United Way Suncoast provides leadership that improves lives and creates lasting community change by mobilizing the caring people of our communities to give, advocate, and volunteer. United Way Suncoast provides pathways to education and financial stability that give everyone in our community the freedom to rise.

**ALICE % from United Way**
45% of below ALICE and 9% in Poverty

**$ Invested**
$2,163,574 Invested in Early Learning, Financial Stability Programs in Hillsborough
$1,840,099 Invested in United Way Rapid Response Fund across five counties

**# of Strategic Community Partners**
101, including 33 investment partners

**Focus Areas**
Early Learning, Youth Success, Financial Stability

### FINANCIAL STABILITY

- **300K DOLLARS**
- **+600 RESIDENTS**

**NOTABLE PROGRAMS INCLUDE:**
- The Siemer Institute: In FY 21, UWS provided $300,000 to support 649 children and 197 families through local nonprofits. Hillsborough Specific: 36 families and 289 children
- achieved the milestone of being placed in employment throughout the year

- **19K RESIDENTS**
- **received food assistance/ nutritous food.**

- Metropolitan Ministries & Homeless Emergency Project who helped a combined 250+ residents find employment.
- CareerSource Tampa Bay helped over +1K develop job-seeking skills and improve essential skill behaviors.

### FINANCIAL COACHING

- **35 SESSIONS**
- **75 PARTICIPANTS**

- **+5.5K CHILDREN** (pre-k) demonstrated progress in communication, vocabulary, and early literacy skills.
- **+1K CHILDREN** received increased medical services related to asthma, dental, vision, and hearing issues.

### EMERGENCY RESPONSE DOLLARS

- **65,757 DOLLARS**
  - went towards the community from the Publix Last Resort Fund.

- **393,551 DOLLARS**
  - from UWS Rapid Response Fund invested in agencies serving only Hillsborough County. $565,804 invested in agencies who listed Sarasota County as one of their service areas.

### PEOPLE SERVED

- **Strategic Community Partner**
  - 6,615 INDIVIDUALS
  - 4,809 HOUSEHOLDS

- **UWS Led**
  - 263 INDIVIDUALS

- **Publix Last Resort Fund**
  - 169 INDIVIDUALS

**United Way Rapid Response Fund**
- **+47K RESIDENTS**
- **+42K ALICE**

**An additional**
- **+319K RESIDENTS**
- **+64K ALICE**

were reported in agencies who listed this county as one of their service areas.

### VITA

- **11 SITES**
- **3,782 RETURNS**
- **$756,400 SAVED IN FEES**
- **$3,026,198 IN REFUNDS**

### EARLY LEARNING

- **+5.5K CHILDREN**
- **+1K CHILDREN**

**NOTABLE PROGRAMS INCLUDE:**
- Lions Eye Institute served as a member of the Hillsborough Campaign for Grade-Level Reading and provided medical support for over 600 children.
- Champion for Children’s Parents as Teachers program saw more than 500 families reporting increased engagement with their child’s development ages birth – pre-k

### SULPHUR SPRINGS RESOURCE CENTER

- **+27K MEAL KITS**
  - provided to the community.

- **+700 VISITS**
  - to the center for assistance with computer use, resume building, job searches, job training and more.

- **+80 CASES**
  - By providing access through our Resource Center, Bay Area Legal Services was able to provide legal services in 80+ cases.

**FLKRS Analysis**
The Impact of Covid on school has been seen throughout the state. The rate of test takers showing ‘kindergarten readiness’ in the state of Florida is 57%, and only 52% in Hillsborough County. Hillsborough also saw a 32% decrease in students entering kindergarten.

**FSA Analysis**
Across the state, including our 5 counties, all age groups have declined in showing proficiency in English Language Arts despite already starting at a low average of 54-57%. In 2021, the achievement for Hillsborough County for grades 3-5 is 51%

**Unemployment**
While the standard unemployment rate for each county we serve is between 4.2 and 4.5%, that number doubles when you factor in individuals no longer looking but employable, as well as those who are underemployed seeking an alternative with true living wages.