

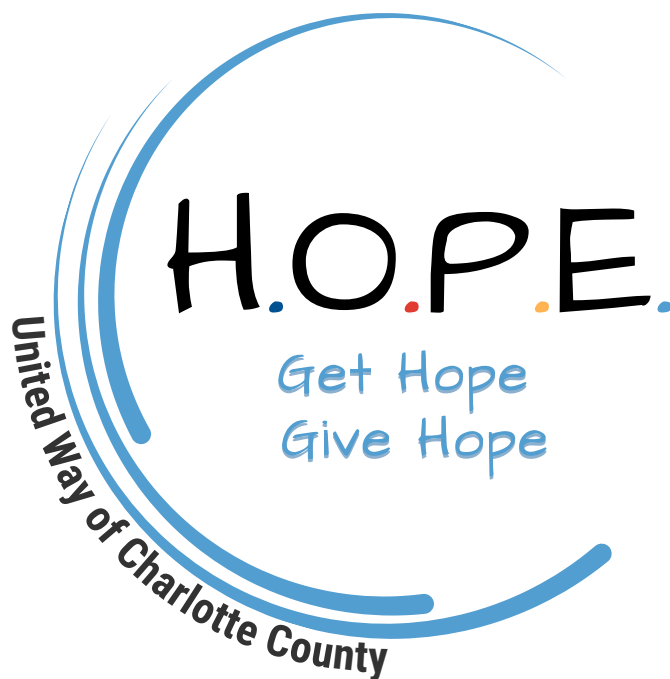


IMPACT REPORT

2022 – 2023 Impact

United Way of Charlotte County brings together local agencies, corporations, donors, volunteers, and government to create lasting social change. Our work and our investments stay right here, supporting thousands of people every year. We strategically invest in, partner with, and mobilize local community partners to solve the most complex social issues.

***Mobilizing the power of
our community to break the
cycle of poverty***



Funded Partners

Board of County Commissioners & City of Punta Gorda

Funded Partners

October 2021 – September 2022

**11,733 LIVES
IMPACTED**



**\$791,533
INVESTED**



24 PROGRAMS FUNDED
SUPPORTING 18 PARTNER AGENCIES



Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast
Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County
Center for Abuse and Rape Emergencies (CARE)
Charlotte County Healthy Start Coalition
Charlotte County Homeless Coalition
Charlotte HIV/AIDS People Support (CHAPS)
Charlotte Local Education Fund (CLEF)
Charlotte Players
Children's Network of Southwest Florida
Drug Free Charlotte County
Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland
Florida Center for Early Childhood
Guardian ad Litem Foundation of Southwest Florida
Gulf Coast Partnership
Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida
Senior Friendship Centers
Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Community Clinic
YMCA of Southwest Florida

By the numbers

EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS



670

children received financial assistance for early education opportunities



28,996

books distributed to preschool age children



98%

of regular attendees of an after-school program achieved on-time grade advancement



26,984

volunteer hours spent mentoring at-risk youth - a 30% increase from the previous year



Nine-year-old Regan has struggled with being away from his mother while she is in jail, and those struggles have carried over into school where he is behind in reading. He has been matched with Big Brother, Edward, for a year, who has dedicated extra time each week to guiding Regan in his reading. During this time, Regan's reading scores have improved, and he is grateful for all the support he has received from his Big Brother.

FINANCIAL STABILITY



84

individuals educated in the Bridges Out of Poverty curriculum



100%

of Bridges Out of Poverty participants remained stably housed at least 6 months after completion of class



30

beds provided to children in foster care



100%

of children in the dependency system who received placement support were not removed from their placement due to financial hardship



Claire is a single mother of two young children. When she began the Bridges Out of Poverty classes, her family was in a shared housing situation that had its challenges. During her time in the class, Claire embraced each module, gleaned new information that was slowly making an impact on her finances and her life. By graduation from the program, she had moved from tearful to hopeful, and has since closed on her very own home.

By the numbers

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



25

survivors of abuse
received a minimum
of 21 days of safe
shelter



96%

of students who
completed LifeSkills
Training stated that
they are likely to refuse
drugs and alcohol



1,682

home visits
completed for at-
risk families with
children ages birth
to 5



100%

of targeted
hypertension
patients had
improved blood
pressure (below
130/80)

A 51-year-old diabetic, hypertensive patient struggled with affording medications, as she was unable to afford health insurance and did not qualify for Medicaid. She came to Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Community Clinic for help with these pharmacy needs. After careful monitoring over two years and adjustment of medications, she was able to reduce her blood pressure and A1C to healthy levels.

