

## 2019 Impact

United Way seeks to fund highly effective **programs** delivering strong and measurable outcomes for our community in the priority impact areas of **Education, Financial Stability, and Health**

### Education



#### ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Children and youth are prepared for and succeed in school

Our Community's Need	How We Help	What We Measure* <i>2019 IMPACT</i>
<p>We believe that <b>all</b> children and youth should have the opportunity to succeed in school – but too many of our kids are at a disadvantage before they even get to kindergarten.</p>	<p>Ensure kids have access to high quality, affordable early learning programs which promote social-emotional, cognitive and physical development</p>	<p><b>870</b> (93%) children (0-5) demonstrated measureable improvement in social, emotional, language, cognitive, and physical skills</p>
<p><i>Roughly 1 in 4 children in Chatham and Liberty Counties, and 1 in 6 children in Bryan and Effingham Counties live in poverty</i></p>	<p>Equip parents/caregivers with skills to help children learn and succeed</p>	<p><b>185</b> (95%) parents/caregivers with young children demonstrated increased knowledge of age-appropriate childhood development and parenting</p>
<p><i>17% of students in Liberty County, 15% of students in Chatham and Bryan Counties, and 12% in Effingham County don't graduate High School</i></p> <p><i>2019 County Health Rankings &amp; Roadmaps</i> <a href="https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/">https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/</a></p>	<p>After-school and summertime tutoring and enrichment programs help kids improve their school performance and prevent summer learning loss</p>	<p><b>1,590</b> (90%) children and youth improved their academic performance during the school year</p> <p><b>680</b> (91%) children and youth maintained or improved academic performance during summer recess</p> <p><b>455</b> (98%) children and youth improved school attendance</p>

*\*additional outcomes may be measured, lists are not exhaustive*



## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Youth become healthy, confident, contributing members of the community

Our Community's Need	How We Help	What We Measure
<p>All young people should have the opportunity to thrive at home, school, work, and in their community. United Way funded programs ensure that kids have a safe place to be when school is out, a nutritious evening or weekend meal, and essential skills to help them succeed.</p> <p><i>6 – 11 % of young people age 16-19 in the counties we serve are "disconnected" –neither working nor in school</i></p> <p><i>2019 County Health Rankings &amp; Roadmaps</i></p>	<p>Affordable, quality in-school and afterschool enrichment and feeding programs help youth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• develop pro-social behavior, community engagement and social responsibility</li> <li>• make healthier choices, develop emotional and physical wellness</li> <li>• ensure access to meals outside of school</li> <li>• develop work-readiness and soft-skills</li> </ul>	<p><b>10,217</b> children and youth received nutritious meals</p> <p><b>5,076</b> (93%) children and youth improved their social-emotional skills</p> <p><b>429</b> (90%) children and youth increased job-related and/or "soft" skills</p> <p>Children and youth volunteered <b>2,646</b> community service hours beyond school requirements</p>

## Financial Stability



## CRISIS INTERVENTION

Individuals and families meet their basic needs in times of crisis

Our Community's Need	How We Help	What We Measure
<p>Low wages and a shortage of affordable housing mean that many families are just an expense or two away from crisis or homelessness.</p> <p><i>In 2018, more than 4,000 people in Chatham County were homeless for at least 1 day, and more than 1,000 children in Savannah-Chatham public schools didn't have a permanent place to call home</i></p> <p><i>Chatham County Housing Coalition</i></p> <p><i>About 1 in 6 people in Chatham and Liberty Counties, and 1 in 10 in Bryan and Effingham counties, can't count on having enough to eat every day</i></p> <p><i>County Health Rankings and Roadmaps 2019</i></p>	<p>Emergency shelters, food pantries and soup kitchens help men, women, and children in need of food, clothing and temporary shelter</p>	<p><b>17,519</b> individuals served at a food pantry, mobile food drop, or other food distribution service</p> <p><b>2,246</b> individuals received emergency shelter; <b>905</b> moved from emergency shelter to transitional or permanent housing</p>
	<p>Emergency financial assistance helps families in crisis or at risk of homelessness with basic necessities, rent, or utilities</p>	<p><b>827</b> households received short term/one time utility assistance</p> <p><b>48</b> households received short term/one time rental/mortgage assistance</p>



## ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

People gain knowledge, skills and support to improve financial security

Our Community's Need	How We Help	What We Measure
<p>Workers need the education, training and support not only to secure and maintain employment, but to find good jobs that pay a living wage that can support their families and build savings for the future.</p> <p><i>The estimated average wage of a service industry worker in Chatham County is \$12 per hour, or \$18,000 per year. The annual household income required to avoid being cost-burdened is \$37,040 to \$58,150</i></p> <p><i>(Chatham County Housing Coalition)</i></p>	<p>Job training, literacy and adult education, legal assistance, and social-behavioral support programs address barriers to employment, career development and advancement</p>	<p><b>2,130</b> people completed a job training program, <b>626</b> obtained employment</p> <p><b>119</b> people made progress in GED subject areas; <b>20</b> attained a GED</p> <p><b>164</b> individuals improved behavioral functioning after completing workplace behavioral counseling</p> <p><b>98</b> (60%) individuals removed criminal record impediments to employment</p>
<p><i>A living wage for a family of two adults (one working) with two children in Chatham County is calculated to be \$26.60/hour (MIT Living Wage Calculator), however the median hourly wage in the Savannah Metro Statistical Area was only \$16.49 in 2018 (Bureau of Labor Statistics).</i></p>	<p>Financial literacy classes and counseling, tax preparation, and legal advocacy help people access appropriate benefits, make better financial choices and build financial security.</p>	<p><b>2,687</b> individuals increased their financial literacy</p> <p><b>708</b> (71%) individuals adhered to a monthly budget/payment plan after financial counseling/mediation sessions. <b>503</b> (51%) increased savings; <b>\$1,958,916</b> in debt repaid</p> <p><b>5,148</b> individuals received tax credits valued at <b>\$8,218,161</b></p> <p><b>75</b> wrongfully denied individuals retained their public benefits valued at <b>\$742,163</b></p>

