

UNITED WE  
IMPROVE  
LIVES

2022  
2023

85 Years  
OF SERVICE



Serving Bryan, Chatham,  
Effingham, & Liberty counties

ANNUAL  
REPORT







United Way of the Coastal Empire was built for this community by this community in 1938. Over the past 85 years, the leaders of this organization built a foundation that has strengthened our community. Today, it continues to be an essential part of the social services infrastructure we invest in to support each other and this place we love year after year.

By far, the biggest investment United Way makes in providing this vital infrastructure every year is through the Community Investments cycle. With the guidance of dedicated volunteers, United Way awarded grants to 88 programs of 57 area nonprofit organizations this past year. These investments ensured hot meals for seniors, safety for survivors of abuse, quality after-school and summer programs for children, job training for parents, and so much more.

As our region expands, United Way is making an even bigger impact than ever before, improving the lives of more people each year. In addition to hosting many sold-out events, three corporate campaigns raised more than half a million dollars each for the first time ever in our 85-year history!

There have also been many new partnerships advancing our strategic plan and its four bold goals, including those with:

- Regional public school systems and Rotary Clubs to grow Read United across all four counties and prepare a ready and resilient workforce;
- Emergency management agencies in Bryan, Chatham, Effingham, and Liberty counties to support more effective disaster response;
- The City of Savannah to begin providing volunteers for their housing repair and maintenance program to promote safe and stable housing;
- Colonial Group’s Junior Achievement Discovery Center to deliver financial skills for success to thousands of students;
- East Savannah United in creating a community that supports its residents through every stage of life for greater success and happiness;
- And now, a coalition of stakeholders focused on the acute challenges facing childcare operators, employers, and families across our region.

While United Way continues to evolve, our mission to improve lives through the caring power of our community is unchanged. Through our strategic plan, we are actively working to advance a safety net of programs and services for the most vulnerable and pathways for upward mobility to help everyone thrive.

We thank you for investing in our community’s social services infrastructure to continue improving lives throughout our four-county region. It will take all of us working together, as we have for decades, to meet the growing demands of our time. Thank you to everyone who invests with us in this mission.

## GREETINGS FROM OUR LEADERSHIP



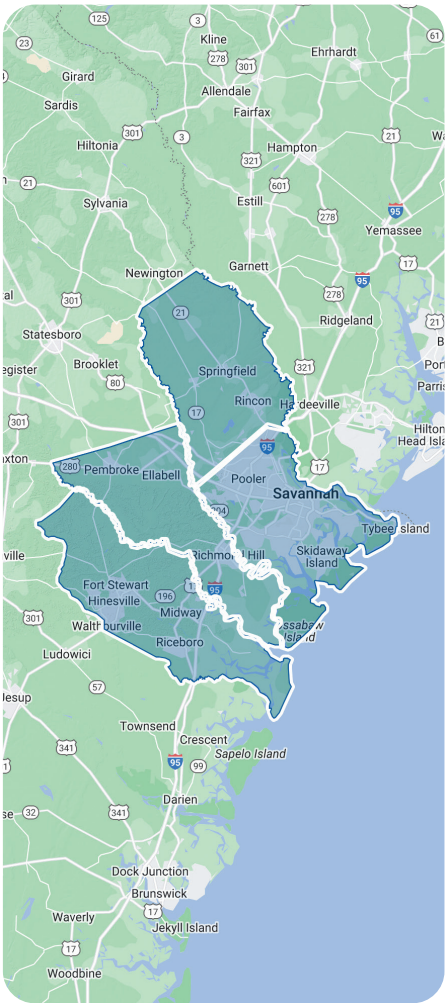
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# ABOUT US

## MISSION

United Way of the Coastal Empire improves lives by mobilizing the caring power of our community.

## VISION

We are united by a vision of the community in which all people have the opportunity to reach their full potential and families thrive.

**UNITED WE IMPROVE LIVES** by raising money and awareness year-round to support the Community Fund, which allows us to:

- 01 Fund critical programs and services at high-performing nonprofit organizations through a strategic grant-making process
- 02 Support people in need directly through our 211 Information and Referral Service, County Service Centers, and volunteer efforts
- 03 Provide a social services safety net and advance efforts to encourage upward mobility for all

