

# THE COMMUNITY FUND

January to June 2016



United Way  
of the Coastal Empire

**The United Way Community Fund combines the caring power of donors, the passion of volunteers and the commitment of nonprofits to fulfill our promise of a better life for all.**

Together, we help build pathways out of poverty and unlock human potential. Our entire community is strengthened when we increase access to education, jobs and healthy living. The following pages highlight just some of these moments made possible by our partnership.

More than **25,000**  
donors, **75** volunteers  
and **58** nonprofits.

**Together for good.**



## People gain and maintain employment

**1,407** unemployed or underemployed individuals participated in employment programs; over **37%** secured jobs

**247** adult basic education learners, individuals without a GED and adults with learning disabilities made progress towards their education goals

**366** individuals received behavioral counseling to help them secure employment and succeed as employees

**395** job seekers obtained employment related documents, such as birth certificates and IDs; **23** had their criminal records restricted, improving their chances of obtaining work and housing

**48** homeless families were placed in transitional housing with the goal of enabling them to return to independence

### COMMUNITY FUND PARTNERS

Coastal Center for Developmental Services | Eastside Concerned Citizens | Economic Opportunity for Savannah-Chatham County Area  
Family Promise of Effingham | Family Promise of Greater Savannah | Georgia Legal Services Program | Goodwill of the Coastal Empire  
Lutheran Services of Georgia | Mary Lou Fraser Foundation for Families | Ready2CONNECT | Royce Learning Center  
Savannah Center for Blind and Low Vision | Social Apostolate of Savannah | Step Up Savannah | Union Mission | United Way 2-1-1



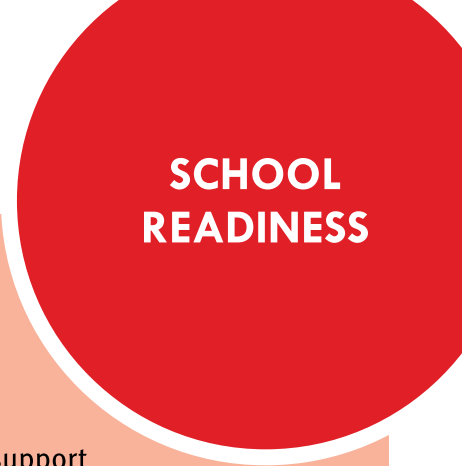
9:22AM | Exploring new ways to learn

## Children start school ready to learn

**812** children attended learning programs that monitor developmental milestones and provide needed intervention

**92%** of children demonstrated improved social, emotional, language, cognitive, and physical skills

**95%** of parents and caregivers increased their understanding of age-appropriate childhood development and activities to better support learning



**SCHOOL  
READINESS**

### COMMUNITY FUND PARTNERS

Greenbriar Children's Center | Hodge Memorial Day Care Center | Jewish Educational Alliance of Savannah | Kicklighter Resource Center  
Savannah Speech and Hearing Center | Wesley Community Centers of Savannah | West Broad Street YMCA | YMCA of Coastal Georgia



11:45AM | Putting wellness within reach

## People practice disease prevention and management, and safety preparedness

**\$4.2M** of free or discounted prescription medications provided to more than **1,200** chronic disease patients

**717** adults improved preventive health behavior and clinical outcomes

**109** adults received behavioral health and substance abuse treatment

**35** at-risk households received hazard education, planning and safety device installation

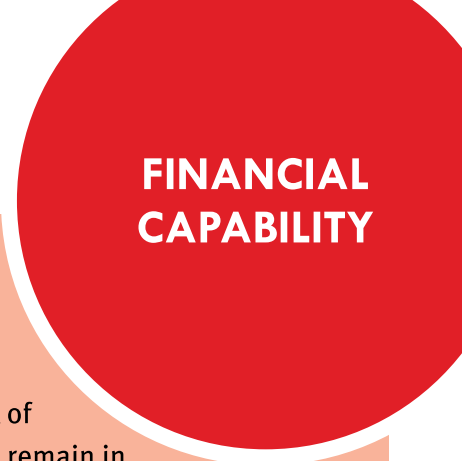
**HEALTH  
MANAGEMENT**

### COMMUNITY FUND PARTNERS

American Cancer Society | American Red Cross of Southeast and Coastal Georgia | J.C. Lewis Primary Healthcare Center  
MedBank Foundation | Union Mission | YMCA of Coastal Georgia



