

WHAT WE FIGHT FOR

We fight for the education, financial stability and health of every person in our community. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact us, remember one thing: We are a fighting city. And we will get through this—together.

THE WORLD HAS CHANGED OUR NEEDS HAVE NOT GIVE NOW

Before the novel Coronavirus was even a reality in our community, more than 475,000 households, including more than 240,000 families with children, were *already* living in, or on the edge, of poverty.



EVEN BEFORE COVID-19, IN MIAMI-DADE:

37% of households were one emergency away from poverty. We call them ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed)*

17% of households lived in poverty



Combined, they represent 54% of all households



RECENTLY, DUE TO THE CRISIS WE'VE SEEN:



31% of families reported having trouble paying for bills, food and health insurance.



600% increase in need for food.



80% increase in crisis hotline calls requesting food, economic support, and suicide and crisis intervention.



4 in 10 people worry that COVID-19 is impacting their mental health.



Our work for the community is more necessary because of this crisis. Individuals and families were struggling even before COVID-19, and the need is even greater now. So many more in our community are financially impacted due to reduced work hours and wages, layoffs and furloughs. But we can make a difference.

^{*}Based on the latest United Way ALICE Report that underscores the importance of United Way work in education, financial stability and health. This data, from 2018, does not incorporate the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are always on the frontlines, supporting Miami-Dade's most vulnerable.

These are just some ways we've helped those impacted by COVID-19 in our community:



Collectively we have raised nearly

\$3.7 million FOR RELIEF EFFORTS*

We established the
COVID-19
Resource Center
WITH MORE THAN 100 LINKS





Small Business Assistance Program

to help small businesses that may not be eligible for other assistance and are struggling, helping 390 businesses, totaling more than \$794.000 in assistance*



to valuable information

MORE THAN 1,683 volunteers

have signed up for or completed volunteer opportunities totaling 6096.9 volunteer hours*

PROVIDED MEALS AND FOOD PACKS TO

over 39,000 families in our community

including Early Head Start-Child Care
Partnership program and Miami-Dade County
Public Schools families, Mission United
veterans and Impact Partner families*

GAVE

emergency assistance

for rent/mortgage, food and medication for individuals impacted by reduced hours, layoffs and/ or furloughs, helping 5,297 individuals with more than \$1.1 million in assistance*



SPEARHEADED THE DELIVERY OF

10,200 meals to **1,700** older adults

due to closure of senior meal sites/care centers

\$20 million in Federal CARES Act



distributed more than \$18.3 million of Miami-Dade County Cares Act funds to more than 11,900 households, representing emergency relief to 38,300 adults and children. And more than \$690,000 was distributed to the hospitality industry.

FINANCIAL STABILITY

Today families are struggling with life's most basic needs. They find themselves without jobs and standing in long lines just to get a bag of food. Their financial stability needs seem insurmountable, and United Way will be there—just like we've been in the past.

This past year, we invested:

• \$3.25 MILLION TO CONNECT INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES with tools, trainings and opportunities to become financially independent

FIRST THINGS FIRST: MEETING BASIC NEEDS

- Nearly 20% of children go to bed hungry
- 3,472 people are homeless

This past year through United Way:

- More than 1,000 individuals received shelter
- Nearly 2 million emergency meals were provided

ACCESSING JOBS TO SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES

 Even before COVID-19, 65,339 unemployed in Miami-Dade

This past year through United Way:

 10,859 unemployed and underemployed participated in training and placement programs to help them access jobs

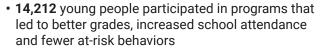
EDUCATION

Education has been and will continue to be our best investment in the future of our community—and the best pathway out of poverty. Now it will be a lifeline for families struggling to keep their jobs.

In education, this past year we invested:

- \$16.04 million in early childhood and \$2.44 million in school-age services
- 13,102 young children received quality early interventions and experiences, improving their chances for success

This past year through United Way:



 Almost 90% improved their conduct, grades and/or attendance

HEALTH

The COVID-19 crisis has impacted our community in significant ways. Before this crisis, our community faced significant health disparities especially among vulnerable populations like older adults and those with mental health issues. Now these populations are even more in need.

This past year, we invested:

 \$3.37 MILLION TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTH, promote healthy lifestyles and help older adults stay well

This past year through United Way:

- 27,452 people accessed care, including screenings, to improve their physical and mental health
- Since 2007, 185,259 families have saved more than \$15 million on prescriptions through our partnership with FamilyWize

MAINTAINING A SOUND BODY AND MIND

 One in five youth (ages 13-17) needs mental health services

This past year through United Way:

 More than 18,309 mental health counseling sessions were provided

STAYING HEALTHY AND ACTIVE AS WE AGE

• 1 in 7 older adults in South Florida chooses between buying medication, food or paying rent

This past year through United Way:

 8,103 older adults received more than 1.9 million free and nutritious meals

OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS US, NOW MORE THAN EVER.

