

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 Food & Shelter, Intervention and Prevention for Abuse and Violence, Early Childhood Development, Services for People with Disabilities, the Elderly and their Caregivers and Youth Development.

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.

After being homeless and living in a tent, Jacki Love and her husband learned they were pregnant. They could not imagine raising their child in such conditions, and sought help from Community Coalition on Homelessness. They received financial assistance to help them move to a home, which enabled Jacki to maintain two jobs. Now, the Love Family gives back and volunteers for the Faces of Homeless Speakers Bureau. They are able to present to the community firsthand how a life can be saved.



"If it wasn't for the gracious donations from the United Way of Manatee County, my family and I wouldn't be where we are today. Thank you for giving us a chance at a fulfilling life."

– The Love Family

FOOD AND SHELTER

Families and community members move from crisis and return to stability and self-sufficiency.

- Emergency Family & Baby Baskets
- Safe Shelter from Domestic Violence
- Homeless & Emergency Shelters
- Disaster Services
- Homelessness Prevention Services

INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION FOR ABUSE AND VIOLENCE

Community members connect with resources or attain skills to prevent, or to begin their recovery from abuse, neglect and/or violence.

- Counseling Services for Children, Victims / Witnesses to Domestic Violence and Families
- Parenting Education
- Rape Crisis Services
- Victim Advocacy and Legal Defense Services
- Education Intervention for Students Engaged in Violence, Gang Activity and Anti-Social Behaviors

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Children develop cognitive, social, emotional and physical skills so that they are ready for learning in school.

- Early Care and Education Programs
- Healthy Families Initiatives
- Reading Programs
- Day Care Subsidies

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SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, THE ELDERLY AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Community members acquire functioning skills necessary to more fully integrate and participate in the community and to achieve a satisfying quality of life.

- Children's Therapy
- Assisted / Community Living for Persons with Disabilities
- Respite Services
- Adult Day Care
- Home Delivered Meals
- Adult Literacy
- Epilepsy and Hearing Impaired Services

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Youth improve academic achievement, develop pro-social attitudes to help them make better choices in life, and lower risk behaviors.

- Before and After School Enrichment Programs
- Mentoring
- Cultural Arts and Physical Education
- Drug / Teen Pregnancy Intervention / Prevention Programs
- Career Counseling
- Health and Safety Services Training

"Thanks to your past support, our neediest children were nurtured, homeless families were sheltered, troubled teens received counseling and our frailest seniors enjoyed nutritious meals and warm hugs. As demand for local social service programs continue to grow, we hope you will continue your generous support for the United Way of Manatee County."

– Bruce Body, Raymond James & Associates – 2011 Campaign Chair

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WHY INVEST IN YOUR UNITED WAY ?

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.

Together as one,
we'll start to see
CHANGE.

Together as one, we are
STRONGER
in every way.

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

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| American Red Cross
Southwest FL Chapter | HOPE Family Services |
| AMIKids Manatee County | Insight Counseling Services |
| Anna Maria Island
Community Center | Jewish Family & Children's
Service of Sarasota-Manatee |
| Big Brothers Big Sisters of
the Sun Coast | Just for Girls |
| Boy Scouts of America
Southwest Florida | Literacy Council of
Manatee County |
| Boys & Girls Clubs of
Manatee County | Manasota ARC |
| Catholic Charities | Manatee Children's Services |
| Children's Academy of
Southwest Florida, Inc. | Manatee Community
Action Agency |
| Community Center for the
Deaf and Hard of Hearing | Manatee County Habitat
For Humanity |
| Community Coalition on
Homelessness | Manatee Family YMCA |
| Community Haven for Adults &
Children With Disabilities | Manatee Glens Corporation |
| CredAbility | Meals on Wheels PLUS
of Manatee |
| Early Learning Coalition | Myakka City Community Center |
| Easter Seals Southwest Florida | PACE Center for Girls of
Manatee County |
| Epilepsy Services of
Southwest Florida | Palmetto Youth Center |
| Family Network on Disabilities
of Manatee/Sarasota | Planned Parenthood of
Southwest and Central Florida |
| Family Partnership Center | Sarasota Manatee Association for
Riding Therapy (SMART) |
| Family Resources | Suncoast Center for Independent
Living (S.C.I.L.) |
| Foundation for Dreams | Tallevast Community Center |
| Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida | The Salvation Army |
| Gulf Coast Legal Services, Inc. | United Community Centers
Volunteer Services |

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