We fight for the education, financial stability and health of every person in our community. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact us, remember one thing: We are a fighting city. And we will get through this—together.
Before the novel Coronavirus was even a reality in our community, more than 475,000 households, including more than 240,000 families with children, were already living in, or on the edge, of poverty.

**EVEN BEFORE COVID-19, IN MIAMI-DADE:**

- Nearly 40% of households were one emergency away from poverty. We call them ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed)*
- Almost 20% of households lived in poverty

Combined, they represent more than half of all households

*The ALICE Report*
We are always on the frontlines, supporting Miami-Dade's most vulnerable. These are just some ways we've helped those impacted by COVID-19 in our community:

- **Collectively we have raised more than $3.5 million for relief efforts.**
- **We established the COVID-19 Resource Center with more than 100 links to valuable information.**
- **Created the Small Business Assistance Program** to help small businesses that may not be eligible for other assistance and are struggling to pay rent for leased space.
- **More than 700 volunteers** have signed up for or completed volunteer opportunities since March 16.
- **Provided meals and food packs to over 14,000 families in our community** including Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership program and Miami-Dade County Public Schools families, Mission United veterans and Impact Partner families.
- **Assisted with emergency assistance** for rent/mortgage, food and medication from individuals impacted by reduced hours, layoffs and/or furloughs.
- **Spearheaded the delivery of 10,200 meals to 1,700 older adults** due to closure of senior meal sites/care centers.
Our work for the community is more necessary because of this crisis. Individuals and families were struggling even before COVID-19, and the need is even greater now. So many more in our community are financially impacted due to reduced work hours and wages, layoffs and furloughs. But we can make a difference. This will be the most important part of our work for the foreseeable future—and there’s still so much to do.

**EDUCATION**

Education has been and will continue to be our best investment in the future of our community—and the best pathway out of poverty. Now it will be a lifeline for families struggling to keep their jobs.

**In education, this past year we invested:**

- $16.0 million in early childhood and $2.73 million in school-age services
- 10,583 young children received quality early interventions and experiences, improving their chances for success

**This past year through United Way:**

- 8,442 young people participated in programs that led to better grades, increased school attendance and fewer at-risk behaviors
- 88% improved their conduct, grades and/or attendance

**FINANCIAL STABILITY**

Today families are struggling with life’s most basic needs. They find themselves without jobs and standing in long lines just to get a bag of food. Their financial stability needs seem insurmountable, and United Way will be there—just like we’ve been in the past.

**This past year, we invested:**

- $2.94 MILLION TO CONNECT INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES with tools, trainings and opportunities to become financially independent

**FIRST THINGS FIRST: MEETING BASIC NEEDS**

- 20% of children go to bed hungry
- 3,526 people are homeless

**This past year through United Way:**

- More than 1,200 individuals received shelter
- Over 500,000 emergency meals were provided

**ACCESSING JOBS TO SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES**

- Even before COVID-19, 63,747 unemployed in Miami-Dade

**This past year through United Way:**

- 10,341 unemployed and underemployed participated in training and placement programs to help them access jobs

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The COVID-19 crisis has impacted our community in significant ways. Before this crisis, our community faced significant health disparities especially among vulnerable populations like older adults and those with mental health issues. Now these populations are even more in need.

This past year, we invested:
• $3.73 MILLION TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTH, promote healthy lifestyles and help older adults stay well

This past year through United Way:
• 33,685 people accessed care, including screenings, to improve their physical and mental health
• Since 2007, 171,093 families have saved almost $15 million on prescriptions through our partnership with FamilyWize

MAINTAINING A SOUND BODY AND MIND
• One in five youth (ages 13-17) needs mental health services
This past year through United Way:
• More than 8,000 mental health counseling sessions were provided

STAYING HEALTHY AND ACTIVE AS WE AGE
• 1 in 7 older adults in South Florida chooses between buying medication, food or paying rent
This past year through United Way:
• 8,760 older adults received 1,378,749 free and nutritious meals

*From the ALICE Report