## STRATEGIC PLAN

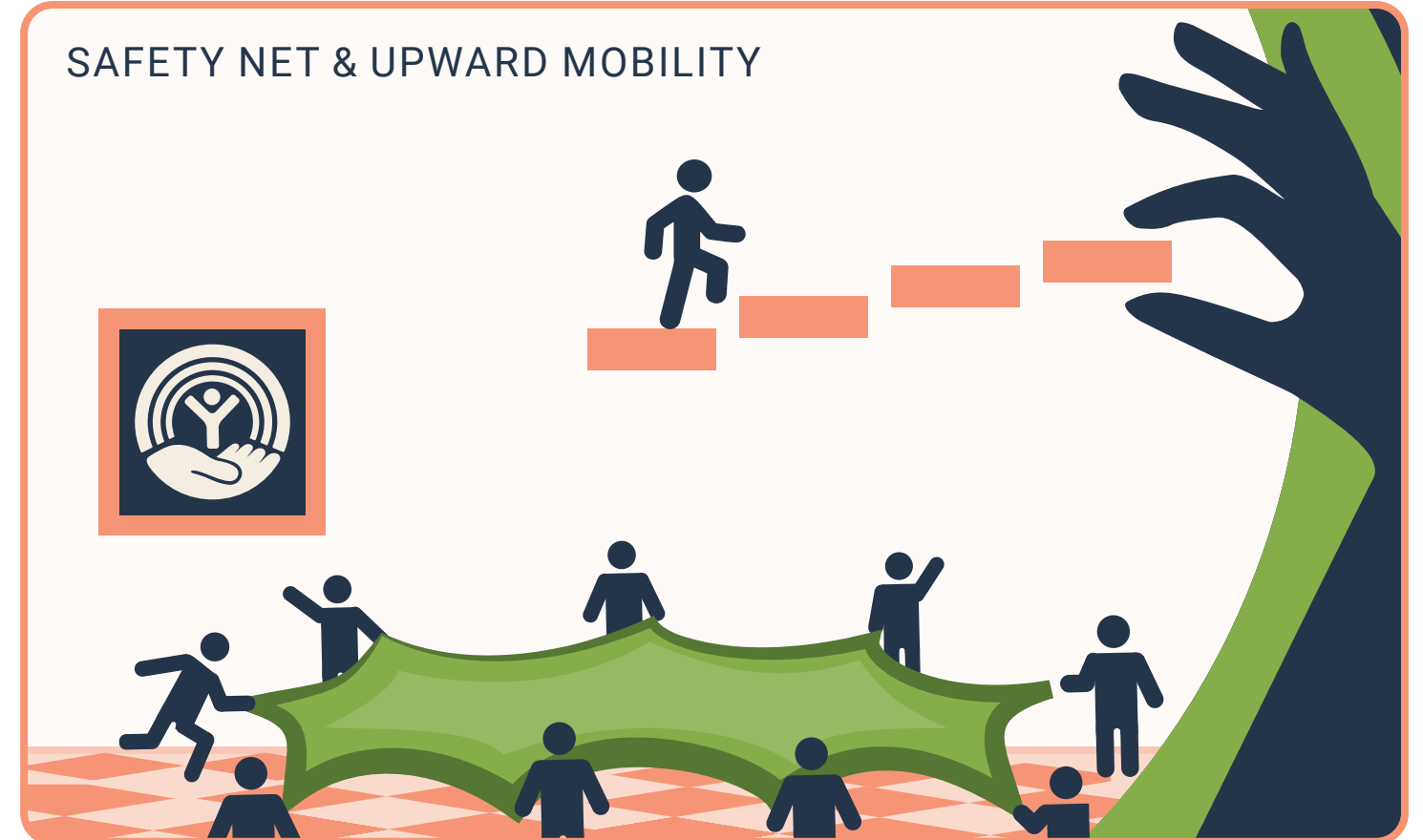
The strategic plan, approved in March 2021, formalized our year-round fundraising and communications strategies and affirmed our historic focus on providing a **safety net** for the most vulnerable and pathways for **upward mobility** so everyone can thrive.

This plan does not sit on a shelf. It is top of mind, and the strategic plan committee and staff are actively working to advance it. We are investing in community initiatives like East Savannah United and the Junior Achievement Colonial Group Discovery Center that specifically advance our strategic plan goals.

Though there is much still to do, we are making steady, meaningful progress and forging partnerships to advance our **four bold goals**.

-  **Quality, Affordable Childcare**
-  **Financial Skills for Success**
-  **Ready & Resilient Workforce**
-  **Safe & Stable Housing**

## SAFETY NET & UPWARD MOBILITY



## WHY WE IMPROVE LIVES

Our region is seeing unprecedented economic development, business investment, and job creation throughout our four-county service area. With all of this success comes intense growing pains in areas like housing, childcare, literacy, workforce, and food insecurity.

### In our four-county region:

- **32% of households are considered ALICE**, - Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed - earning more than the Federal Poverty Level, but not enough to afford the basics where they live (United for ALICE, 2021)
- **13% of households are below the Federal Poverty Level** (United for ALICE, 2021)
- **More than 47,000 people are food insecure** (Feeding America, 2021)

The need for the work of United Way of the Coastal Empire and all its funded nonprofit partners in the months and years ahead will only increase. There is a lot of work to do to meet the demands of this growing region. Together, we can do it.

### IN OUR REGION



 **47,000+** people are food insecure



# HOW WE IMPROVE LIVES



## THE UNITED WAY COMMUNITY FUND

The Community Fund is one of the most powerful ways to support communities throughout the Coastal Empire. This fund provides annual program grants to nonprofit organizations working on the front lines of our four-county service area and United Way direct services, like United Way 211, United Way Volunteers, and our County Service Centers.

## AN INVESTMENT THAT MATTERS

United Way conducts a comprehensive annual investment process that is driven by committed volunteers. The primary purpose of this work is to meet critical community needs by funding programs that are aligned with United Way’s strategic funding priorities and are relevant to improving lives across the Coastal Empire.

## OUR STAFF

As of June 30, 2023

**The United Way team works tirelessly to improve lives in our community. Every day they go above and beyond to deliver the highest level of service.**

- David Anderson**, Maintenance Manager
- Lauren Branson**, Vice President of Community Investments
- Jennifer Chisholm**, Volunteer Coordinator
- Rita Cobb**, Program Coordinator, Bryan County
- Emily Cole**, Development Director
- Kristen Crawley**, Senior Development Director
- Jaime Dailey-Vergara**, Vice President of Marketing and Communications
- Cheri Dean**, Vice President of Direct Services and Impact
- Kim Dennis**, Area Director, Effingham County
- Brynn Grant**, President and CEO
- Jenny Grusheski**, Project Manager, Resource Development
- Anne Guidera**, Executive Assistant to the President
- Kristin Hopkins-Graham**, Area Director, Liberty County
- Laurie Humphries**, Director of Volunteers and Events
- Janeene Johnson**, Director of IT and Facilities
- Nola Johnson**, Director of Community Investments
- Stacey Johnson**, Accounts Payable Manager
- Rachel Kanney**, Creative Director
- Andrew Konkell**, Vice President of Resource Development
- Kristen Luck**, Human Resource Assistant/Marketing Coordinator
- Becca Mandell**, Content Director
- Tiffany Manning Collins**, Associate Director, Bryan County
- Mandy Parsons**, Chief Financial and Operating Officer
- Kendall Partain**, Data and Special Projects Manager
- Beth Ann Phillips**, Administrative Assistant
- Jaimie Randall**, Database Manager
- De’Niyah Smith**, Program Coordinator, Liberty County
- Jessica Smith**, Bilingual I&R Specialist
- Kyera Smith**, Program Assistant, Liberty County
- Leslie Tinsley**, I&R Specialist
- Ariane Wallace**, Director of 211
- Rachel Wilson**, Assistant Director, Effingham County
- Brianne Yontz**, Area Director, Bryan County