BASIC NEEDS



86,331

home-delivered
meals served to
seniors



10,381

congregate meals
served to seniors



95%

of unsheltered Veterans
were sheltered
within 24 hours



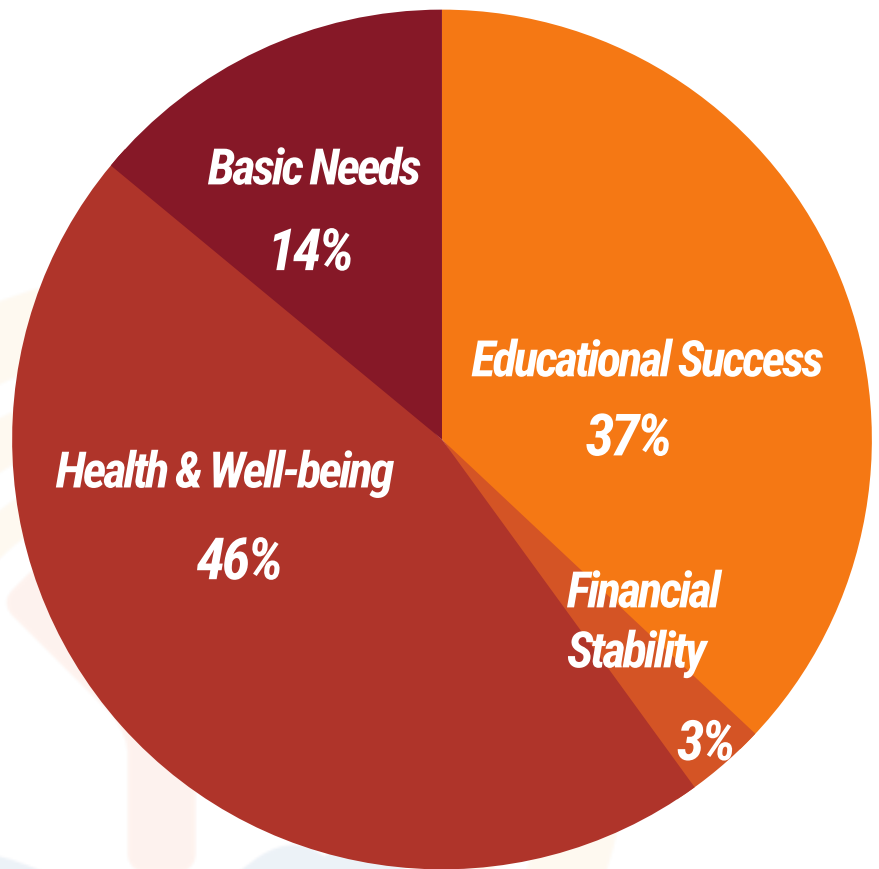
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individuals impacted
by HIV/AIDS received
food and hygiene
items

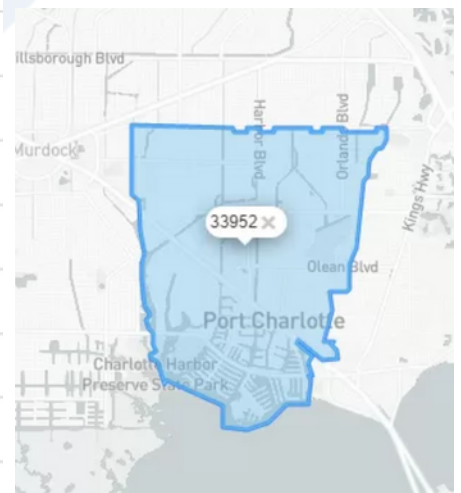
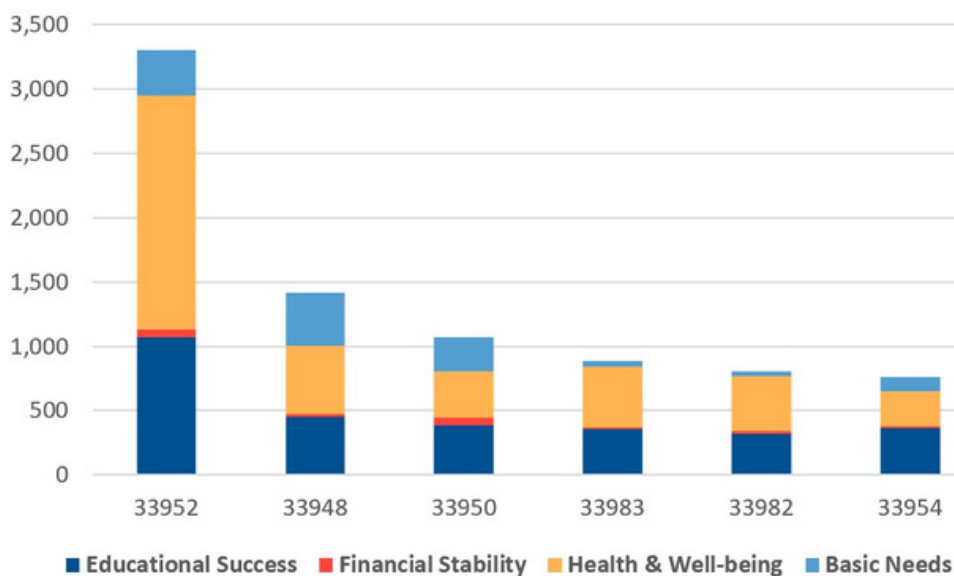
With coordination from Punta Gorda Community, Charlotte County Transportation and Senior Friendship Centers, homeless shelter resident, Andrea has been able to attend congregate dining site two days a week. Andrea is the first to raise her hand for a game, conversation group and assisting with meal clean-up. Andrea states that she feels like she is returning to her old self after being alone for so long.

