **1,116 Family Weekend Backpacks with 30 servings of food provided every Friday during the school year**
- **315,562 Congregate Meals served to seniors**
- **15,543 meals served through Mobile Summer BreakSpot in The Glades**
- **Provided 9 nonprofits with refrigerators and freezers to minimize food waste and increase storage capacity of food pantries and nonprofits.**

### "STABILIZING FAMILIES" Investment Area

Funded programs support employment for adults with disabilities, provide financial coaching; teach nutrition education and distribute food; and provide housing stabilization for individuals and families.

## GEORGE'S story...



*Two years ago, George was let go from his job and has struggled to find steady work since. Thanks to odd jobs and friends who let him sleep on their couches, he was able to keep a roof over his head most nights. Some months, it was difficult for him to juggle his limited income and he was forced to choose between paying for food, medication, or rent. CROS Ministries' Caring Kitchen program was a life-saver for George. He knew he could always get a hot meal through the Caring Kitchen. Through funding from United Way, the Caring Kitchen helps hard working people like George have access to nutritious food.*

### UNITED WAY FUNDED PROGRAM:

The Caring Kitchen  
CROS Ministries

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“We wish to offer our sincerest thanks to United Way of Palm Beach County for supporting our Housing and Income Stabilization project. It is because of your generous and committed partnership that so many chronically homeless clients are able to rebuild their lives in such a meaningful way.

– The Lord’s Place

## HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

### GOAL

Individuals and families achieve housing stability

INVESTMENT

**\$592,842**

in 8 programs

## We SEE a Place to Call Home.

United Way of Palm Beach County funds local programs that make an impact on:

- Housing stabilization
- Transitional housing for domestic violence
- Permanent supportive housing

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### JEREMY’S story...

As a young adult, Jeremy experienced symptoms of mental illness. Working odd jobs in construction to support himself, he struggled to meet his basic needs. Alone and unstable, Jeremy began abusing drugs. As his mental and financial health declined, he became homeless.



After years of homelessness, Jeremy met with The Lord’s Place’s Street Engagement program, which gave him meals and hygiene products. He was referred to Operation Home Ready (OHR), a permanent supportive housing program for chronically homeless adults. Jeremy improved his life skills, social inclusion, health and well-being. Today, he lives in one of the program’s one-bedroom apartments. The program has given him a home and the ability to care for himself.

**UNITED WAY FUNDED PROGRAM:**  
Housing and Income Stabilization  
The Lord’s Place

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**FACT:** Since 2004, United Way of Palm Beach County's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program has helped return approximately \$230 million to the Palm Beach County economy through preparing tax returns for individuals and families in the community.

## FINANCIAL STABILITY

### GOAL

Households increase income, build savings and grow assets

## INVESTMENT

# \$363,588

in 6 programs

## We SEE Lives Changed.

United Way of Palm Beach County funds local programs that make an impact on:

- Supported employment for adults with disabilities
- Financial coaching and services

### JOHN'S story...

*John, a veteran, was referred to Community Partners of South Florida's Prosperity Centers (PC) to receive amendment services for his recent tax returns. He met with Carlos, a Financial Coach, who connected him with United Way's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program and helped him amend his past four years of tax returns.*



*After receiving VITA services, John was introduced to the different housing services that Prosperity Center offers for first time home buyers and began receiving Housing Counseling Services. With the supportive resources of the Prosperity Center and VITA, both funded by United Way of Palm Beach County, John successfully closed on his first home and has the knowledge needed to remain financially stable.*

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### UNITED WAY FUNDED PROGRAM:

Prosperity Centers  
Community Partners

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**FACT:** Nearly 25% of pregnant women in Palm Beach County receive little, late or no prenatal care.

## ACCESS TO CARE

### GOAL

Individuals have increased access to health care

## INVESTMENT

# \$726,175

in 12 programs

## We SEE a Healthier Community.

United Way of Palm Beach County funds local programs that make an impact on:

- Screening and enrollment
- Navigation and care coordination
- Promoting wellness, prevent and/or manage chronic disease
- Access to primary, oral and mental health care

### “EMPOWERING HEALTHY LIVES” Investment Area

Funded programs enroll residents in health care programs, promote health and wellness, and provide primary, oral, and mental health care. In addition, we fund programs that provide quality activities, respite care, and medically necessary equipment for individuals with special needs.

### ROSANDRA’S story...

*Rosandra was diagnosed with epilepsy as a child, but did not receive the health care needed to control her seizures. Without access to regular neurological care, she found herself frequently visiting the emergency room to receive temporary stabilization for her seizures.*



*Desperate for help, Rosandra found Epilepsy Florida’s (EFL) website. She and her mother visited EFL, and Rosandra walked out of the office that day with all her health care services in place. Rosandra is now monitored by an epilepsy specialist, financially sponsored by EFL. She was also connected with no-cost medications and other community resources. Now, Rosandra’s seizures are much more controlled and she feels empowered by the support provided by Epilepsy Florida’s program.*

**UNITED WAY FUNDED PROGRAM:**  
Eliminating Barriers to Health  
Epilepsy Florida

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**FACT:** *United Way Palm Beach County*

*manages the Special Needs Equipment Fund on behalf of the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County. The Fund purchases durable medical equipment for local children with special needs, to enhance mobility, communications, vision, and must be medically necessary.*

## SPECIAL NEEDS

### GOAL

Enhance quality of life for children with special needs and their families

## INVESTMENT

# \$964,114

in 5 programs

## We SEE Hope.

United Way of Palm Beach County funds local programs that make an impact on:

- **Provide quality out-of-school time care and activities**
- **Provide care to children giving families needed respite**
- **Provide medically necessary equipment related to safety, mobility and communication**

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### TRENISE'S story...

*Trenise is 19 years old and lives with Cerebral Palsy. Upon graduating from high school, her Pediatric Physical Therapist came to Clinics Can Help looking for a power wheelchair that would help her get to work and school. It was very important that this chair be well made because it would need to last Trenise well into her thirties. This kind of wheelchair is expensive and hard to find, but Clinics Can Help received the right kind of powerchair from a donor just in time for Trenise to start the winter semester and continue to strive toward her educational goals.*



### UNITED WAY FUNDED PROGRAM:

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Clinics Can Help

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