United Way is committed to addressing immediate needs and finding long-term solutions to challenges facing our community. We do this by investing in programs and services, leading community change initiatives and mobilizing resources and volunteers.

When you give directly to United Way, you’re helping our community build back better with a future that includes more equitable outcomes for all. That’s what it means to LIVE UNITED. Here’s what we were able to accomplish together as a result of 2020 contributions:

**YOUTH SUCCESS:**
**CHILDREN ARE READY FOR SCHOOL AND STAY ON TRACK, GRADUATING ON TIME PREPARED FOR COLLEGE OR CAREER.**
- Nearly 4,000 children enrolled in high-quality early childhood education programs
- Nearly 90% of children in United Way-supported programs achieved developmental milestones
- 1,700 students in kindergarten through third grade received support that kept them on track and engaged academically

**ECONOMIC MOBILITY:**
**PEOPLE LEARN FINANCIAL SKILLS AND QUALIFY FOR GOOD-PAYING JOBS WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVANCEMENT.**
- 750 adults gained employment
- 10,350 households received no-cost tax preparation services, which resulted in nearly $24.5 million in refunds returned to the region
- 2,000 individuals received benefits screenings for programs such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps)

**ACCESS TO HEALTH AND BASIC NEEDS:**
**PROMOTE ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTH CARE AND WELLNESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; AND, HELP PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING THROUGH TOUGH TIMES GET THE ASSISTANCE THEY NEED, SUCH AS FOOD AND SHELTER.**
- 10.9 million pounds of food distributed through regional food banks
- 13,600 people were connected to emergency resources such as rent/utility assistance, medical equipment, clothing or transportation assistance
- 103,500 calls were made to United Way 211 for information and referral services