

**UNITED WAY OF THE PIEDMONT  
2011-2015 COMMUNITY IMPACT AGENDA**

**FINANCIAL STABILITY**

*Individuals and families in our community are able to meet basic needs and build economic self-sufficiency.*

**Barrier:** The safety net of emergency services available in our community is difficult to navigate and has limited capacity.

**Needed Improvements:**

- Increase availability of services that provide assistance for basic needs for people in crisis.
- Improve coordination of services among agencies providing emergency assistance.
- Increase availability of case management to navigate community resources and prevent future crises.

**Barrier:** Many people do not have living wage jobs.

**Needed Improvements:**

- Provide clear educational paths for adults without their high school diploma.
- Improve technical and soft job skills among unemployed/underemployed.
- Reduce environmental barriers to employment including access to transportation and affordable child care.

**Barrier:** Families and adults often do not manage their resources in a manner that supports financial stability

**Needed Improvements:**

- Increase basic financial literacy among members of our community.
- Encourage savings and asset development within low-moderate income households.
- Increase affordable and safe housing stock for low-income households.