

United Way of the Piedmont: Focusing on Community Impact

United Way of the Piedmont's "**Neighbors Helping Neighbors**" Community Impact Area focuses resources to ensure that our community can provide a safety net of support for those in need. Programs that fall under the "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" Impact area address issues pertaining to the need for disaster relief, sound housing, emergency shelter and financial assistance services.

Mrs. Simpson is a 78-year-old widow who lives alone and on a fixed income. In February of 2008, Mrs. Simpson received a letter from her insurance company stating that her homeowners' policy would be canceled if she did not have the roof on her home replaced. Mrs. Simpson received an estimate for the repairs and soon realized the repairs would cost nearly half of her annual income. A neighbor referred Mrs. Simpson to a United Way funded program which uses volunteer labor and donated supplies to perform home improvements at no cost for low-income senior citizens. In just one day, the old roof came off her house and a new roof was constructed. The exterior of her home was also repainted, restoring the pride she previously had in her home. As a result of the repairs made by the group of volunteers that worked on her home that day, her homeowners insurance was reinstated, and Mrs. Simpson no longer has to worry about being cold and unsafe.

By supporting United Way's Community Impact Fund, you help provide funding to a safety net of services that assists our neighbors in need.