

United Way makes our community

United Way
of Miami County



A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE AND CALL HOME

2019 Report to the Community

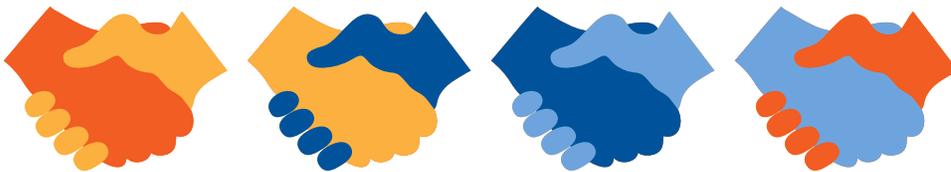
Who We Are

United Way wants Miami County to be a thriving community – a place where we can go to the doctor when we're sick, no matter where we live or how much money we make. Where our children are in great schools, learning skills to prepare them for the jobs of the future. A place where hard-working parents earn enough money to take care of their families, keep a roof over their heads and save for a rainy day.

This is our vision for Miami County – the place where we live and call home.

What We Do

At United Way, we partner with donors, volunteers, advocates, other nonprofits and people like you who are committed to making our community the best it can be.



We bring together all of these groups because the pieces of our lives and community – education, financial stability and healthy lifestyles – are interconnected, and no single person or group can address them all.



By addressing these issues collectively, we are able to provide tremendous opportunities and create lasting improvements.

16% of people living in Miami County are living with financial hardship (State poverty average is 14%)

28% of households in Miami County are living paycheck to paycheck, are unable to save and are often one emergency from poverty

96% of Miami County ninth graders graduate in four years

3,300 backpacks are sent home filled with nutritional food through the Weekend Meal Deal Program

2,250 Miami County residents struggle to find mental health providers, ranking 28th statewide

619 children received a backpack full of school supplies, hygiene products, and a gift certificate for gym shoes

464 children received books monthly provided by Dollywood Imagination Library in collaboration with Miami Co. schools

OUR VISION – Strengthening our community one life at a time.

UNITED WAY BLUEPRINT

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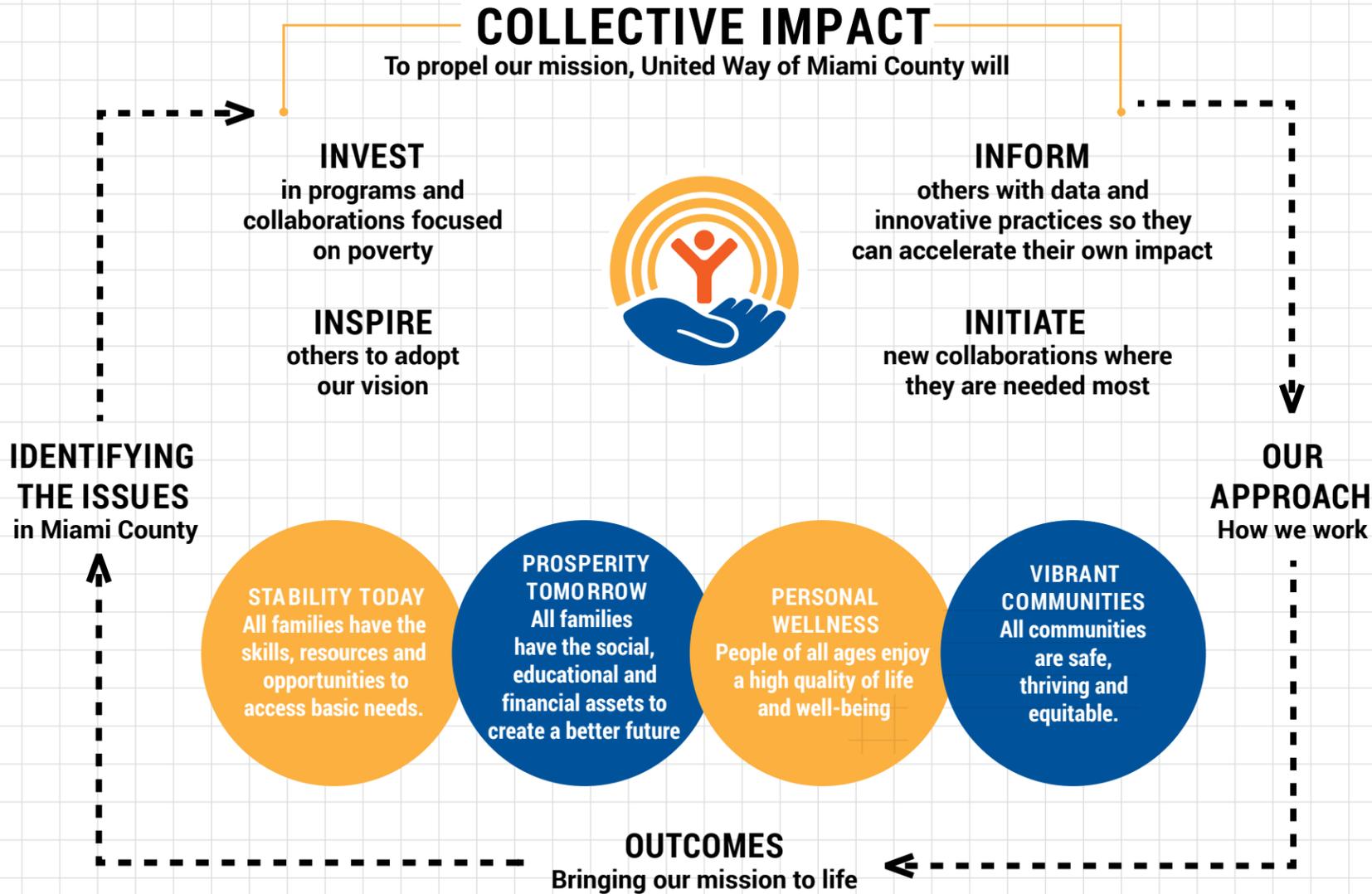


