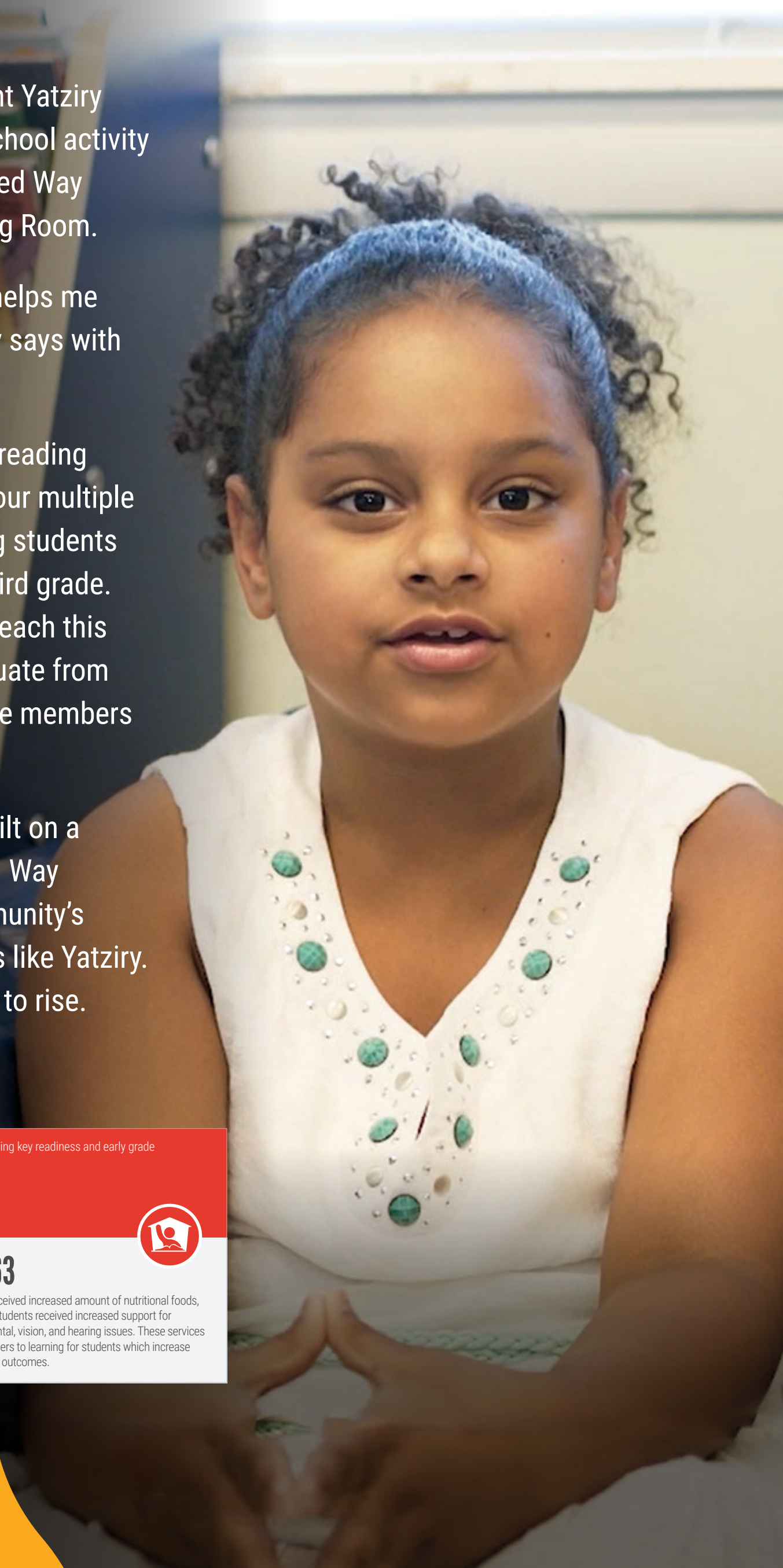


Bradenton elementary student Yatziry Caraballo ranks one out of school activity above all others: time at United Way Suncoast's La Mirada Reading Room.

"This is the place that most helps me with all my struggles," Yatziry says with an engaging smile.

At United Way Suncoast, the reading room represents just one of our multiple investments aimed at helping students read on level by the end of third grade. Studies show students who reach this stage are more likely to graduate from high school and be productive members of society.

With an economic system built on a foundation of reading, United Way Suncoast solidifies the community's future when we help students like Yatziry. And, it gives her the freedom to rise.



EARLY LITERACY
Ages 0-12

Ensure that children are surpassing key readiness and early grade reading benchmarks.

2019 COMMUNITY STATUS
Grade 3 reading scores **51%**



56,077

56,077 local children received support from United Way to improve their educational opportunities in DeSoto, Hillsborough Manatee, Pinellas, and Sarasota

47,063

students received increased amount of nutritional foods, and 2,081 students received increased support for asthma, dental, vision, and hearing issues. These services reduce barriers to learning for students which increase educational outcomes.

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