

# QUICK FACTS

- **Donations to United Way of the Lowcountry (UWLC) stay LOCAL**, helping to meet the immediate needs of our neighbors throughout Beaufort and Jasper Counties in order to build a stronger community.
- Through Community Impact, UWLC partners with local non-profit organizations to impact community priorities and create positive, lasting change by focusing on **Basic Needs, Education, Health and Income/Family Stability**.
- UWLC meets strict requirements for **accountability and results** by using local volunteers to serve as board members and on various committees.
- **89%** of all donations directly support programs.
- UWLC's internal **HELPLINE** serves as a safety net, providing information and referrals to link people with local resources and services to meet their needs.
- United Way and Beaufort County partner to provide **211**, which is a free, confidential referral and information service complementing our HELPLINE. 211 connects people with local resources after business hours, on the weekends and during natural disasters. It can be accessed by phone or by computer at [sc211.org](http://sc211.org).
- UWLC has earned a **4-STAR RATING** (highest possible rating) by Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator.
- UWLC's Early Grade Reading Initiative, **Read Indeed**, provides one on one in-school tutoring at schools and sites throughout Beaufort and Jasper Counties as well as provides free books and supplies for students.
- **Funding decisions are made LOCAL** by volunteers and community members in Beaufort and Jasper Counties who donate to United Way of the Lowcountry.
- Women United's **Operation Backpack** works with school social workers to provide backpacks full of school supplies to local children in need each school year.
- UWLC partners with the IRS and Beaufort County to offer free tax preparation through the Lowcountry **VITA** (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program.
- UWLC offers **Charity Tracker**, which is a web based, shared case management tool, free to local non-profits to help detect patterns of need in our community, address the root causes of individual and family challenges, and provide accountability to ensure resources in our community are making the most impact.



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**LOCAL PEOPLE BENEFITED THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY IMPACT FUNDED PROGRAMS AND DIRECT SERVICES**