LIVE UNITED

We believe that everyone deserves opportunity to have a good life and that education leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family, and good health. But, sadly, this reality is increasingly beyond the reach of thousands in our community.

We know that children who enter school ready to learn are more likely to graduate and become productive adults, yet more than one-third of our children are behind. One in three working people do not earn enough to provide for their families. Florida ranks dead last when it comes to children’s access to healthcare. In three of Miami-Dade’s residents have no health insurance.

Together, we must work to change those statistics. It takes the whole community—government, business, faith groups, nonprofits, the labor movement, and ordinary citizens—working together to create lasting, sustainable change.

It also takes each of us doing our part. As people, we can act together and depend on one another. We all will, when a child succeeds in school, when a town becomes financially stable, when people have good health.

That’s what it means to LIVE UNITED. We invite you to join us in this mission. Give to United Way and invest in solutions that are making a measurable difference in people’s lives, advance for issues that are important to you, and volunteer.

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Advancing the common good

We have a common goal: to build on advancing the common goal. Our strategy approaches to defining and delivering measurable results in education, income and health—the basic building blocks for a good life. Our goal is to create long-lasting changes that prevent problems from happening in the first place.

Education: Helping children and young people reach their potential. Our focus: providing a quality early education that leads to school readiness, achieving academic success in the classroom and developing productive and engaged young adults.

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Advocate

Our collective voices are a powerful tool for change. We brought together champions around education, income and health to speak out on the issues that concern us most.

Our Women Leaders traveled to Washington, D.C. and Tallahassee to advocate for quality early childhood education. In Washington, D.C., we met with all of South Florida’s congressional delegation, our two state senators, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and Secretary of StateCondoleezza Rice.

In Tallahassee, we lobbied on the continued funding of T.E.A.C.H., the only state-funded early education teacher development program. Our voices were heard. The Florida legislature voted to fully fund the program in 2007-08.

We continued to speak out in support of a strong public school system, traveling to Tallahassee to meet with legislators about adequate funding for the Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Along with our community partners, we convened our third Medicaid Forum. The University of Florida presented the preliminary results of its ongoing Medicaid Reform evaluation to over 90 Miami-Dade community leaders, legislators, health services providers and others.

As part of a business leaders engagement effort funded by the Buffett Early Childhood Fund, we continue to meet with United Ways at the state and national level, identifying challenges that better serve our residents and communities to develop strategies that can truly change the way we deliver early education.

Volunteer

By volunteering your time, you can contribute over 75,000 hours to help United Way and Hands On Miami, our partner in volunteerism.

Through our partnership with the NFL, we teamed up with the Miami Dolphins for hometown Hudle, a day of community service. Student athletes and cheerleaders organized a junior training camp and helped to refurbish an after-school facility for kids who have been going for years or more.

We activated Operation Helping Hands, our disaster response program in partnership with The Miami Herald and the A.H. Nexus to help address the food crisis in Haiti.