

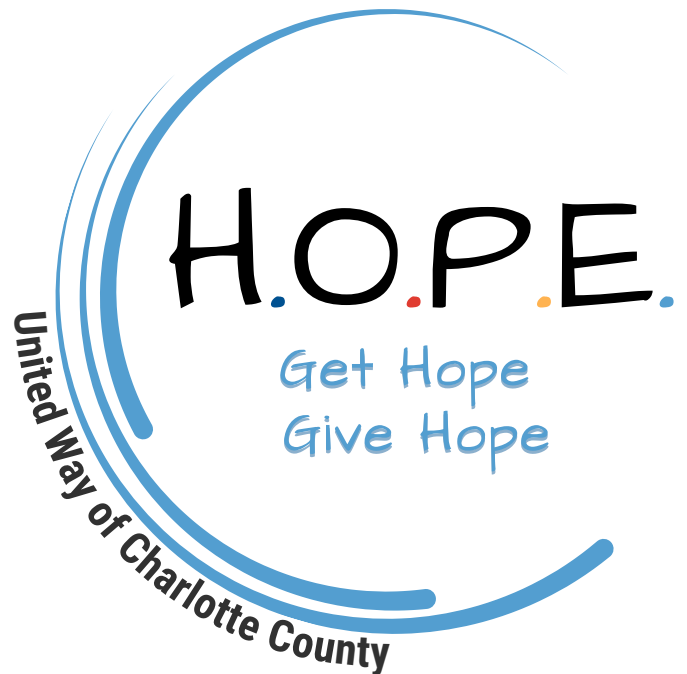


IMPACT REPORT

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

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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



337

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 congregated 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

