









REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR

Dear Friends and Supporters,



The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.

- Coretta Scott King

This inspiring message highlights the importance of community and the tangible impact of collective efforts. The initiatives at United Way of Greater Mercer County truly embody the spirit of compassion and commitment to empowering individuals and families.

Thanks to your support, we have been able to expand our efforts in increasing access to education and implementing economic mobility programs. For instance, we helped over 100 students prepare for college through our College Readiness Program, which offers free assistance with admissions essays, navigating the financial aid process, and exposure to various career opportunities. Our free tax preparation services, also known as the VITA program, continues to impact households with an average income of \$30,000, giving a boost to the family budget.

We were also proud to celebrate outstanding business and community leaders during our 3rd Annual United in Impact Awards, for their efforts in building a thriving and inclusive Mercer County.

Looking ahead, we're eager to continue fostering innovative solutions that address the evolving needs of our community. Your unwavering support is truly the backbone of our efforts. Together, we're not just making an impact—we're building a brighter future for everyone in Mercer County.

Thank you for standing with us as we embark on this journey!

With heartfelt appreciation,



Sandra Toussaint President & CEO



Rita Ribeiro
Board President

WHO WE ARE



The mission of United Way of Greater Mercer County (UWGMC) is to propel individuals and families to reach their fullest potential, especially those who have been traditionally underserved or marginalized, creating a thriving community. We carry out our mission by implementing unique and sustainable programs that use evidence-based best practices and deliver measurable outcomes. We work to strengthen the family, local non-profits whose missions align with ours, and the community we serve. Our objective is to operate with an equitable lens while filling community gaps. Our direct service work centers on disrupting poverty in three areas: education, financial empowerment, and overall health and wellness. In addition, UWGMC works to bolster the capacity of grassroots organizations with technical assistance, marketing support, and other resources.

WHO WE HELP



United Way of Greater Mercer County (UWGMC) is dedicated to making a meaningful impact on the lives of those who need it most. Success for UWGMC is significantly increasing economic security, access to affordable housing, quality education and reducing disparities in health care. We are focused on helping hard-working families to get ahead, empowering youth, improving the reading level of school agers, helping seniors to remain independent, and supporting nonprofit leaders.

OUR IMPACT

COLLEGE READINESS

UWGMC's college readiness program supported 127 high school students by offering comprehensive guidance in essential areas such as college essay writing, FAFSA application assistance, resume building, and mock interviews. The program, designed to address the multifaceted needs of college-bound students, provided personalized workshops and one-on-one mentoring sessions. Students received tailored feedback on their college essays, ensuring their narratives were compelling and reflected their unique experiences. Additionally, the program's FAFSA workshops demystified the financial aid process, helping students accurately complete and submit applications on time.

The program also focused on equipping students with professional skills vital for college and future job markets. Resume-building workshops helped students craft detailed and impactful resumes, highlighting their achievements and experiences in a way that resonated with admissions officers and potential employers. Mock interview sessions provided a practical and interactive experience, allowing students to practice their responses and receive constructive feedback from experienced professionals. This holistic approach not only boosted the students' confidence but also significantly improved their readiness for the challenges of college admissions and beyond, setting a solid foundation for their academic and professional futures. We thank Trenton Central High School, Mill Hill Family Center, Foundation Academy, Boys and Girls Club of Mercer County, and Corner House for partnering with us this programming year.



OUR IMPACT (CONTINUED)

VITA

United Way of Greater Mercer County (UWGMC) hosted its inaugural Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Kick-Off event on January 31, 2023, at the Boys & Girls Club of Mercer County. Community partners and VITA volunteers gathered to learn more about this free tax preparation program, which serves individuals and families earning less than \$65,000 annually.





OUR IMPACT (CONTINUED)

THIRD ANNUAL IMPACT AWARDS

UWGMC's third annual United In Impact Awards celebrated community champions demonstrating leadership, passion, and a commitment to a thriving and equitable community that aligns with UWGMC's core values. Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds-Jackson joined UWGMC as the mistress of ceremony. The following individuals were recognized:

- Live United Corporate Award: Bristol Myers Squibb
- Community Quarterback Award: Kemi Alli, M.D. Chief Executive Officer Henry J. Austin Health Center (HJAHC)
- Advocate Award: Stanley N. Katz, Lecturer with the rank of Professor of Public and International Affairs; Director, Center for Arts and Cultural Policy Studies at Princeton University Awarded the National Humanities Medal by President Barack Obama
- The Eugene Marsh Community Impact Award: Craig Kramer, Mental Health Ambassador and Chair, Global Campaign for Mental Health, in Neuroscience External Affairs at Janssen R&D, a Johnson & Johnson company



A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS



1,687

Free tax returns filed and prepared. Many qualify for Earned Income Tax (EITC) and Child Tax (CTC) Credits. Supplemental income that can be used for basic needs.

161

Assisted with health insurance including Get Covered NJ, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

127



College bound students assisted through college readiness workshops.

UNITED IN ACTION 22-23 FY

29,165

INDIVIDUALS &
FAMILIES
IMPACTED IN
MERCER COUNTY

United for Economic Mobility, Youth Success, Health Access & Food Security



6,696

received bags of nutritious nonperishable soup from meal packing event

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1,568

nonperishable food bags though food drives

338

applied to NJ SNAP to receive food assistance



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850 Households received fresh produce



Saved money on their medical prescriptions through our partner SingleCare

2,485

SingleCare

12,985 Helped through the 24/7 free assistance hotline by our funded partner NJ 211

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1,000
Books distributed to youth



1,138
STEM Literacy Kits

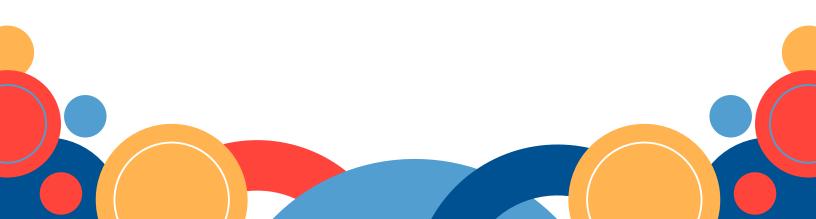
STEM Literacy Kits to provide access to books

50

Attended Health Equity Community Chat roundtables



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A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

SingleCare Impact Report



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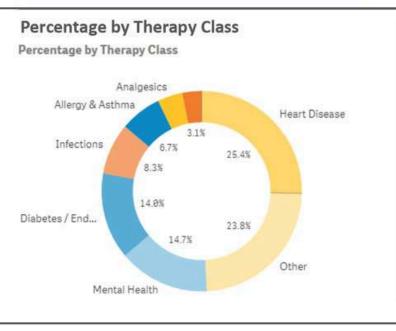
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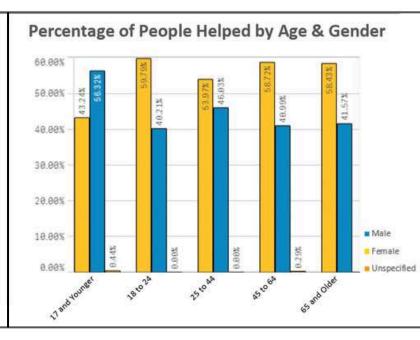




Total Rx Savings	Total People Helped
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\$10,656,130	115,032
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\$276,906	2,763









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