



**WE DO MORE
THAN RAISE FUNDS.**

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WE LIFT UP COMMUNITIES.



**United Way
of North Central Florida**

UNITED WAY OF NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA POSITIVELY IMPACTS THE EDUCATION, HEALTH, FINANCIAL STABILITY, AND IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF PEOPLE LIVING IN OUR REGION.

But we are more than fundraisers. We are hand-raisers. We raise our hands not only to lead the change, but to reach out to people who need help. And hope.

We win by living United. By forging unlikely partnerships. By finding new solutions to old problems. By mobilizing the best resources. And by inspiring individuals to join the fight against their community's most daunting social crises.

So who are the hand-raisers, the game-changers? They're people who know that at the core of every human being is a desire to do good. Who recognize the power that comes from a shared purpose. Who understand they're always stronger together than they are alone. In North Central Florida, it means people like you.

United Way of North Central Florida needs you to join the cause. Because your passion, expertise and resources will help the fight become a win. A win that's not just a short-term contribution, but a long-term solution.

We can't do it alone. In order to live better, we must LIVE UNITED.



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HEALTH

OUR GOAL: Children and adults live a healthy lifestyle, live in and maintain a safe and healthy environment, and have access to healthcare and services.

Supported programs included:

- Dental Home for Low Income - ACORN Clinic
- Reducing Trauma: Therapy - Child Advocacy Center, Inc.
- Meals on Wheels - ElderCare of Alachua County
- Nutrition & Wellness - Episcopal Children's Services
- AIM Full Strength - GACTA
- Brain Power - Girls Place
- Crisis Intervention - Project YouthBuild
- Kids Count Mental Health - Kids Count
- Exhibit Courage: Mental Health & Counseling - Pace Center for Girls, Alachua

Partnerships include:

- SingleCare



EDUCATION

OUR GOAL: Children are born healthy and enter school ready to be successful and graduate from high school on time.

Supported programs included:

- Early Education - Episcopal Children's Services
- Aces in Motion - GACTA
- Pre-K Scholarship Program - Gilchrist County School District
- ACHIEVE - Girls Place
- Reading Tutoring - Kids Count
- Credit Retrieval - Project YouthBuild
- Take Stock in Children - The Education Foundation
- ReadingPals - UWNCFI

Partnerships include:

- Campaign for Grade Level Reading

45% of third-grade students in North Central Florida are not reading on grade level

Source: Florida Scorecard

IMPACT PARTNER STORY

When Rachael first came to Pace Center for Girls, she described herself as "mentally ill." She was anxious and depressed and had no self-esteem. She had no goals or aspirations, could not focus, and had a horrible relationship with her mother. When her grandmother died, her mother was unable to cope with Rachael's issues and sent her to a residential facility.

That was the turning point for Rachael. The group home was horrible. She felt threatened and unsafe there and could not connect to anyone on the staff. It was a stark contrast to Pace where teachers, counselors and students were supportive and compassionate.

Rachael convinced her mom to let her return to Pace and with the help of her counselor, she tackled the hard work of overcoming her mental health issues.

Rachael quickly transformed from a withdrawn, anxious loner into an active and engaged Pace girl. She has become a leader and star pupil, someone staff and students depend on.

According to Rachael, "Pace saved my life and helped shape me into the person I am today. I am so grateful to the teachers and counselors who believed in my potential, and then helped me learn to believe in myself."



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WHY GIVE?

Since moving to Gainesville to work at UF in 2001, I've given back to our community annually through the University of Florida Campaign for Charities (UFCC). The COVID-19 crisis moved me to do more – to try to help as quickly as possible those less fortunate, and especially those vulnerable to hunger and homelessness to survive the medical, financial, and social crises that hit them first and hardest. Because of the wonderful job they do both in vetting local organizations and administering funds for the UFCC, I decided to contribute to United Way and the multi-member, multi-disciplinary effort they're helping organize to provide emergency relief to the hungry and homeless. I'm grateful for all the work they do and hope others will join me in helping the needy throughout North Central Florida.

~ Mark Fenster

As a small business, Greenberg Communications is often asked to participate in charitable activities. We do what we can. One thing we participate in annually is the United Way Small Business Partnership. We know when we contribute through United Way, we are doing something good for the community. We know the charities are in need and deserving and the money is being used wisely. We are happy to be involved and grateful for what the United Way is doing in our community.

~ David Greenberg



FINANCIAL STABILITY

OUR GOAL: Reduce domestic impediments to education created by poverty; individuals and families build financial stability and obtain stable and affordable housing.

Supported programs included:

- Bridges to Prosperity - Catholic Charities
- Financial Literacy & Economic Empowerment - Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Network
- Transitional Housing - St. Francis House
- Legal Services - Three Rivers Legal Services
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) - UWNCF

Partnerships include:

- North Central Florida Alliance for the Homeless & Hungry - Continuum of Care



IMMEDIATE NEEDS

OUR GOAL: Ensure community members have access to a safety net system of immediate needs services, such as basic food, shelter, rent and utility assistance.