“Dear United Way,

*This past summer, I found myself in a position I’ve never been in before. I’ve been a teacher for 28 years, and for all of those years, I’ve donated to United Way. I never thought about getting anything in return. I just wanted to help people in need. Last summer, I became one of those people in need.*

*In December 2019, I married my second husband. The first time he ever hit me was our wedding night. I continued living in a domestic violence situation until last summer. I had never before experienced anything like this. I was the one who did my best to protect my students from situations similar to what I went home to every night. It went from happening occasionally to becoming more frequent and more violent. I finally left my husband and filed a protective order last May.*

*When we went to court, the judge awarded me the home we had lived in as a married couple. What I was not aware of until after I moved back in was the fact that my husband had not paid the rent or utilities. I had escaped from a domestic violence situation only to face possible homelessness.*

*I prayed and prayed for God to provide for my needs. His answer came in the mail. I had applied for Crime Victims Assistance and was exploring other programs when I got a United Way flyer in the mail. I thought to myself, “No... They won’t be able to help me. They only help people who have lost everything. I have a good job and besides, I’m too embarrassed to tell people what has actually been going on in my home.” I kept pursuing programs until I finally got desperate enough to admit to the people I had been donating to for almost 30 years that now I was actually the one who needed assistance.*

*I had already been served with an eviction notice. So, I swallowed my pride, found that flyer, and called United Way. I have never been more grateful for anything in my life! I will live the rest of my life looking for opportunities to share with others what the United Way did to save me from eviction and homelessness.*

*Thank you, United Way! Thank you to all of you.*”

*Kelsi Duncan*  
Teacher, Effingham County





# XEULAR PHILPOT

Xeular is a hard worker, proud mother of a young son, and the person others turn to when they need help. But the misfortune of two major illnesses – first, an infection that led to her being hospitalized and receiving long-term treatment, followed by COVID-19 – left her in a tough situation. When a loved one saw Xeular needed help, they told her to call 211.

“I was feeling despair, knowing that I was in a rut and that I had to get myself out alone. When I turned to United Way, they were there to help me.”



## From Surviving to Thriving: Overcoming Obstacles and Finding Happiness

# MATT GILL

Matt first learned about United Way through his grandmother, who served as an instructor for a United Way program teaching English to Spanish-speaking residents in Effingham County. Matt would tag along for the sessions to help kids his age. He also volunteered with a brown bag grocery distribution program at the United Way Effingham County Service Center that helped senior citizens and families in need.

Years later, a promise he made to his mother to complete his education and fulfill a dream of his own, brought him back to United Way. Through another United Way program, Matt earned his GED. This allowed him to become a full-time firefighter and later the EMA Coordinator for Effingham County. Matt’s United Way journey has come full circle as he continues to give back and serves on the United Way Effingham Advisory Board and Volunteer Advisory Committee.

“What is unique about United Way is all the different partners they have as a safety net... United Way’s mission is to improve lives and I really feel that I am living proof of that.”



## 2022-2023 LOCAL NONPROFITS WITH UNITED WAY FUNDED PROGRAMS

One donation to the Community Fund supports programs at all of these agencies.

- Abilities Unlimited
- American Red Cross of Southeast and Coastal Georgia
- America’s Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia
- Atlantic Area CASA
- Bethesda Academy
- Brightside Child and Family Advocacy Center
- Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless
- Coastal Children’s Advocacy Center
- Coastal Coalition For Children
- Coastal Georgia Council, Boy Scouts of America
- Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Savannah Area
- Deep Center
- Effingham CASA
- Elevate Savannah
- Emmaus House
- EmployAbility
- Faith Equestrian Therapeutic Center
- Family Promise of the Coastal Empire
- Forsyth Farmers’ Market
- Frank Callen Boys & Girls Club
- Georgia Legal Services Program
- Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia
- Goodwill of Southeast Georgia
- Greenbriar Children’s Center
- Hodge Memorial Day Care Center
- Horizons Savannah
- Hospice Savannah
- Inspiritus
- J.C. Lewis Primary Health Care Center
- Kicklighter Resource Center
- Liberty County Manna House
- Living Independence for Everyone
- Loop It Up
- Mary Lou Fraser Foundation for Families
- Mary’s Place of the Coastal Empire
- Matthew Reardon Center for Autism
- MedBank Foundation
- The Mediation Center of the Coastal Empire

For the 2023-2024 funded nonprofit partners visit:  
[uwce.org/funded-partners](http://uwce.org/funded-partners)



Together, we invested in:

88 health and human service programs across 57 nonprofit partners

FY 2022-2023

- Neighborhood Improvement Association
- Park Place Outreach
- Performance Initiatives
- Recovery Place Community Services
- Royce Learning Center
- SAFE Shelter
- The Salvation Army
- Savannah Center for Blind and Low Vision
- Savannah Speech & Hearing Center
- Savannah Volunteer Dental Clinic
- Senior Citizens, Inc.
- Social Apostolate of Savannah
- Step Up Savannah
- Think Big Youth Organization
- Two Rivers Health Clinic
- Union Mission
- Wesley Community Centers of Savannah
- Xcel Strategies
- YMCA of Coastal Georgia





# ADDRESSING CRITICAL NEEDS

## EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE (ERA)

When the pandemic began, United Way of the Coastal Empire worked with many agencies to help families maintain safe and stable housing. The Chatham County Emergency Rental Assistance Program helped residents impacted by COVID-19 pay up to three months of past-due balances for rent or utility bills. Over the last fiscal year, we distributed \$124,000 in funds for emergency rental assistance before the program ended in September 2022.

## AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARPA)

In partnership with the City of Savannah, United Way of the Coastal Empire is collaborating with local nonprofits to provide nearly \$750,000 in rental assistance and case management to displaced Savannah residents and those at risk of homelessness. The funding also assists Savannah residents with approved Housing Choice Vouchers or Public Housing clients with security deposit and utility deposit assistance. The fund allows United Way's 211 Information and Referral Service to meet the needs of Savannah residents suffering hardship due to a loss of income or living below the federal poverty line.



## BRYAN COUNTY TORNADO

One example of the vital human services infrastructure United Way helps provide is disaster response. Immediately after the April 5th, 2022 tornado in North Bryan County, United Way launched the Bryan County Disaster Relief Fund, which raised and distributed more than \$59,000 to help survivors pay for a variety of needs, including insurance deductibles, transportation, temporary rental assistance, home repairs, medical bills, and even veterinary bills for injured pets. United, we were able to help 42 affected families over the past year.

United Way of the Coastal Empire now has formal agreements with emergency management officials in Bryan, Chatham, Effingham, and Liberty counties to activate disaster response fundraising efforts in the event of a natural disaster or other significant hazards that impact our region.



**Emergency Management Partners**  
(Left to Right) Brynn Grant, Robert Dodd,  
Clint Hodges, Summer Patterson,  
Dennis Jones, Mark Bennett



## CYNTHIA BREELAND

A grandmother, caring for her three-year-old grandson during the tornado, learned it had destroyed her home. With support from United Way, American Red Cross, and Bryan County Family Connection, she received vital assistance, helping her navigate the challenges of starting anew. This experience heightened her understanding of the hardships faced by others in similar situations, emphasizing the significance of offering support to those in need.

“The United Way went to a lot of different agencies to get me all the help that I needed and I really appreciate that. Without United Way and their partners, I would be living with my children.”



THE IMPACT OF OUR INVESTMENTS

Safety Net Outcome Highlights

43.7K	medical and dental care visits were provided to low-income, uninsured, or under-insured individuals
\$5M+	worth of free or discounted prescriptions were provided to those in need of medicinal care
165K	meals were delivered to home-bound seniors or those with disabilities
1M	pounds of food were distributed by local food pantries

BACKPACK BUDDIES

The Backpack Buddies program in Liberty County sends four meals home each weekend to students who are food insecure.



students currently served by the Backpack Buddies program in Liberty County

CANADY’S COATS FOR KIDS

We proudly partnered with Canady’s Heating & Air again this year for their third annual coat drive to distribute coats in the winter months across our four counties.



coats distributed to benefit children in need ages infant to 17 years old

CARING CLOSETS

Caring Closets are located in every public school in Effingham County. This program supplies students with essentials needed to be successful in school like uniforms, school supplies, clothing, shoes, reading glasses, personal hygiene items, and more.



provided in assistance during the 2022-2023 school year

CHURCHES UNITED

This initiative is a unique collaboration between United Way and local churches in Effingham County. We leverage resources for housing, utilities, food, transportation, and more by sharing in the responsibility of serving those most vulnerable in our community. We receive assistance requests and process applications while local churches provide assistance based on circumstances and available resources.



contributed in assistance during 2022 to residents of Effingham County

LANDINGS MILITARY RELIEF

United Way proudly administers this fund, established in 2007 by Landings residents, to provide rapid financial assistance for military families to alleviate burdens during emergencies. This fund focuses on the needs that often fall outside of existing military resources. Assistance is provided for emergency financial crises, food vouchers, therapeutic devices, transportation, and more.



people have been assisted through this fund since its inception

ADVANCING UPWARD MOBILITY

Reading proficiency is vital to the success of our community. Children with reading difficulties are more likely to experience health and behavioral problems, teen pregnancy, premature departures from school, trouble sustaining employment, and poverty.

READ UNITED

Read United is a year-round series of programs dedicated to improving early language and literacy for all children in Bryan, Chatham, Effingham, and Liberty counties. This initiative directly helps us advance one of our four bold goals, Ready and Resilient Workforce.

The most visible of these programs to date is Read United Day, when sponsors and donors help put books in the homes of students in Pre-K through second grade across our service area. This year we expanded to include Chatham County, doubling the number of children reached and attracting new volunteers and donors. This is our organization’s largest single-day volunteer effort, and this year it was our widest-reaching yet.

United Way also partners with Summer Food Programs in Bryan, Effingham, and Liberty counties to provide free books to children throughout the summer. Read United plans to grow even more in the next year through a region-wide partnership with former University of Georgia football great and New England Patriots Super Bowl Champion Malcolm Mitchell and his Share the Magic Foundation.