## Health



### HEALTH & SAFETY

All people have access to quality physical and mental health care, are protected from abuse, and are supported in healing and recovery

Our Community's Need	How We Help	What We Measure
<p>All people need to be healthy and safe in order to succeed at home, at school, at work, and in their community.</p> <p><i>15-18% of adults across our four county service area do not have health insurance</i></p> <p><i>Chatham County has fewer than half the mental health providers per person (1 per every 760 people) as the top-performing US counties (one per 310)</i></p>	<p>Health clinics and prescription assistance promote better physical and mental health for vulnerable populations: homeless, low-income, under- and uninsured adults and children</p>	<p><b>2,437</b> individuals received free or discount prescription medication valued at <b>\$8,845,150</b></p> <p>low-income, under- or uninsured individuals received <b>38,5542</b> medical and dental care visits</p> <p><b>10,428</b> (81%) of individuals with a chronic disease or health condition improved disease management behavior or clinical outcomes</p>
<p><b>County Health Rankings and Roadmaps 2019</b></p> <p><i>1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men experience sexual violence during their lifetimes, often beginning in childhood</i></p> <p><b>CDC.gov</b></p> <p><i>In Chatham County, 570 children were served in foster care services in 2018</i></p> <p><b>Georgia Dept. Family &amp; Childrens Services</b></p>	<p>Temporary shelter and supports provide immediate safety for adults and children affected by violence, abuse and sexual assault;</p> <p>Counseling, specialized medical care and legal advocacy empower survivors of violence and abuse</p>	<p><b>1,332</b> survivors of intimate partner violence and their dependent children received safe shelter and support services</p> <p>Trained counselors and advocates responded to <b>352</b> sexual assault crisis calls</p> <p><b>346</b> survivors of intimate partner violence or sexual assault assisted in acquiring a temporary protective order</p> <p><b>495</b> (88%) child/youth survivors of sexual abuse or assault reported feeling safer after program intervention</p> <p><b>191</b> children (85%) reunited with their parents/caregivers or transitioned to other permanent, safe housing</p>
	<p>Domestic mediation and counseling help strengthen families and promote safety and stability for children</p>	<p><b>364</b> (86%) parents/caregivers improved their parenting skills</p> <p><b>335</b> domestic mediation sessions resulted in successful agreements</p>



## LIVING INDEPENDENCE

Seniors and people with disabilities live with independence and quality of life

Our Community's Need	How We Help	What We Measure
<p>Seniors and people with disabilities enjoy the highest quality of life when they live as independently as possible in the community, with the proper supports.</p> <p><i>By 2030, 1 out of every 5 Coastal Georgia residents will be age 65 or older</i></p> <p><b>Coastal Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging</b></p> <p><i>9.5% of people in Chatham County under the age of 65 have a disability</i></p> <p><b>American Community Survey, census.gov</b></p> <p><i>Nationwide, an estimated 43 million people provided unpaid care to a child or adult within the last year</i></p> <p><b>National Alliance for Caregiving, Caregiving in America 2015</b></p>	<p>Adult day programs, onsite or home-delivered meals, transportation assistance and in-home supports help seniors age successfully in-place and engaged with their community</p>	<p><b>987</b> seniors received meals</p> <p><b>585</b> seniors received in-home supports and services, including: nursing/healthcare, transportation, personal care and socialization and were helped with <b>790</b> rides to errands or other appointments</p> <p><b>489</b> (92%) of seniors or persons with disabilities maintained or improved physical or cognitive functioning</p>
<p><i>Nationwide, an estimated 43 million people provided unpaid care to a child or adult within the last year</i></p> <p><b>National Alliance for Caregiving, Caregiving in America 2015</b></p>	<p>Therapeutic services, assistive devices, adaptive equipment, and screenings help seniors and people with disabilities live more independently</p>	<p>Seniors and people with disabilities received <b>2,586</b> low- or no cost assistive or adaptive devices, home modifications or safety repairs</p> <p><b>576</b> (94%) hearing or speech language impaired people improved speech communication</p>
	<p>Special educational services and employment opportunities help children and adults with disabilities to gain skills to succeed in school, work and life</p>	<p><b>61</b> K-12 children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) demonstrated improved academic performance and <b>11</b> preschool/preK children with ASD or other developmental delays demonstrated measurable improvement in social, emotional, language, cognitive and physical skills</p> <p><b>190</b> adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities earned fair wages and benefits through supported employment</p>
	<p>Equip caregivers with the skills and support to best help their loved ones</p>	<p><b>348</b> caregivers demonstrated increased knowledge of resources to assist them in caring for their loved ones</p>