We all want Miami County to be a thriving community where everyone has the opportunity to live a safe, stable and successful life. Meeting basic needs provides an important foundation, but it's not enough. Focusing on long-term solutions that create opportunities and eliminate barriers is the only way to strengthen our community for generations to come.

Communities can thrive only if their children are thriving – babies are born healthy, children are reading proficiently by third grade, youth are graduating from high school prepared for college, careers and life; supported by parents who can provide secure homes, healthy food and access to doctors to keep them well. A community where people are educated, employed, healthy and housed, with transportation to steady jobs and access to healthcare.

Every year United Way partners with thousands of individual donors, corporations, volunteers, advocates, government agencies and other nonprofits who are committed to making our community thrive and be the best it can be by contributing to the United Way of Miami County.

Through our fundraising campaign, United Way provides resources for the programs that best support a thriving community.



We Listen.
We engage in strategic listening. We identify gaps in services as well as opportunities for coordination and collaboration in order to ground our work in an understanding of what people want and need for their families and for themselves.

We Analyze Research.
We conduct surveys, analyze regional data, participate in forums, government meetings and community events and meet with local agencies to identify our community's most pressing challenges.

We Collaborate.
We bring together people and organizations with the passion, expertise and resources to get things done and work with our community around a common cause, a common vision and a common path forward.

We Drive Change.
United Way of Miami County is a means of community change. We invest in programs and initiatives that create measurable and sustainable impact.

Our Mission - United Way of Miami County exists to build a community where all people can achieve their full potential through education, financial stability and healthy lifestyles.

ESSENTIAL NEEDS



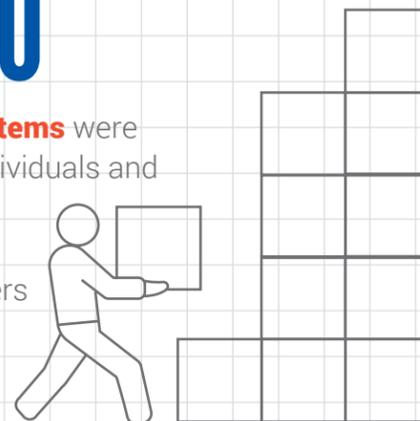
Without access to essential needs, children cannot learn in school, families cannot be financially stable, and individuals cannot enjoy health and well-being.

319,816

people impacted through Charity Tracker, agencies provide coordinated assistance to individuals, linking them to multiple organizations to provide basic needs and to improve their long-term stability.

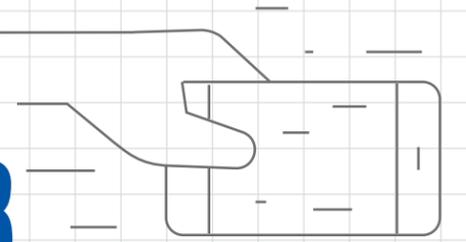
77,000

pounds of food items were distributed to individuals and families through United Way-supported partners in 2019.



423

calls were received by United Way's 2-1-1 helpline in 2019. United Way's 2-1-1 helps Miami County residents address essential needs.



TELL ME AND I FORGET. TEACH ME AND I REMEMBER. INVOLVE ME AND I LEARN.

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"I Am Proof" – Tom's Story

Tom, a long-time donor, was able to take advantage of United Way services when he needed them the most.

"I was in a situation this year where my job was downsized. I had been off work for over twelve weeks due to medical issues. My benefits were cut off and I was behind on my house payments. Our local union referred me to United Way for assistance. United Way promptly returned my call and helped me apply for assistance. One of my house payments was paid, thanks to the United Way.

I have donated to United Way for twenty years. I never thought it would be a service I would have to rely on. I always knew it was a service to help those in need, but never thought I would be that person. I truly appreciate what United Way has done for me. I am proof that your donations cannot only help others but, in turn, can help yourself."

Thanks to donors, United Way is able to help people like Tom who live and work in our community. Tom is a perfect example of what it means to LIVE UNITED.



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make a difference!

GIVE

Make a financial
contribution. No amount is
too small or too big.

ADVOCATE

Spread the word about United
Way and our shared mission
to make our community
greater. Pick up the phone.
Write an email. Send a tweet.
Do anything you can to get
people excited about
LIVING UNITED.

VOLUNTEER

Roll up your sleeves and
let's get to work! Whether it's
filling backpacks with
supplies for youth, or helping
your neighbors, there are many
ways for you to get involved.



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