2023 Read United Day



Volunteers visited nearly 60 schools

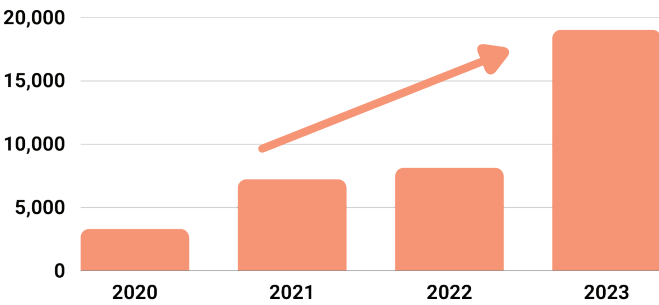


to read to over 950 classes



and deliver 19,000+ books

Number of students who received books on Read United Day





# THE IMPACT OF OUR INVESTMENTS

## Upward Mobility Outcome Highlights



**Quality, Affordable Childcare**  
**628** children aged five years old and younger demonstrated improvement in essential skills to prepare them to enter school ready to learn



**Financial Skills for Success**  
**2,344** individuals adhered to a monthly budget or payment plan after financial counseling and mediation sessions



**Ready & Resilient Workforce**  
**600** individuals completed a job training program



**Safe & Stable Housing**  
**1,947** households avoided foreclosure



## JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT COLONIAL GROUP DISCOVERY CENTER

United Way of the Coastal Empire is proud to be a part of the Junior Achievement Discovery Center in Savannah and provide a storefront inside this incredible facility where students can learn the importance of philanthropy and volunteering. Through this center, students have the opportunity to act out a simulation of adult life to learn critical business and finance skills. In the last year, the center served 13,000 students from 44 schools and seven counties. The JA Discovery Center specializes in high-impact programs that drive long-term outcomes in areas of financial literacy and career readiness. The center fosters an entrepreneurial spirit to prepare young people for success in a global economy. This work aligns well with our Strategic Plan Bold Goal to advance Financial Skills for Success.



Every Year  
an average of  
**2,000**  
individuals/families in  
Bryan, Chatham, Effingham,  
and Liberty counties receive  
support thanks to this fund.

## WOMEN UNITED TRANSPORTATION FUND

The Women United Transportation Fund provides gas cards, bus passes, minor car repairs, and more to help increase access to reliable transportation so that people in the Coastal Empire can get to work, school, medical appointments, training opportunities, and other critical resources. This fund is fueled by the Women Who Rule event and campaign.

## EAST SAVANNAH UNITED

We have joined many community partners to invest in East Savannah United to help revitalize the community to improve outcomes for local children and families. In an effort to create transformational change in historically impoverished neighborhoods, East Savannah United serves as a bridge, connecting community leaders with resources and partners to invest in neighborhoods to achieve equitable outcomes for those living there. This sets a new course for East Savannah, creating quality mixed-income housing, a cradle-to-college education pipeline, and community health and wellness programs. The hope is to replicate this model in other neighborhoods and communities in the years ahead.

## Transforming Struggle into Success: The Impact of Seeking Support

### MATTHEW FLOYD

It's a proud day for most of us when we buy our first home, and that was the case for Matthew Floyd when he bought a house in early 2020. Little did he know that a global pandemic was barreling down on the world and he would soon be caught up in the financial aftermath of an international crisis. Matthew was on the brink of losing all he had worked for. But United Way of the Coastal Empire and its partner agencies were there for him. United Way connected Matt with Consumer Credit Counseling Service where they helped him make progress toward financial stability again.

“ They held my hand, every step of the way, guiding me through this journey of how to manage my finances better, to help me be able to pay my mortgage and get back on track. ”







# BUILDING VIBRANT & EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES

Our Race, Equity, and Opportunity Committee has been working since 2020 to elevate diversity, equity and inclusion in our work and created an official inclusivity statement approved by our Board of Directors this past year.

**Inclusivity Statement:**  
United Way of the Coastal Empire recognizes that its commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, exemplified in the collective action of its staff, its volunteers, and its partners, is an essential ingredient in fulfilling its mission to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of our community to create a society in which all people have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

We will be a leader in advocating for our community to be one where everyone has the resources, opportunities, and support they need to live fully.

## United Way commits to:

- Understanding and addressing past and current policies and practices that have contributed to the persistent poverty and inequality that exists today in the Coastal Georgia region, especially those which have negatively impacted persons because of their race, gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or physical or mental abilities.
- Engaging our community and strategic partners to change systems that prevent individuals and families from reaching their full potential.
- Investing in safety net programs and services that serve the most vulnerable in our community and address disparities that block their upward mobility.
- Leveraging our talent, assets, and network to support families and individuals impacted by all forms of discrimination in order to strengthen the unity of our community and improve the lives of those we serve.



## NONPROFIT DEVELOPMENT

- **Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) Nonprofit Leadership Symposium**  
After being approached by a number of nonprofit leaders in the community with the need for a capacity-building program specifically for BIPOC executives, United Way joined with many dedicated Black nonprofit leaders to design a program to respond to the need. Offered for the first time in the fall of 2021, this nonprofit and career development program offers free training on topics such as sustainability strategies, marketing, public relations, board and staff relationships, and more.
- **Community Investment Volunteers**  
Our robust grant-making process is supported by comprehensive volunteer training to ensure that Community Fund dollars are going to nonprofit organizations that will make the greatest impact. Community Investment Volunteers are trained to review funding requests, visit local nonprofits, analyze program outcomes, and make funding recommendations to United Way's Board of Directors.
- **Gulfstream Learning Series**  
Through the generous sponsorship of Gulfstream Aerospace, the Gulfstream Learning series features nonprofit trainers delivering workshops for free to the public.
- **Lunch and Learn Series**  
We offer free virtual sessions during the lunch hour, providing entry points and overviews of topics critical to the success of nonprofits such as: Board 101, social media best practices, effective HR strategies, and more.
- **Young Leaders Board Readiness Program**  
The Board Readiness Program leads select members of United Way Young Leaders through a series of training sessions to prepare them for nonprofit board service. Graduates are connected with local nonprofits seeking board members.







