

Supporting United Way of Charlotte County

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THE NEED IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY

2021 IMPACT OF UNITED WAY



40% OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS

are struggling to meet their basic needs



\$571,852 PROVIDED TO HELP 800 FAMILIES

through rent, mortgage, and utility assistance

Calvin was employed at a restaurant until his hours were cut due to COVID. His paychecks shrunk but his bills didn't. While he sought a new job with steady hours, Season of Sharing provided the temporary assistance he needed to keep him from becoming homeless before his finances could stabilize.



153 CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS

were housed since April 2017



81% REMAINED HOUSED

demonstrating self-sufficiency despite long-term, ongoing struggles

Homelessness is about more than housing. The Ending Youth & Chronic Homelessness Collaboration uses the rapid re-housing model along with access to health benefits and addressing complex medical, and behavioral health needs to ensure homelessness is rare, brief, and a one-time experience.



10% OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS

live at or below the Federal Poverty Level



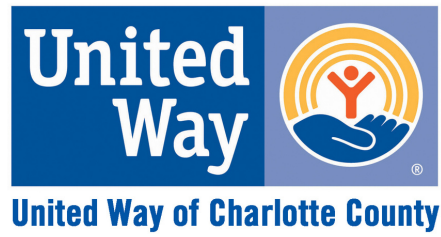
\$766,096 IN TAX REFUNDS FROM 732 TAX RETURNS

received through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program

VITA serves low-income tax payers who might otherwise struggle to afford the costs associated with filing their income taxes. In 2021, the adjusted gross income of the clients served was \$22,382. A \$200+ tax preparation fee could keep an individual from buying groceries or needed medications that month.

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**10 BABIES BORN
SUBSTANCE EXPOSED**

(April 2021 - Sept. 2021)



**9 BABIES DID NOT REQUIRE
NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE***

despite being exposed to
substances in the womb

Kids Thrive families are taught methods for reducing the impacts of substance exposure for their babies. They are provided support (prenatal to age 5) to be successful in raising healthy children. *One baby required admission to the NICU due to medical reasons, not neonatal abstinence syndrome.



376 3RD GRADE STUDENTS

were not reading on
grade level (Spring 2021)



**65% OF CHILDREN
MATCHED WITH A MENTOR**

were on grade level by the
end of the year

The Charlotte County Campaign for Grade-Level Reading uses a multi-pronged approach to helping struggling readers: book drives/distributions, Summer Reading Challenge, and reading interventions through pairing volunteers with children at after-school programs across the county.



561 STUDENTS

were not ready for
kindergarten



**1,800 KINDERGARTEN
READINESS BAGS**

were distributed to
preschool-age children

Charlotte County Public Schools and VPK providers distributed materials for caregivers to use to get students ready for kindergarten. Imagination Library mailed 26,279 free books to preschool age children in the past year, and provided any returned books to Kids Thrive families and Lizzy the Literacy Bus.