By the numbers

PERCENT OF CLIENTS SERVED BY PRIORITY AREA



33952: Highest served zip code



United at Work Impact

November 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023



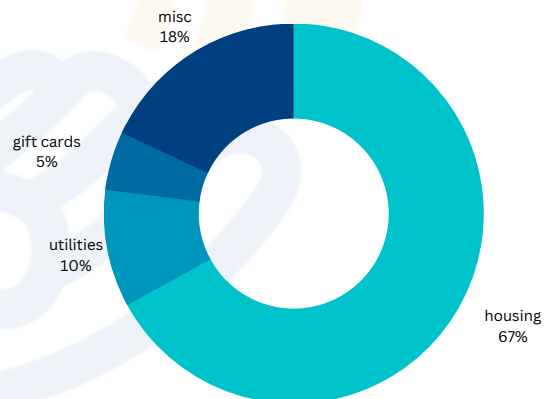
Like many families impacted by Hurricane Ian, Sandra had just enough damage to her home to be financially draining but not enough to exceed her homeowner's insurance deductible. She was going into debt to pay for repairs on top of her regular bills. United at Work provided Sandra's family with funds to cover her current mortgage payment as well as a gift card for diapers. This allowed the family some breathing room to save for their home repairs.

households served
408

businesses represented
122

invested
\$534,475

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS



United at Work Supporters

ELSA & PETER
SODERBERG
FOUNDATION

Rays Baseball Foundation, Charlotte Local Education Foundation, Publix, Cousins Foundation, Bank of OZK, Gulf Coast Community Foundation, Ambitrans Ambulance, Charlotte County Chamber, Englewood Rotary, AshBritt Foundation, Kia of Port Charlotte, Individual Donors

Season of Sharing Impact



The need in Charlotte County

Inflation, the ongoing pandemic, and the lack of affordable housing have disrupted the monthly budgets of many Charlotte County households. Rising costs coupled with a bump in the road (car trouble, health problems, or unexpected job loss) can turn a financially stable situation into one that is paycheck-to-paycheck.

Hurricane Ian made it impossible for Latoya to do her job and she also recently assumed custody of her minor grandchildren. Loss of income combined with extra expenses caused Latoya to get behind on her rent. Season of Sharing was able to assist with a month of rental assistance for this family.

Households in these situations benefit from the support of their community, standing in the gap to help them through their rough season. This support can provide hope for a brighter tomorrow.