211 Information & Referral Specialists answered  
**13,000+**  
calls for help last year



211 INFORMATION & REFERRAL SERVICE

Our 211 Information and Referral Service ensures that lack of awareness doesn't become a barrier to obtaining help. United Way 211 Specialists are trained to identify and address the underlying root causes of a client's problem – and connect them with

a wide range of available resources that meet their needs. 211 connects clients with resources for food, healthcare, housing and utility assistance, employment services, veteran services, childcare, counseling, disaster assistance, and more.

See upcoming volunteer projects!  
Visit: [uwce.org/volunteer-projects](https://uwce.org/volunteer-projects)



VOLUNTEERISM

Volunteers are at the core of United Way's many volunteer projects and initiatives throughout the community – like Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, United Way Day of Action, and Read United Day. Over 3,400 volunteers made an incredible impact in 2022, contributing more than 24,000 hours of time. Their efforts translate into an estimated value of \$743,165<sup>1</sup>, encompassing not just community service hours but also in-kind donations. **This represents an outstanding 44% increase in impact over last year!**

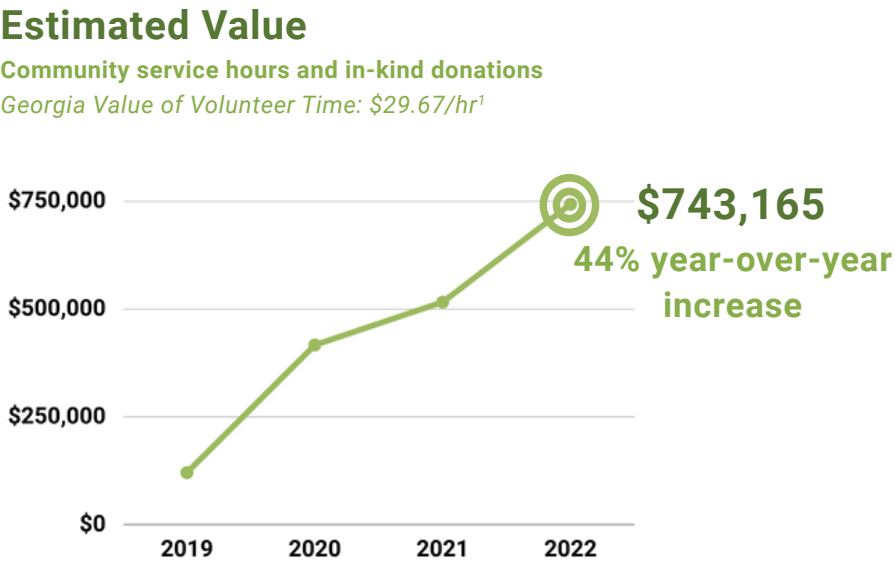
Not only are volunteers vital to our projects and initiatives, but they are vital to the success of United Way itself. Community leaders donate their time to engage in every aspect of our business, including fundraising, marketing, and grant decisions. More than 250 volunteer leaders, organized throughout 12 advisory boards and committees, help United Way make smart decisions about ongoing issues in our communities and urgent needs as they arise. We are incredibly thankful for these individuals for their essential part in helping our organization run.

<sup>1</sup> <https://independentsector.org/resource/value-of-volunteer-time/>

2022  
Calendar Year

  
3,400 Volunteers

  
24,000 Hours







# WHAT MAKES IT POSSIBLE

“ This year has been all about teamwork, and I am so incredibly proud of the work ‘Team United’ has accomplished together. I challenged our community to ‘get in the game’ to help more people in our region, and our community delivered in ways I could never have imagined. ”

- Cindy Robinett  
2022 United Way  
Campaign Chair

## CAMPAIGN CHAIR



Cindy Robinett  
Sterling Seacrest Pritchard

Cindy Robinett of Sterling Seacrest Pritchard served as campaign chair for the successful 2022-2023 campaign. As “head cheerleader,” Robinett championed the Team United theme throughout the year-long campaign. She called players into action and encouraged them to get off the bench and into the game throughout the campaign, resulting in many new milestones and successes this year.

“ Cindy is a true cheer-LEADER. We owe an incredible debt to her for giving so much of her time, energy, and expertise to making this year’s campaign a great success. ”

- Brynn Grant  
United Way President & CEO

## 2022-2023 CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS



**115** Workplace Campaigns raised more money than last year, with an average increase of **more than 70%**.



Team United welcomed **79 new businesses** to the United Way roster, bringing the **total number of participating companies to an impressive 1,029**.



Community Investment allocations for the year ahead reached their **highest total** for partner nonprofits since the onset of the COVID pandemic.



In September 2022, we kicked off our traditional fall giving campaign with a sold-out event that included some of the area’s most talented cheerleaders, marching bands, ESPN correspondent Matt Stinchcomb, and our favorite Bulldog, Uga X.

Team United had a successful year with an impressive total of more than \$10.3 million coming in and through the organization to support the community in Fiscal Year 2022-2023. This figure reflects an **8% increase** in workplace and individual giving over last year.

The breakdown reveals strong support from the public and private sectors. Coordinated Government Programs accounted for **nearly \$1 million**. Sustaining Support from diverse sources such as the Herschel V. Jenkins Trust and administrative income amounted to an additional **\$1.8 million dollars**.

The Community Giving Campaign, a direct result of workplace and individual giving, events, and grants, totaled **\$7.6 million**.

This reporting of total dollars in and through United Way is the most comprehensive way to reflect the work of our organization.



## BUSINESS CHAMPIONS

United Way Business Champions played a big part in this success. Under the leadership of Michael Solomon and Vice-chair Cynthia Cradduck, the Business Champion program delivered impressive results for the second consecutive year. This handpicked group of “star players” surpassed all expectations with their remarkable fundraising results, contributing an **increase of \$233,000 or 22%** in total giving of their respective accounts.



