WHAT WE FIGHT FOR

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.

THE WORLD HAS CHANGED OUR NEEDS HAVE NOT GIVE NOW
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:**

37% of households were one emergency away from poverty. We call them ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed)*

17% of households lived in poverty

Combined, they represent 54% of all households

**RECENTLY, DUE TO THE CRISIS WE’VE SEEN:**

31% of families reported having trouble paying for bills, food and health insurance.

600% increase in need for food.

80% increase in crisis hotline calls requesting food, economic support, and suicide and crisis intervention.

4 in 10 people worry that COVID-19 is impacting their mental health.

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.

*Based on the latest United Way ALICE Report that underscores the importance of United Way work in education, financial stability and health. This data, from 2018, does not incorporate the COVID-19 pandemic.*
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 nearly $3.7 million for relief efforts as of August 4.
- 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, helping 78 businesses, totaling more than $225,000 in assistance so far.
- More than 1,476 volunteers have signed up for or completed volunteer opportunities as of July 31.
- Provided meals and food packs to over 28,000 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.
- Gave emergency assistance for rent/mortgage, food and medication for individuals impacted by reduced hours, layoffs and/or furloughs, helping 5,162 individuals with more than $1 million in assistance so far.
- Spearheaded the delivery of 10,200 meals to 1,700 older adults due to closure of senior meal sites/care centers.
**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:**

- **$3.25 MILLION TO CONNECT INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES** with tools, trainings and opportunities to become financially independent

**FIRST THINGS FIRST: MEETING BASIC NEEDS**

- Nearly 20% of children go to bed hungry
- 3,472 people are homeless

**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:**

- **$16.04 million** in early childhood and **$2.44 million** in school-age services
- 13,102 young children received quality early interventions and experiences, improving their chances for success

**This past year through United Way:**

- **14,212** young people participated in programs that led to better grades, increased school attendance and fewer at-risk behaviors
- **Almost 90%** improved their conduct, grades and/or attendance

**ACCESSING JOBS TO SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES**

- Even before COVID-19, **65,339** unemployed in Miami-Dade

**This past year through United Way:**

- **10,859** unemployed and underemployed participated in training and placement programs to help them access jobs

**HEALTH**

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:**

- **$3.37 MILLION TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTH**, promote healthy lifestyles and help older adults stay well

**This past year through United Way:**

- **27,452** people accessed care, including screenings, to improve their physical and mental health
- **Since 2007, 185,259** families have saved more than $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 18,309** 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:**

- **8,103** older adults received more than **1.9 million** free and nutritious meals

**OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS US, NOW MORE THAN EVER.**