

What we do

FOCUS ON POVERTY

Wayne, Erica, and Jose's stories are examples of how our work has an impact on the communities and people we serve. Every day we work with businesses, organizations, and individuals to affect change on a scale that no single person could achieve on their own.

After all, battling an issue as big as poverty can only be won if we are all in.

We think you'll agree that United Way makes sense for our community - providing a single campaign where our collective gifts benefit many community organizations. It is a way of demonstrating and renewing the caring spirit of our area. Importantly, it is a way all of us can play a role in lifting people out of poverty - the chief strategic objective of our United Way.

Improving our community and the lives of our residents does not happen in a single moment - it happens in multiple moments created by thousands of peoples' one moment. We want to help you make your moment. Whether you want to support our work, the work of other community nonprofits, or roll up your sleeves and lend a hand, your moment can be a game changer for those who struggle.

MAKE YOUR MOMENT

Find out how at uwvp.org. Join us in making moments of change in our community!

GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.

DID YOU KNOW...

Money raised here, stays here. For more than 90 years, UWVP has been the community solutions provider. Donors have the confidence that their human service dollars go the furthest to do the most good, supporting many programs through one effort. United Way helps support programs in the community that are providing pathways out of poverty.

On behalf of all of those that will be helped by your contribution,

THANK YOU!



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Stronger Together

**TOGETHER
FOR [GOOD]**





Do you remember...
THAT SINGLE MOMENT
when everything changed for the better?

ERICA

remembers...

Erica had just given birth to her daughter when she found herself jobless, homeless and abandoned. That's when United Way and Natasha House stepped in. Erica received help in the form of a mental health assessment, financial planning, and parenting classes. These services were united from all over the Peninsula, from United Way partner agencies, such as Center for Child & Family Services, Child Development Resources, Lackey Clinic, and Natasha House itself. These organizations helped her create a bridge to wholeness and assist her in reaching her goal of self-sufficiency. In 2016, she successfully graduated, by which time she had restored her credit and saved enough money to purchase a car. She also secured a job in the field of Accounting, as well as an apartment and child care for her daughter. Now she has housing, employment, a second family at Natasha House, and most importantly, her daughter.

UNITED WAY GAVE ME FINANCIAL STABILITY.

Today, I am a healthy, independent, financially secure parent, and I can smile again, because of the services I received through United Way and Natasha House.



Do you remember...
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WAYNE

remembers...

Wayne quit school in the 11th grade. Bullied because he couldn't read well, he'd had enough struggling. At 19, he enrolled in a JobCorp program and became a carpenter and welder. He began work at the Shipyard, but he still had difficulty reading. That's when he was referred to Peninsula READS, a United Way partner agency, and he started attending their adult literacy classes. Since starting his work with Peninsula READS, Wayne has successfully passed the Shipyard's Nuclear Qualification Course, become the first African-American PolyPan Welder at the Shipyard, read some amazing books, and won the Employee Recognition Award five times. He also finally realized his dream of becoming a homeowner. Wayne is extremely proud of the example he has set for his grandsons who enjoy listening to him read "Green Eggs and Ham" over and over and over again.

UNITED WAY GAVE ME AN EDUCATION.

Today, I am a positive role model that has gained the respect of my peers and acquired financial stability through the education provided to me through United Way and Peninsula READS.



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JOSE

remembers...

Jose was living in a one bedroom motel with his adult son. A severe type 1 diabetic, he struggled to help support himself, his son, daughter and 1 year old granddaughter. Jose could not afford his costly health insurance, diabetic needles, insulin, and diabetic medication. Jose ate poorly because he did not have a kitchen in his motel room and could not afford healthy foods. Jose came to United Way for help. Now Jose and his family live together in a safe, clean house through United Way's Home for Good Program. Jose's Home for Good Case Manager immediately referred him to the Lackey Clinic. Jose was so sick from his diabetes that they almost admitted him to the hospital. He now sees his doctor regularly and gets his medication and insulin needles for free. He receives healthy produce, meats and foods from United Way's monthly food distribution, and cooks healthy meals for his family. Since being in the Home for Good Program Jose's health has improved dramatically.

UNITED WAY GAVE ME MY HEALTH BACK.

Today, I am healthy enough to take my 1 year old granddaughter to breakfast and the park every Saturday. I have a chance to see her graduate college and get married because of the life saving help I received at United Way and Home for Good.



FINANCIAL STABILITY

United Way is meeting basic needs like food, rent, and utilities. We are providing job training, education, and placement that leads to living-wage employment.

GIVE.

You can give the gift of health, education, and financial stability with your donation. The workplace campaign is one of the easiest and most powerful ways to invest in your community. Consider making a leadership gift for as little as \$2.74 a day on our website: uwvp.org.



EDUCATION

United Way is increasing adult literacy rates, ensuring access to quality child care that prepares children for school and learning, and offering programs that teach young people positive life skills.

ADVOCATE.

You can make change happen with your voice. Get informed. Tell your friends. Write a letter. United Way needs people that are passionate about health, education and financial stability. Visit uwvp.org to sign up for our e-newsletter to stay connected.



HEALTH

United Way promotes the overall health of our community by: improving access to health care services, promoting a healthy lifestyle, offering mental health, addiction treatment, and ensuring safety from violence.

VOLUNTEER.

You can give your time to the cause. United Way works with volunteers and local partners to lend a hand right here at home. Visit uwvp.org for a list of local volunteer opportunities or call for more information, 757.873.9328.