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Deople to possibility.

Too many households in Greater Houston don't earn enough to afford the basic necessities of life. And our community deserves better. We unite donors, volunteers, and community partners around a focused plan to remove barriers on the path to financial stability. We also serve as the community's front door for help and hope through our 211 Texas/United Way HELPLINE.



The challenges our neighbors face are interconnected, and the solutions should be too. We personally guide families and individuals who are ready, helping them access multiple services on their unique financial stability journey.

United, we can do so much more than we can do on our own to help our neighbors land on their feet and stay there. And you can join us!

our approach

With your support, United Way of Greater Houston creates opportunities for people in our community to prosper. Here's how:

financial stability ——— early childhood ———— health care

programs including vocational training, employment coaching, financial coaching, safe and affordable financial products.

and youth development programs including early childhood education, quality child care, out-of-school programs, college and career readiness programs, and parent engagement.

programs including primary and specialty health care services and behavioral health care services.

Those key components are supported by a foundation of safety net programs, which includes:

basic needs

assistance including rent/mortgage assistance, utility assistance, access to technology, shelter, transportation, food assistance.

— escape from violence

including immediate, short-term services focused on safety for those fleeing domestic violence or human trafficking, or for vulnerable populations, like refugees.

Some of the things that make this approach unique:

integrated client journey —

that starts by creating a partnership with the individuals and families we serve. It is about families deciding what their pathway looks like with support from a Navigator who serves as a personal guide. It allows individuals and families to create their own customized plan for programs and services based on their unique goals and needs. Then, rather than working separately to address individual needs, partners will coordinate programs to make it easy for clients to engage across services as needed.

— navigators

play a key role in the Integrated Client Journey. They work one-on-one with individuals and families to determine their goals and build an individualized pathway to achieving those goals, make connections to programs and services, and support clients as they move through their journey to stability.

focus on equity

so we can begin to make headway against racism and underrepresentation. All of our investments in services and agencies are evaluated on how they incorporate diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging into policies, practices, and service delivery.

the difference your support makes

With your help, we connected nearly 2 million of our neighbors to services that improved their lives last year.



140,110 of our neighbors got help with the basic necessities.

Your support ensures the safety net for our community, urgently needed services like food, housing, and transportation. These services stabilize people who are in crisis and unable to meet their basic needs and allow them to start thinking about the future.



1.2 million of our neighbors were connected with help and hope.

The 211 Texas/United Way HELPLINE connects people to the safety net they need 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of the year. Whether you need help with food, housing, health care, child care, or disaster recovery, call 211. It is one of our community's most valuable resources.



66,680 families got support to achieve financial stability.

United Way funded partners work together to help people achieve lasting financial stability through financial coaching and education, job training, savings and credit building, safe and affordable financial products, and more.



109,100 young people helped to succeed in school and in life.

A strong educational foundation gives people a better chance of thriving. Through early childhood education, out-of-school enrichment, and other support, we help prepare the next generation to lead our families, businesses, and communities.



More than 371,590 people received health care support.

Physical and behavioral health care programs, like primary care, dental care, individual and family counseling, and substance use recovery, help people become or remain able to fully engage in their careers, families, and lives.



29,540 people got support to escape violent situations.

Escape from violence helps those who are living in violent, aggressive, or otherwise unsafe environments and need immediate assistance to become safe. It includes critical needs such as refugee assistance, and freedom from violent situations, like domestic abuse and human trafficking.

Your support also helps make United Way Nonprofit Connection available to nonprofits across our region. Nonprofit Connection strengthens our community's entire nonprofit sector through trainings and workshops, board and leadership development, service provider convenings, and unique programs like, Project Blueprint. Learn more at unitedwayhouston.org.



join us

Your gift to United Way of Greater Houston supports our neighbors in their efforts to achieve financial stability and a better quality of life. Give online at unitedwayhouston.org or through your workplace campaign.

Join a **Leadership Giving** group and deepen your community impact while you enjoy networking, educational, service, and social opportunities.

30 or younger? Become a **United Way LINC** member and volunteer, network, and have fun with people who share your passion.

Retired or soon to be? Join **Stay United** and get connected with service and educational projects, new friends and networks, and avenues to continue using your professional skills for the greater good.

Volunteer through your workplace campaign or at one of our community-wide volunteer projects.

Want to get your organization involved with United Way?
Reach out to unitedwayofgreaterhouston@unitedwayhouston.org.



a week can provide six weeks of an academically enriching out-of-school program for a young person.



a week can provide 20 workforce development sessions to help clients increase their income and better support their families.



a week can provide a month of meals for a family of three struggling to choose between buying food and medicine or paying rent.



a week can provide seven months of quality early childhood education for children from lower-income families, helping ensure they are on track and ready to succeed when they enter kindergarten.

Need help finding food, transportation, child care, or other social services?

Our 211 Texas/United Way HELPLINE is here 24/7. Just dial 211 for help in 150 languages.