## People gain knowledge, skills and support to manage expenses



**FINANCIAL  
CAPABILITY**

**2,277** individuals attended **129** financial literacy classes

**236** households received utility and rent assistance

**1,917** individuals experiencing financial stress received one-on-one counseling on budgeting, money management and credit issues; **72%** increased their budgeting skills

**205** homeowners at risk of foreclosure were able to remain in their homes through mortgage assistance, financial counseling and legal aid

**2,636** low and moderate income individuals and families were connected to **\$7.9M** in federal and state income enhancing benefits

### COMMUNITY FUND PARTNERS

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Savannah Area | Georgia Legal Services Program | JCVision and Associates  
MedBank Foundation | The Mediation Center of the Coastal Empire | Neighborhood Improvement Association  
The Salvation Army | United Way 2-1-1 | Wesley Community Centers of Savannah

**1:11PM** | Budgeting for possibility



## People affected by family violence and sexual assault experience relief and rehabilitation



**EMPOWERING  
VICTIMS**

**15,914** nights of safe shelter and accommodations were provided to **644** children and adult victims of abuse

**75** victims were provided forensic medical care and other support services

**489** victims developed a personalized safety plan

**187** forensic interviews were conducted to aid in criminal prosecution on behalf of child victims

**729** children were represented by a Court Appointed Special Advocate

**2,980** counseling sessions assisted in the healing and rehabilitation of victims and perpetrators

**2:50PM** | Embracing inner strength

### COMMUNITY FUND PARTNERS

Atlantic Area CASA | Child Advocacy Services SEGA | Coastal Children's Advocacy Center | Effingham County Victim Witness Assistance Program  
Greenbriar Children's Center | Lutheran Services of Georgia | Mary Lou Fraser Foundation for Families | The Mediation Center of the Coastal Empire  
Park Place Outreach | Rape Crisis Center of the Coastal Empire | Recovery Place Community Services  
Safe Shelter for Domestic Violence Services | Savannah/Chatham County CASA | Tri-County Protective Agency



4:15 PM | Expanding creative minds

## Youth are healthy, confident, contributing members of the community

**5,703** children and youth participated in out-of-school time programs that provided a safe environment and structured curriculum around wellness and character development

**98%** of youth showed improvement in diet, increased physical exercise, and maintained a healthy weight

**5,552** children and youth volunteered for community service hours beyond school requirements

**204,589** meals were provided to nearly **3,900** low-income children and youth

**12,106** students benefited from school enrichment programs that foster healthy relationships, reinforced pro-social behaviors, and reduce involvement with the juvenile justice system



**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

### COMMUNITY FUND PARTNERS

America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia | Coastal Georgia Council, Boy Scouts of America | Deep Center | Frank Callen Boys & Girls Clubs  
Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia | Jewish Educational Alliance of Savannah | The Mediation Center of the Coastal Empire  
Rape Crisis Center of the Coastal Empire | United Way Bryan County | United Way Liberty County





5:53PM | Living without limits

## Seniors and persons with disabilities improve quality of life

**1,500** low-income seniors received **9,000** bags of groceries

**61,822** meals were delivered to **732** homebound seniors

**35,601** hours of in-home healthcare and **580** rides provided to low-income seniors

**1,229** low- or no-cost home modifications, safety repairs and assistive devices provided to improve mobility, safety and communication

**639** seniors and persons with disabilities benefited from daytime enrichment and caregiver respite services; **142** family caregivers learned how to provide safe assistance to those in their care

**6,174** hours of therapeutic activity physically and developmentally disabled persons

LIVING  
INDEPENDENCE

### COMMUNITY FUND PARTNERS

Abilities Unlimited | America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia | Eastside Concerned Citizens | Faith Equestrian Therapeutic Center  
Hospice Savannah | Jewish Educational Alliance of Savannah | Living Independence for Everyone | Savannah Center for Blind and Low Vision  
Savannah Speech and Hearing Center | Senior Citizens, Inc.