This work relies on the volunteer leadership of hundreds of people. To meet some of the faces of the Community Giving Campaign visit: [uwce.org/committees](https://uwce.org/committees).





# Gulfstream

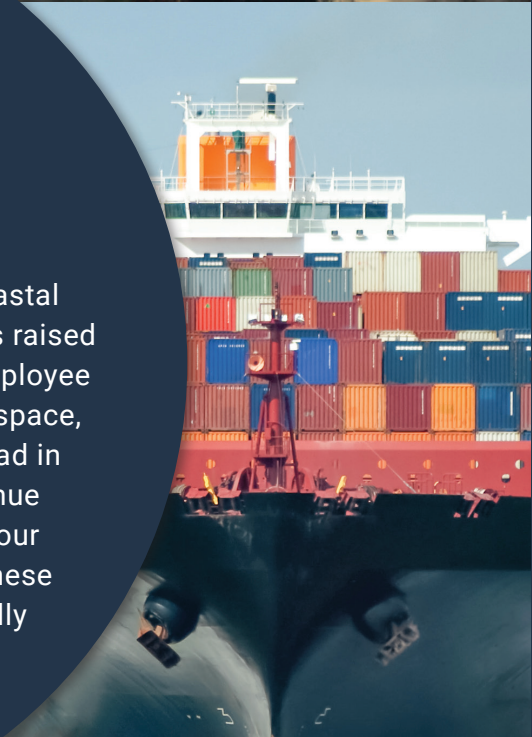
A GENERAL DYNAMICS COMPANY



## CORPORATE RECOGNITION

**Gulfstream Aerospace  
Georgia Ports Authority  
Colonial Group**

For the first time ever in United Way of the Coastal Empire's 85-year history, three corporate partners raised more than half a million dollars each through employee giving and corporate matches. Gulfstream Aerospace, Georgia Ports Authority, and Colonial Group lead in everything they do and thankfully, they continue to demonstrate their leadership and love for our community through United Way. All three of these remarkable and generous organizations really knocked it out of the park this year. We honor and celebrate each one.



## TOP 50 MOST GENEROUS COMPANIES

United Way is proud to partner with hundreds of businesses and organizations devoutly committed to giving back to our community. We honor and celebrate these leaders in workplace giving.

1. Gulfstream Aerospace
2. Georgia Ports Authority
3. Colonial Group
4. Publix Super Markets
5. Savannah-Chatham County Public School System
6. Chatham County Government
7. Georgia-Pacific Savannah River Mill
8. International Paper
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48. Goodwill of Southeast Georgia
49. Liberty County Board of Commissioners
50. Hussey Gay Bell

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FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Team United orchestrated several sold-out events this year, achieving unprecedented records in both attendance and revenue.



Turkey Trot

Thanksgiving morning, we hosted our first Turkey Trot since 2019 with more than 1,200 runners. We had much to be thankful for but especially for the more than \$30,000 raised for the Community Fund.



Women Who Rule

The Women Who Rule event raises critical support for transportation needs. Presented by Step One Automotive Group, this year’s event honored longtime banking executive, community leader, and United Way donor and volunteer Kay Ford as the 2023 United Way “Woman of the Year.” Chaired by Cecilia Tran Arango, the event set several new records this year. This was our biggest Women Who Rule event yet with a crowd of 800 people, raising a record-breaking net total of \$63,000 for the Women United Transportation Fund.

Collaboration among community members can lead to positive change.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT - PARTNERSHIPS, PHILANTHROPY

Shop & Dine United

During our 3rd Annual Shop & Dine United weekend, dozens of local businesses came together to donate a portion of their sales to the Community Fund. There were more participating businesses than ever before, resulting in higher total giving to the Community Fund. In fact, we doubled the amount raised from the prior year.

Caring Club

We are grateful to have many wonderful local businesses as Caring Club merchants. These merchants offer exclusive discounts to United Way donors who give \$182 or more annually, encouraging the Coastal Empire to give back and shop local. Our Caring Club members receive coupons and freebies from many different industries including automotive, entertainment, health and wellness, food and beverage, retail, and more.

CRAIG HARNEY SPIRIT OF PHILANTHROPY

AWARD HONOREES

During our Annual Meeting, we presented the Craig Harney Spirit of Philanthropy Awards, a series of three awards that salute Giving, Advocating, and Volunteering. The awards presented were named in honor and memory of longtime United Way volunteer and supporter Craig Harney.



The **Volunteer Award** went to **Christina Beaver**, a retired administrative assistant with Hussey, Gay, Bell, who served more than 20 years as a United Way Community Investments Volunteer. Since retiring, she continues to be a regular in the United Way office, volunteering her time to help with campaign prep, mailing, and any other needs.



Stepping forward to receive the **Advocacy Award** was **Al Holzinger**, the retired chief operating officer of the Institute of Internal Auditors. Holzinger devotes much of his time in retirement to community service and has a long resume of serving among the volunteer leadership of United Way of the Coastal Empire. He is a longtime United Way volunteer and one of our greatest advocates. He chairs United Way’s Academic Success Investment panel for the Community Investment process and serves on United Way’s Finance Committee.



The **Giving Award** went to **Mary Anna Beardslee Hite** and **Jeanne Beardslee McCormick**, co-owners of **Pembroke Advance Communication** – also known as **PACfiber** – in North Bryan County. This family-owned business has a long history of financial support of United Way and is a Pacesetter for the campaign. This year, the company provided a 150% match for their employee giving campaign and paid in full, upfront, which magnified the impact of the company’s and employees’ generosity.





# VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

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For a full list of our 2023-2024 volunteer leadership visit: [uwce.org/volunteer-leadership](http://uwce.org/volunteer-leadership)





“I must say that I have seen Americans make a great deal of real sacrifices to the public welfare; and have noticed a hundred instances in which they hardly ever failed to lend a faithful support to one another.”

