

All of us want to make South Carolina a thriving state, where we can raise our kids in a healthy environment, get good jobs and lead good lives. This is OUR state; it's up to us to make it the best it can be.

And what we've been doing together in South Carolina is exactly that – people working together to help create the kind of community we all want, with the kind of opportunities we all need. To continue this work, what we need

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# IS YOU.

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Thank you to those who have been doing so much to give, volunteer and speak up for our important work.

We invite you to join with us – to be a part of something truly great.

Because great things happen when we LIVE UNITED.

Are you experiencing difficult times? Is someone you know struggling? Dial 211 to connect with a network of more than 16,000 resources right here in South Carolina.

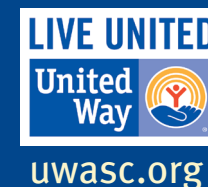
Our agency partners can assist you with:

- Food, Housing & Utilities
- Child Care & Education Services
- Financial Education/Credit Counseling
- Health Care
- Job Training
- Counseling/Support Groups
- Mental Health & Substance Abuse
- Senior Services
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Disaster Services and so much more

Visit [www.SC211.org](http://www.SC211.org)  
Dial 211 or  
Toll Free 888-892-9211  
or 1-803-733-5408



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# MARIA'S STORY

As a ninth grader, with little support from home, my days were filled with *working harder at staying out of trouble than working hard in school.*



Through United Way's mentoring program, I found the encouragement and support to stay in school, improve my grades, and *respect myself.*

My goal after graduation is to attend community college.

United Way isn't just helpful to communities, it's crucial. When it comes to the financial stability, education, and health of our state, United Way doesn't just donate or make quick fixes, we work together to figure out what our community needs and make real change. Your contributions make this possible. Because great things happen when we **LIVE UNITED.**

## over 109,500 SERVED through your contributions

**Education** is a cornerstone for success in school, work and life. And it benefits our whole community. United Way looks at the big picture: what resources are lacking or need strengthening, and how we can address those gaps to keep kids on track to graduation. To improve education, United Ways are helping children and youth to:

- Start school ready to succeed
- Read at grade level early on
- Succeed in the middle grades
- Complete secondary education
- Pursue college or a post-secondary credential

## over 268,600 SERVED through your contributions

**Financially stable people** are more likely to have access to quality health care, provide a good education for their children, and contribute to their local economies. To improve financial stability in our community, United Way focuses on building:

- Knowledge and support to better manage income and savings
- Skills and education to obtain jobs that provide a livable wage
- Security through home ownership

## over 213,400 SERVED through your contributions

**Good health** is an essential ingredient for individual success and a thriving community. Healthy kids are more likely to succeed in school. Our entire community will flourish when all of our residents have access to public parks, playgrounds, healthy foods and quality healthcare. United Way's strategies include expanding access to:

- Healthy foods
- Opportunities for physical activity
- Quality health care

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