

## Measures of Impact

### Emergency Financial Assistance

*United Way of the Piedmont supports 8 programs throughout Spartanburg, Union and Cherokee Counties that provide emergency financial assistance to those in danger of losing their home or utility service. Last year, these programs provided over \$700,000 in assistance to 18,225 individuals. Of those receiving help with their power bill, 91% had uninterrupted service 3 months following the help.*

### Connected Seniors

*United Way of the Piedmont supports 6 programs throughout Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties that provide social and educational opportunities for senior citizens. Last year, these programs served 3,163 individual seniors. When surveyed, 84% of program participants report that this vital programming reduced their feelings of isolation or depression.*

### Afterschool Programming

*United Way of the Piedmont supports 11 programs throughout Spartanburg, Union and Cherokee Counties that provide afterschool programming for children and youth. Last year, these programs served 4,242 children. While all of the children involved were provided safe learning environments, an impressive 48% had grade-letter improvement in at least one academic subject.*

### Reducing Teen Risk Behaviors

*United Way of the Piedmont supports 4 programs throughout Spartanburg County that educate children and youth on the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse, adolescent pregnancy, teen violence, and tobacco. Last year, these programs touched the lives of 27,269 young people. Over 76% of program participants reported that the education would make them less likely to engage in specific risky behaviors.*

### Residential Care for Youth

*United Way of the Piedmont supports 3 residential homes for youth who have been removed from their homes. These organizations provide a safe, therapeutic environment for emotional and educational growth. Last year, 128 teens were served by these programs. Over 78% of those exiting the program were discharged to a stable living environment.*

### Emergency Shelter & Transitional Housing

*United Way of the Piedmont supports 7 emergency shelters and transitional housing programs for the homeless, victims of domestic violence, and victims of sexual assault. These organizations provided 45,123 nights of shelter to 1,209 individuals last year. Nearly 90% of those exiting the programs were discharged to permanent or stable housing.*

**Quality Childcare & Family Literacy**

*United Way of the Piedmont supports 2 quality childcare programs caring for the children of low-income parents completing high school or obtaining their GED. These centers provided 10,740 days of care to 131 children last year. An impressive 83% of these children are assessed as “making average or above average progress on preliteracy skills.”*

**Prescription Assistance to the Uninsured**

*United Way of the Piedmont supports 2 free medical clinics that seek to provide healthcare to the nearly 20% of our community without private insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid. Last year, these clinic filled an astounding 35,733 prescriptions, providing life sustaining medication to our uninsured neighbors.*