- Alexis de Tocqueville, et al. *Democracy in America*. J. & H.G. Langley, 1840

# ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY



The Alexis de Tocqueville Society was named after respected French diplomat, Alexis Charles-Henri de Tocqueville, who traveled to the United States in 1831 and subsequently wrote three volumes entitled *Democracy in America*. Though he only spent nine months here, he gleaned many profound insights about American society. Those observations about philanthropy are still true today; we understand that advancing the common good means creating opportunities for a better life for all. Thankfully for our community today, the leadership givers of the Tocqueville Society believe this too, and contribute profoundly to the Coastal Empire.

## CHAIR

Joseph L. Herring



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# BEACON SOCIETY



The Beacon Society is United Way's largest donor group and anchors the traditional fall campaign. United Way honors Beacon Society members for investing in the well-being of our community and inspiring others with their leadership giving.



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# FINANCIAL REPORT

For the year ended June 30, 2022

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2022	2021
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,367,933	\$ 1,678,484
Campaign receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$398,685 and \$402,042, respectively	2,288,080	1,991,521
Other receivables	840	28,616
Prepaid expenses	113,306	100,167
Certificates of deposit	109,293	108,879
Beneficial interests	20,844,075	19,960,690
Other assets	123,050	99,677
Property and equipment, net	1,591,448	1,634,358
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 26,438,025</b>	<b>\$ 25,602,392</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 133,609	\$ 208,781
Accrued expenses	90,159	68,873
Deferred revenues	2,302	7,242
Allocations payable	-	8,640
Due to designated agencies	255,440	73,014
Funds held for disposition	368,658	590,120
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>850,168</b>	<b>956,670</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		
Without donor restrictions	4,589,683	4,391,921
With donor restrictions	20,998,174	20,253,801
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>25,587,857</b>	<b>24,645,722</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$ 26,438,025</b>	<b>\$ 25,602,392</b>



United Way places great emphasis on upholding the highest standards of excellence and accountability. To ensure this, United Way’s Finance Committee regularly reviews the organization’s financial position and management practices on behalf of the Board of Directors and presents monthly. In addition, United Way consistently receives a clean, unqualified audit opinion on an annual basis. For a full financial report, go to [uwce.org/financials](https://uwce.org/financials).

	Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	Total
<b>Campaign support and revenue</b>			
<b>Campaign support</b>			
Annual campaign	\$ 6,666,189	\$ 34,266	\$ 6,700,455
Less designations	(1,327,809)	-	(1,327,809)
Less current year provision for uncollectibles	(360,682)	-	(360,682)
<b>Net campaign support</b>	<b>4,977,698</b>	<b>34,266</b>	<b>5,011,964</b>
<b>Revenues, gains, and other support</b>			
Contributions	959,404	-	959,404
Grants	713,155	-	713,155
In-kind contributions	473,232	-	473,232
Special events and miscellaneous	129,374	-	129,374
Administrative income	417,544	-	417,544
Rental income	109,154	-	109,154
Investment income, net	15,403	847,956	863,359
<b>Total other revenues, gains, and other support</b>	<b>2,817,266</b>	<b>847,956</b>	<b>3,665,222</b>
<b>Net assets released from restriction</b>	<b>137,849</b>	<b>(137,849)</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>7,932,813</b>	<b>744,373</b>	<b>8,677,186</b>
<b>Allocations and expenses</b>			
Community fund allocations	3,363,000	-	3,363,000
Community service expenses	1,782,988	-	1,782,988
Administrative and fundraising expenses	2,589,063	-	2,589,063
	-	-	-
<b>Total allocations and functional expenses</b>	<b>7,735,051</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,735,051</b>
<b>Change in net assets</b>	<b>197,762</b>	<b>744,373</b>	<b>942,135</b>
<b>Net assets, beginning of year</b>	<b>4,391,921</b>	<b>20,253,801</b>	<b>24,645,722</b>
<b>Net assets, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 4,589,683</b>	<b>\$ 20,998,174</b>	<b>\$ 25,587,857</b>

On June 30, 2022, United Way’s estimated fair value interest in the Herschel V. Jenkins Trust Fund is \$20,460,000. This amount is included in the donor-restricted asset total of \$20,998,174.

Year End audit performed by Hancock Askew & CO, LLP.



# MEDIA PARTNERS

Our media partners are crucial to our success. Their in-kind donations of \$400,000 played a vital role in promoting and selling out our events, amplifying the United Way message. The Coastal Empire excels in media leadership, reflecting our community's values. We sincerely thank these companies for their continued support.

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## LEGACY GIVING

“What a man does for himself dies with him; what he does for his community lives forever.”

- Herschel V. Jenkins



Herschel V. Jenkins will always be remembered for the good he did in his lifetime that still benefits the Coastal Empire today, many decades later.

Jenkins was a founder of United Way of the Coastal Empire. A former publisher of the Savannah Morning News and the Savannah Evening Press, Jenkins was a community building pioneer who believed in the importance of working together to achieve great things. Jenkins' dedication to his community was evident by his involvement in key United Way volunteer positions, serving as third Board Chair and fourth Campaign Chair.

In 1955, Jenkins set aside a trust of \$500,000 for United Way which has now grown to nearly \$20 million. The principal of this irrevocable

trust will remain untapped, but a percentage of the income it generates covers a significant part of our United Way's administrative and fundraising costs, depending on investment performance. Because of his vision and generosity, we can assure our donors that most – and sometimes all – of their donations are used in service to the people of the Coastal Empire.

Legacy Giving like this is the promise of future support to United Way through a gift of stock, bequest, life insurance policy, or a trust. Donors can contribute to United Way's Endowment Fund, which will enable us to create an ever-increasing impact in our community.



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