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HOW DOES MY UNITED WAY SUPPORT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

In Memphis, the poverty rate is 24.6% and for children, it is 39%. United Way is leading the way to advance people out of multi-generational poverty. In 2017-2018, your support of United Way made a meaningful impact 352,193 times throughout our eight-county area. 73% of whom were reported as low income or living in poverty. Through targeted grant-making and our unique coordinated system of services, our United Way is strategically propelling the Mid-South’s poverty reduction.

### FINANCIAL STABILITY

21,138 **PEOPLE** benefited from United Way partner agencies’ financial stability support programs.

$11,275,573 **IN TAX REFUNDS** came back to families with household incomes less than $54,000/yr.

10,647 **PEOPLE** received help from 1:30 certified volunteer preparers for tax returns.

1,194 **PEOPLE** completed Financial Stewardship Classes. 85% improved their money management skills.

### HEALTH

32,454 **PEOPLE** benefited from the services of partner agency programs that promote health and wellness of children, adults and senior citizens.

$938,163 **SAVED** on 14,500 prescription medications through United Way’s partnership with FamilyWize.

11,761 **PEOPLE** participated in programs to improve physical health. 95% adopted healthier behaviors.

3,283 **PEOPLE** received counseling, group therapy and/or supportive services to improve mental health. 77% showed evidence of improved mental health.

5,989 **PEOPLE** built knowledge and skills to prevent child abuse.

### EMERGENCY & ESSENTIAL SERVICES

48,456 **PEOPLE** received food through food pantries, home-delivered meals and congregate meals.

1,143 **PEOPLE** received emergency shelter services.

4,064 **PEOPLE** received help with utilities.

3,052 **PEOPLE** received assistance in overcoming challenges due to disasters.

### EDUCATION

59,083 **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS** benefited from United Way partner agencies’ educational support programs.

1,899 **CHILDREN & YOUTH** participated in programs designed to support academic achievement. 86% of participants earned passing grades in core subject areas.

2,658 **CHILDREN** participated in high-quality early childhood education classes. 95% of these children entering Kindergarten were proficient on school readiness assessments.

293 **HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS** participated in programs to support high school graduation. 99% graduated on time.

233 **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES** continued to receive services to support college graduation and/or career development. 99% furthered their education and/or gained post-secondary employment.

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Your support of United Way of the Mid-South made a meaningful IMPACT MORE THAN 350,000 times throughout our eight-county area including Fayette, Lauderdale, Shelby and Tipton Counties in Tennessee; DeSoto, Tate and Tunica Counties in Mississippi; and Crittenden County, Arkansas.

VOLUNTEERING, INFORMATION & REFERRALS

OUR VOLUNTEER UNITED PLATFORM HELPS VOLUNTEERS CONNECT WITH OPPORTUNITIES ALL YEAR LONG!

3,476 VOLUNTEERS supported our volunteer driven organization.

76,149 PEOPLE received information and referrals about services to improve their lives.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING A VOLUNTEER, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT uwmidsouth.org/volunteers

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