7:33PM | Bringing home fridge-worthy grades

## Youth achieve greater academic success

**1,791** children and youth attended after-school and summer programs that focused on improving grades

**92%** of children and youth showed improvement in school attendance

**86%** of children and youth improved academic performance during the school year

**82%** of children and youth maintained or improved academic performance over the summer recess

**92%** of children and youth advanced to the next grade level or graduated on time

**ACADEMIC  
ACHIEVEMENT**

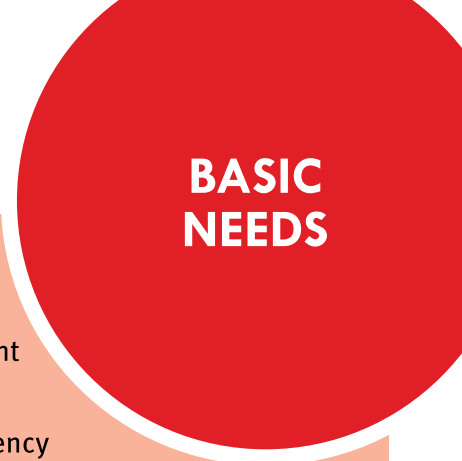
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Bethesda Academy | Deep Center | Frank Callen Boys & Girls Clubs | Performance Initiatives | Royce Learning Center

Savannah Country Day School | The Salvation Army | Wesley Community Centers of Savannah | West Broad Street YMCA | YMCA of Coastal Georgia



## People are able to meet their basic needs in times of crisis



**101,173** meals were provided to the hungry and homeless and **7,948** others received bags of groceries

**172** agencies received **3.3M lbs** of free or low-cost food, representing **\$5.6M** in cost savings to feeding programs

**662** individuals moved from emergency shelter to transitional or permanent housing

**34,402** nights of emergency shelter were provided to **1,197** homeless and displaced individuals

**10:03PM** | Providing today for hope tomorrow

### COMMUNITY FUND PARTNERS

American Red Cross of Southeast and Coastal Georgia | America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia | Liberty County Manna House  
The Salvation Army | Union Mission | United Ministries of Savannah | United Way Bryan County | United Way Liberty County



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Strengthening community services

## Nonprofits have the skills, infrastructure and resources to achieve their mission

More than **3,000** connections made to nonprofits and other community resources

**1,524** volunteers contributed nearly **5,000** hours to nonprofit service projects

**17** nonprofits were provided with **363** gas cards, **2,989** bus vouchers and **127** taxi rides to meet the transportation needs of **1,067** low-income women

**\$6M** invested in over **100** of the best human service programs across the Coastal Empire; **58** nonprofits received consultation and guidance on outcome evaluation, financial stewardship and collaboration

More than **5,000** residents of under-served areas were able to access over **17,000** services at their local United Way of the Coastal Empire office

**BUILDING  
CAPACITY**

### COMMUNITY FUND PARTNERS

United Way 2-1-1 | United Way Bryan County | United Way Community Investments | United Way Effingham County  
United Way HandsOn Savannah | United Way Liberty County

# HOW THE COMMUNITY FUND WORKS



STEP ONE

## RAISE FUNDS

Thousands of donors give to the United Way Community Fund during the fall campaign



STEP TWO

## VISIT AGENCIES

Approximately **75** trained United Way Investment Volunteers spend nearly **400** hours and travel more than **1,400** miles visiting local health and human service agencies to see first-hand the impact of United Way funds



STEP THREE

## EVALUATE REQUESTS

United Way Investment Volunteers spend more than **3,000** hours reviewing funding requests from those agencies, including: budgets, financial statements and program outcomes and meet to discuss funding recommendations



STEP FOUR

## PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS

United Way Investment Volunteers present funding recommendations to United Way's Board of Directors for approval



STEP FIVE

## CONTRACT SERVICES

Agencies are notified of funding and sign an agreement holding them accountable to standards of financial stewardship and delivery of program outcomes



STEP SIX

## SUPPORT INVESTMENTS

United Way reviews agency progress reports and provides on-going training and technical assistance to help agencies build organization and program capacity to deliver results for the community

# GIVE

**Each dollar donated opens a door**

# ADVOCATE

**Each supportive voice sheds a new light**

# VOLUNTEER

**Each moment volunteering is worth more than time**

On behalf of the agencies we support,  
those they serve, and our community

# THANK YOU

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# BE THE ONE



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