

INVESTMENT & PROGRAM OUTCOMES

in MANATEE 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.

COMMUNITY CONDITIONS

ALICE % from United Way

45% of households in Manatee County fall within or below the ALICE (Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained, Employed). Threshold. These hard-working families reside above the poverty line but stand one unexpected expense away from dire circumstances. In Manatee County, our partners served 18,722 individuals, and 99% of those residents identify as ALICE totaling

\$ Invested

\$1,332,671 invested into Strategic Community Partner programs, other community support initiatives, and United Way Suncoast programs and administration in Manatee County

of Strategic Community Partners

34, including 14 investment partners

Focus Areas

Early Learning (United We Learn), Financial Stability

Volunteers

Over 1,100 volunteer hours served in Manatee County last year

State of Early Learning

- Florida Kindergarten Readiness (FLKRS): In 2021-22, approximately 47% of kindergarteners were "Ready for Kindergarten" in Manatee
- Florida Standards Assessment (FSA): In 2021-22 46% of Manatee 3rd grade students were reading at or above grade level. Within UWS schools of focus, which are 10 title I schools, only 27% of students read on grade level

EL Reading Rates by demographics

- Homeless Status – In 2021-2022, 23% of 3rd grade students who are homeless are reading at or above grade level
- Economic status – In 2021-22, only 34% of students who are identified as economically disadvantaged* are reading at or above grade level.

UNITED WAY SUNCOAST PROGRAMS

+300
HOURS

Quality Childcare Initiative engaged 34 teachers with more than 300 hours of teacher training, a 5.3x increase from the prior year.

3,040
BOOKS

United Way Suncoast programs successfully distributed 3,040 books and literacy kits to the community within the last year.

550
HOURS

The Reading Room nearly doubled the number of program hours offered to more than 550 hours, which provides necessary reading and learning materials for children and their families.

2.6X

United We Learn – More than doubled (2.6x) the number of community and family events held to promote literacy in the county from last year.

Eviction and Housing

- Average 2 Bedroom Rent in Manatee: \$1,759 As of June 2022, households earning the annual median household income of ~\$57,000 are "Rent-Cost Burdened" meaning more than 30% of their income is dedicated to rent.
- As part of our RISE Eviction Investment, we have formed partnerships with the following agencies in the region: All Faiths Food Bank, Women's Resource Center, Glasser Schoenbaum, Catholic Charities of Venice, Gulf Coast Legal, and Suncoast Community Mediation



You are not alone. Every day, hundreds of people across our Tri County Region of DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota Counties turn to 2-1-1 for information and support—for financial assistance, health programs, crisis support and more.

You can access 2-1-1 by phone, email, chat or text (**just text your zip code to 898-211**). Reaching out will get you connected to a multilingual 2-1-1 specialist in your area who can put you in touch with local organizations providing critical services to improve and save lives.

EARLY LEARNING INITIATIVE

+17.3K
RESIDENTS

In FY 22 our partners reported serving more than 17,300 residents of Manatee County

+6,790
CHILDREN

Over 6,790 students received an increased amount of food access from our partners.

235
STUDENTS

In FY22, 235 students who worked with our partner programs are now reading on grade level or demonstrating progress.

EVICITION AND HOUSING

+410,000
DOLLARS

The RISE Eviction Cohort raised and leveraged over \$410,000 to provide direct support to families in the Manatee, Sarasota, and DeSoto region. In total, 915 people were supported, and 889 of them were kept in their home or achieved new or stable housing, which is a 97% success rate.

227,880
DOLLARS

Women's Resource Center also helped families receive an additional \$227,880 in other public or private dollars. \$61,280 of these were explicitly Emergency Rental Assistance dollars.