



Our 2023 Community Impact

239,146 NEEDS FULFILLED



in Beaufort & Jasper counties

35 PROGRAMS FUNDED SUPPORTING 21 PARTNER AGENCIES

- ABLE Foundation
- AGAPE Family Life Centers, Inc.
- AMIkids Beaufort
- Beaufort-Jasper YMCA of the Lowcountry
- Born To Read
- Boys & Girls Clubs of the Lowcountry
- Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA)
- Coastal Carolina Council
- Consumer Credit Counseling Services
- Family Promise of Beaufort Country
- Good Neighbor Free Medical Clinic of Beaufort
- Hilton Head Island Deep Well Project
- Hopeful Horizons
- Jasper County Council on Aging
- Love House Learning Academy
- Lowcountry Legal Volunteers
- Meals-on-Wheels, Bluffton/Hilton Head
- Jasper County Disabilities and Special Needs
- Ronald McDonald House Charities
- Second Helpings
- The Children's Center

1,348



students took part in early childhood literacy programs

21,570



books gifted to students participating in literacy programs

1,055+



students in need received school supplies & backpacks through Women United initiatives

83



supply-filled backpacks distributed to homeless individuals

3,370



households received assistance from United Way and other area nonprofits using Charity Tracker™

4,000+



area children & families received Christmas gifts and meals through Holiday Heroes

2,431



calls for referral, advocacy & support answered by HELPLINE

1,076



additional calls for help from neighbors in-need processed through the 2-1-1 referral service

\$2 million+



in tax refunds were processed for 2,168 area residents through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

\$520,000+
in time donated
by volunteers



United Way of the Lowcountry



Explore Volunteering Your Time & Talents

By sharing your knowledge and compassion, you can directly contribute to the success of United Way of the Lowcountry's programs and initiatives.

Leverage Your Expertise:

Board of Directors or Committees: Lend your professional skills and experience to guide United Way's strategic direction.

Women United: Join this dynamic group of female leaders dedicated to empowering women and children in the Lowcountry.

Become a Changemaker:

Community Impact Committee: Guide how your donations are distributed by joining the Community Impact Committee. All United Way of the Lowcountry donors are eligible to serve.

VITA Program: Help individuals and families in need navigate tax season through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program.

Read Indeed! Tutor: Spark a love of learning in young minds by becoming a Read Indeed! Early Childhood Education tutor.

Workplace Champion: Rally your colleagues and ignite a spirit of giving at your company. We'll provide the support you need to host a successful workplace campaign.

Community Champion: Share your passion for United Way with friends and neighbors. We'll equip you with resources to spread awareness through social media, emails and gatherings.



Together, let's write the next chapter of impact in Beaufort & Jasper counties.

Unite Your Group:

Volunteer Team Building: Create a customized volunteer experience for your company, club, or organization at one of our partner agencies.

Guest Speaker: Invite a United Way representative to talk about our mission and current initiatives.

Find the perfect opportunity, by contacting:

Sherry Halphen, Volunteer/VITA Program Coordinator
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Learn more about our volunteer opportunities by scanning the QR Code on the right.



uwlowcountry.org/volunteer

Igniting Change, Building Brighter Futures



We're celebrating a milestone, but for us it's just the starting line. For 60 years, United Way of the Lowcountry has been a steady force for good, lifting up our community one person at a time. But our story is far from over. **With your help, we're writing a new chapter – one filled with hope, innovation, and the unwavering belief that every individual deserves the chance to thrive.**

Meet ALICE: Your Unseen Neighbors

Hidden in plain sight, there's a growing population of hardworking individuals and families struggling to make ends meet in the Lowcountry. **We call them ALICE: Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed.** They are your child care worker, the cashier at your supermarket, the salesperson at your big box store, your waitress, home health aide or even police officer.



ALICE cannot always pay the bills, has little or nothing in savings, and is forced to make tough choices such as deciding between quality child care or paying the rent. One unexpected car repair or medical bill can push these financially strapped families over the edge. The future success of our community is directly tied to the financial stability of these fragile ALICE households.

For 26% of Jasper County residents and 25% of Beaufort County residents, this is reality.



Step into the World of ALICE

Interested in experiencing the challenges our ALICE neighbors face firsthand? Join one of our upcoming **FREE** Poverty Simulations. The simulation is a powerful, eye-opening journey that puts you in the shoes of someone struggling to make ends meet. You'll confront tough decisions, limited resources, and unexpected life events. It's a heart-wrenching reality check that inspires action. You'll also gain a deeper appreciation for the critical role United Way plays in providing a lifeline.

Learn more about ALICE and our Poverty Simulations by scanning the QR Code on the right.



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A Beacon of Hope: The Becky Francis Dignity Project

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of local philanthropist Charlie Francis, we're launching the Becky Francis Dignity Project.

This transformative initiative will empower countless individuals and families to break free from poverty by focusing on three pillars:

- meeting basic needs,
- promoting self-sufficiency, and
- building a supportive community.



Inspired by the legacy of beloved community leader Becky Francis, the Dignity Project is central to our mission. By addressing fundamental needs like housing, food and hygiene, we are laying the groundwork for individuals and families to rebuild their lives and achieve lasting stability.

Restoring Dignity, One Shower at a Time

Imagine the relief of a hot shower after a sweltering day in the Lowcountry, the water washing away your exhaustion and leaving you refreshed. It's more than just hygiene; it's about restoring dignity and hope. **That's why we're thrilled to announce the Becky Francis Dignity Project's first initiative – our Showers of Dignity mobile unit – is coming this fall.** This vital resource will uplift individuals experiencing homelessness or recovering from disaster by providing essential hygiene services and connecting them to resources for rebuilding their lives. It's a small act with a big impact.



Our self-contained 24-foot trailer includes two private shower stalls (one ADA-compliant), and can be deployed anywhere in Beaufort and Jasper counties, reaching those in need directly. Beyond showers, we will offer laundry services and essential hygiene supplies to support overall well-being. We collaborate with local organizations to provide wrap-around services, connecting individuals with resources for housing, employment and healthcare.

Join us in writing the next chapter of our story

We're on a mission to break the cycle of poverty. By providing essential needs, fostering self-sufficiency and building community, we're empowering individuals and families to reach their full potential. **Together, we can create a Lowcountry where everyone thrives.**