



## November 2022 - August 2023

## Charlotte County employees were able to GET HELP AND GET HOPE

United at Work offers financial assistance to individuals who work in Charlotte County and were impacted by Hurricane Ian. When employees know their home and family situations are cared for, they can better focus on their work lives, which keeps Charlotte County's workforce running.

538
households
served



55% households served with children

TOP 4 ZIP CODES (45% OF CLIENTS SERVED)

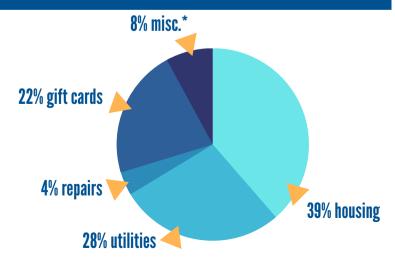
33952, 33983, 33948, 34224



157
businesses
represented

Represented businesses include the nonprofit, self-employed, public, and private sectors.

# Total Invested: \$669,274



<sup>\*</sup>childcare, automobile payments, etc.





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#### BUDGETING IN NEW EXPENSES

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.

#### AS DIFFERENT AS NIGHT AND DAY

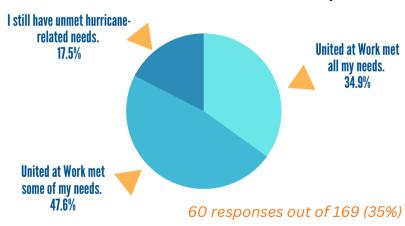
Ethan, a single dad with two children, experienced extensive damage to his home during Hurricane Ian. In addition to a hole in the ceiling and plumbing damage that resulted in the water being shut off, this family has been eating and showering at friends' and family's homes during the day and returning to their home to sleep at night. One child's bed was ruined in the storm, forcing him to sleep on a bean bag chair. Ethan worked long hours to try to stay afloat, but needed help to get by while the repairs were being made. United at Work was able to catch up on his mortgage, provide a gift card for groceries, and an air mattress for the children to sleep more comfortably. This assistance allowed Ethan to focus his attention on the repairs to his home.

#### STRESS RELIEF

The Stockton family reached out to our United at Work case manager and shared their experience. They had been struggling to make ends meet since the hurricane. They explained that they were emotionally drained from fighting with their insurance company. The stress of the situation was overwhelming, and their finances had become so stretched they had to take out a personal loan to cover their mortgage payment and other bills. Each week, they fell further and further behind. United at Work was able to provide help for their mortgage and their utilities as well as a gift card for groceries. This helped get their family back to a more stable financial situation and gave them hope to move forward.

#### Charlotte County Public Schools employees received funds from United at Work and shared about their experience.

- I appreciate United Way so much during my time of need after Hurricane Ian. The application was easy to complete and Stephanie was most helpful.
  - I was so appreciative of the support United Way provided. The hurricane created difficult times for many and United Way made it all a little easier to recover. Thank you.
- The weekly calls/text were greatly appreciated. Confirmed that I was not forgotten or lost in the system. Thank you for the help.



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