

## WHY INVEST IN YOUR UNITED WAY?

*Underneath Everything We Are...*

*Underneath Everything We Do...*

*We Are All People.*

*Connected, Interdependent, United.*

*That's What It Means To LIVE UNITED.*

*When we as individuals think outside ourselves, we have the power to facilitate change. United Way of Manatee County invites you to be part of the change. Together, united, we can inspire hope and create opportunities for a better tomorrow.*



## HOW IS YOUR CONTRIBUTION INVESTED IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

We have a great responsibility to make sure your contribution is invested carefully in programs that work. Each year, United Way Partner Agencies complete an application for all programs for which they are seeking support. These programs and the requests are then evaluated by a group of volunteers, known as the Community Investment Committee. Using several evaluation tools, the Committee makes its recommendations for funding and the final approval is given by the United Way Board of Directors.



Getting help when you need it is just a phone call away. Dial 2-1-1 or (941) 308-HELP (4357) to reach a 24 hour call center where real people will listen and discuss your needs in complete confidence allowing them to assist with referral services for health and human care needs. It provides a centralized location for any Manatee County resident to get help with:

**Food, Shelter or Clothing • Childcare • Employment Physical or Mental Health Problems • Substance Abuse Violence or Abuse • Family Counseling • Grief or Loss**

## UNITED WAY OF MANATEE COUNTY PARTNER AGENCIES

American Red Cross  
Anna Maria Island Community Center  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast  
Boy Scouts of America Southwest Florida  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County  
Catholic Charities  
Children's Academy of Southwest Florida, Inc.  
Children's Home Society  
Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
Community Coalition on Homelessness  
Community Haven for Adults & Children With Disabilities  
Consumer Credit Counseling Service  
Early Learning Coalition  
Easter Seals Southwest Florida  
Epilepsy Services of Southwest Florida  
Exchange Club Family Partnership Center  
Family Network on Disabilities of Manatee/Sarasota  
Family Resources  
Foundation for Dreams  
Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida  
Gulf Coast Marine Institute

HOPE Family Services  
Insight Counseling Services  
Jewish Family & Children's Service of Sarasota-Manatee  
Literacy Council of Manatee County  
Manasota ARC/PARC  
Manatee Children's Services  
Manatee Community Action Agency  
Manatee County Girls Club 4/1/a Just for Girls  
Manatee County Rural Health Services  
Manatee Family YMCA  
Manatee Glens Corporation  
Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee  
Myakka City Community Center  
PACE Center for Girls of Manatee County  
Palmetto Youth Center  
Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida  
Sarasota Manatee Association for Riding Therapy (SMART)  
Suncoast Center for Independent Living (S.C.I.L.)  
Talleast Community Center  
The Salvation Army  
United Community Centers  
Volunteer Services

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When we reach out a hand to one, we influence the condition of all.



GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.  
**LIVE UNITED**

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Our community is facing unprecedented need. We all know someone who has been or is being severely impacted by the downturn in our economy. Your generosity is needed now more than ever. Give. Advocate. Volunteer.



JOHN ANNIS  
2009  
Campaign Chair



## GIVE.

The easiest and most powerful way to invest in your community is to make an annual contribution to the United Way of Manatee County. Your contribution will make a positive, measurable and lasting change in our community.

## ADVOCATE.

You can make change happen with your voice. Get informed. Tell your friends. Write a letter to the editor. United Way needs people who are passionate about **Assisting People in Crisis, Empowering People to Independence, Enriching the Lives of Seniors and Strengthening Children & Families.**

## VOLUNTEER.

Lend your muscle. Give an hour. Give a Saturday. Think 'we' before 'me'. United Way encourages everyone to give of their time to make Manatee County a better place to live.

# CREATING LASTING CHANGES IN MANATEE COUNTY

## STRENGTHENING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Before & After School Programs  
Counseling & Mentoring  
Day Care Subsidies  
School Related Issues – Drop Out and Drug Prevention  
Literacy Programs  
Parenting Education  
Programs for Children with Disabilities  
Scouting – Girls & Boys

## ASSISTING PEOPLE IN CRISIS

Disaster Services  
Domestic Violence & Child Abuse Programs  
Homeless & Emergency Shelters  
Rape Crisis Services  
Emergency Financial Assistance

## EMPOWERING PEOPLE TO INDEPENDENCE

Financial Education & Credit Counseling  
Programs for those with Disabilities  
Adult Literacy  
Epilepsy Services  
Food Pantry

## ENRICHING THE LIVES OF SENIORS

Adult Day Care  
Retired Senior Volunteer Program  
Caregiver Support Programs  
Senior Support Programs

*I became aware of the United Way through my company sponsored giving program more than 25 years ago. I had very little knowledge of what it really was other than that it was a program that helped those in need.*

*Over the years I have continued to give and have learned that the United Way not only helps those in need but is a treasure in the community. A special treasure that is there for all of us, especially when we least expect to need it.*

– Rae Dowling  
25 year Florida Power  
& Light Contributor

