

INVESTMENT & PROGRAM OUTCOMES

in SARASOTA COUNTY



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

38 % below ALICE and 10% in Poverty

\$ Invested

\$848,991.00 Invested in Early Learning, Financial Stability

\$1,840,099 Invested in United Way Rapid Response Fund across five counties

of Strategic Community Partners

34, including 16 investment partners

Focus Areas

Early Learning, Financial Stability, VITA

EARLY LEARNING

+150
CHILDREN

The Early Learning Coalition of Sarasota's LENA Grow program helped +150 children improve communication, vocabulary, and literacy skills, 200% over their goal.

+700
CHILDREN/STUDENTS

Through the Boys & Girls Club of Sarasota and DeSoto Counties alone over 700 children/students were able to receive an increased amount of food.

FINANCIAL STABILITY

+2,000
RESIDENTS

received access to nutritious food/meal programs

+300
HOUSEHOLDS

completed SNAP applications and other benefit programs through Faiths Food Bank's program for Reducing Food Insecurity.

96%

of +9,900 residents served were ALICE Population.

300K
DOLLARS

provided by UWS to support 649 children and 197 families through local nonprofits. (Sarasota Specific: 100 families and 220 individuals)

EMERGENCY RESPONSE DOLLARS

\$33,220.50
INVESTED

towards the community via Publix Last Resort Fund. Investments were split between Desoto & Sarasota so the county investments are mirrored.

\$527,058
INVESTED

\$50,000 invested in agencies serving only Sarasota County. \$527,058 invested in agencies who listed Sarasota County as one of their service areas.

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 55% in Sarasota County. Sarasota also saw a 21% 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 Sarasota County for grades 3-5 is 65%

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.

PEOPLE SERVED

Strategic Community Partner

9,982
INDIVIDUALS

6,825
HOUSEHOLDS

UWS Led

145
INDIVIDUALS

Publix Last Resort Fund

90
INDIVIDUALS
ACROSS SARASOTA & DESOTO

United Way Rapid Response Fund

+900
RESIDENTS

+200
ALICE

An additional

+37,400
RESIDENTS

+37,200
ALICE

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

QUALITY CHILDCARE INITIATIVES

\$25,000
INVESTMENT

in 4 partners

250+
HOURS

of teacher trainings completed

52
CHILDREN

who demonstrate progress in communication, vocabulary and/or early literacy; 19 additional children improved kindergarten readiness behaviors.

VITA

6
SITES

1,613
RETURNS

\$322,600
SAVED IN FEES

\$1,936,873
IN REFUNDS