\$779,530
**IN RENT,
MORTGAGE,
AND UTILITY
ASSISTANCE**



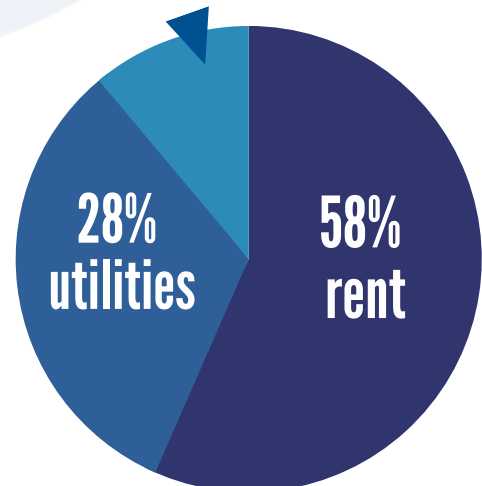
580
**HOUSEHOLDS
SERVED**



**45% OF
THOSE
SERVED WERE
EMPLOYED**

2022-2023 IMPACT (April-March)

14% mortgage



STORIES BEHIND THE DOLLARS

Getting help after a bump in the road



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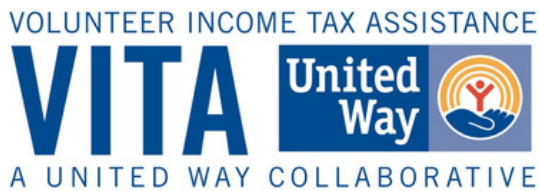
Added expenses blew in with Ian



The Mendoza family was forced to live in an RV in their driveway after their home became unlivable in Hurricane Ian. With insurance still pending and RV living becoming an added expense, the family's finances have been thrown completely off.

United at Work was able to assist with a month's RV payment, utilities, and a gift card to cover some of their food costs.

VITA Impact



11% OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS

live at or below the Federal Poverty Level



32% OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS

are above the FPL yet still struggling to meet their basic needs

The need in Charlotte County

VITA serves low- and moderate-income tax payers who might otherwise struggle to afford the costs associated with filing their income taxes. 35 volunteers provided 2,440 hours of their time to serve our community.

A \$300+ tax preparation fee could keep an individual from buying groceries or needed medications that month.

After filing his tax return, Derek received additional tax documents in the mail, and he needed to amend his tax return. Our team offered to schedule another appointment for Derek, but transportation was an issue, as he is elderly and blind. VITA volunteer Karen took the initiative to drive to Derek's home to retrieve the documents, and processed his amended return.

THE IMPACT FOR TAX SEASON 2023 (Tax Year 2022)

Total Economic Impact: \$901,046

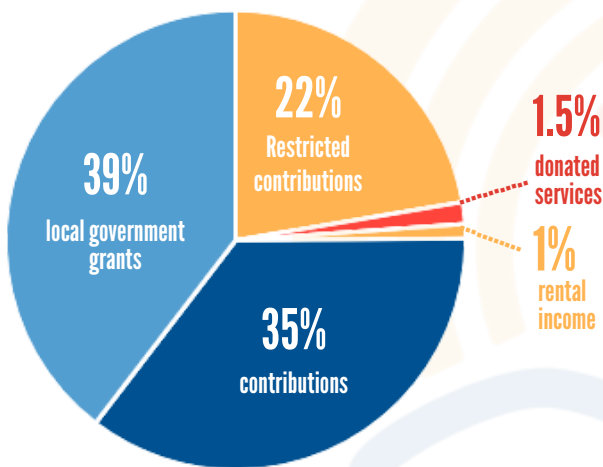
	Total Tax Returns Accepted	Earned Income Credit	Total Child Tax Credits
Port Charlotte	417 returns	\$69,878	\$31,147
Punta Gorda	297 returns	\$67,772	\$17,498

2022 ANNUAL FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

United Way of Charlotte County's funding comes from right here in Charlotte County – from local businesses, foundations, and individual donors like you!

When you donate to UWCC, your dollars stay local, helping to break the cycle of poverty in Charlotte County.

2022 FUNDING SOURCES



UWCC Revenue			
	FY 2022	FY2021	FY2020
Contributions	\$723,805	\$790,443	\$680,627
Grants from Local Governments	\$791,500	\$800,633	\$677,500
Restricted Contributions	\$463,078	\$513,590	\$341,055
Donated Services	\$32,540	\$86,792	\$133,492
Investment Return, Net	\$11	-\$974	\$396
Other Income	\$62	\$46,195	\$10
Rental Income	\$12,550	\$11,400	\$4,775
	\$2,023,546	\$2,248,079	\$1,837,855

2022 EXPENSES

UWCC Expenses			
	FY 2022	FY2021	FY2020
Program Services	\$1,616,454	\$1,976,340	\$1,593,245
Managment & General	\$139,255	\$124,783	\$120,976
Fundraising	\$90,785	\$80,608	\$74,709
Total	\$1,846,494	\$2,181,731	\$1,788,930