Supported programs included:

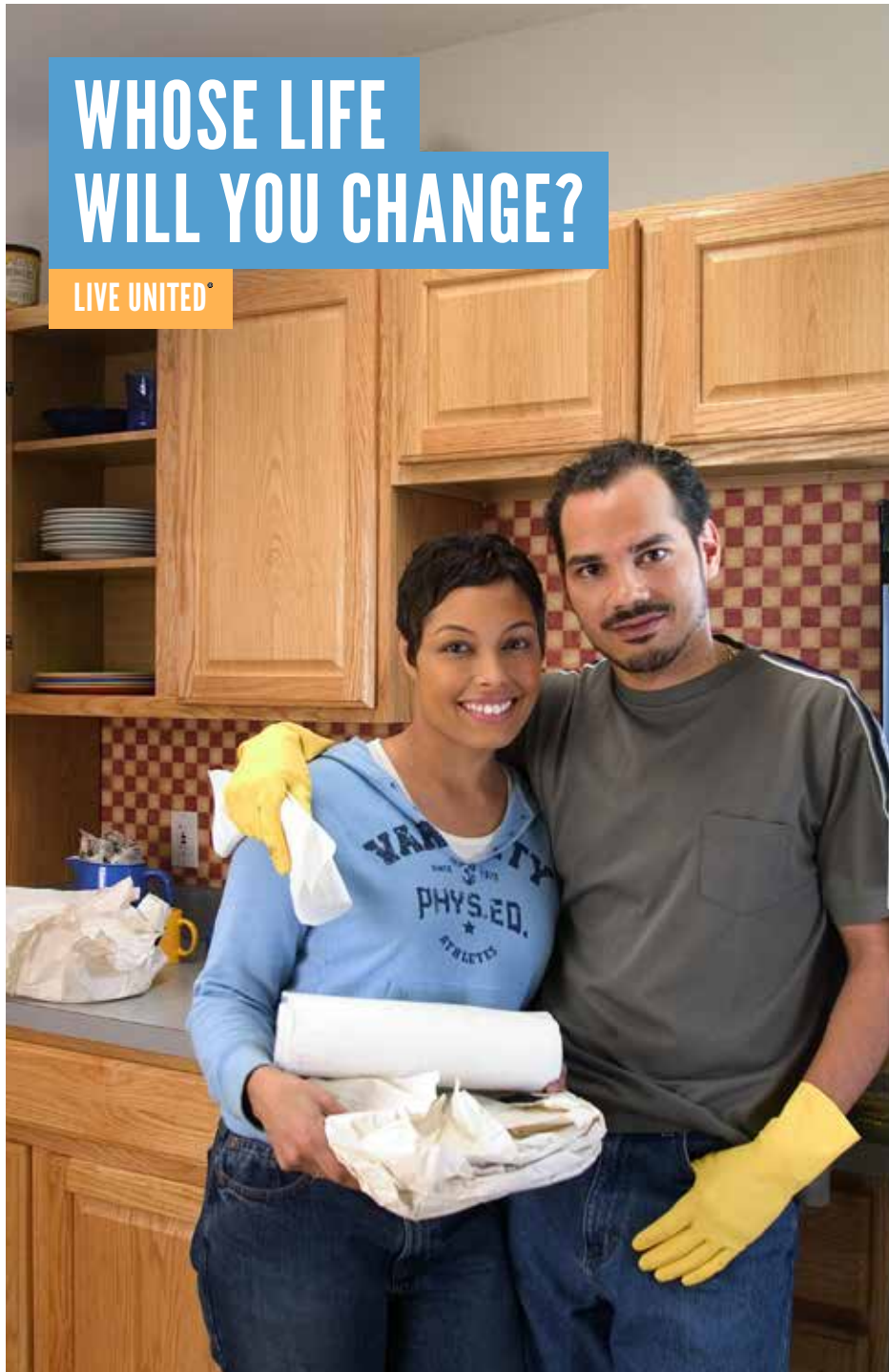
- Emergency Assistance - Catholic Charities
- Rural Mobile Outreach - Catholic Charities
- Interface Youth Shelter - CDS Family & Behavioral Health
- Reducing Trauma: Emergency Response Program - Child Advocacy Center, Inc.
- Shelter & Self Sufficiency Program - Family Promise
- Tri-County Community Resource Center - Partnership for Strong Families
- Emergency Food & Shelter - St. Francis House
- 211 Get Help. Get Connected. - UWNCF



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**WHOSE LIFE
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MAKE AN IMPACT TODAY!

There are many ways to engage with United Way of North Central Florida. Give through a Workplace Campaign or Corporate Gift, become a Small Business Partner, Volunteer, leave a Legacy Gift or Sponsor the fight to help others thrive.



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