



United Way  
of Central Carolinas

# ANSON COUNTY IS UNITED

United Way of Central Carolinas advances economic mobility and racial equity through collective efforts and community-wide donations.

## SUPPORTING THE MISSION IN ANSON COUNTY

In January 2022, a diverse committee of Anson County community members was created to identify areas of need where United Way funding can make the greatest impact in the Anson County community. Working together, our mission continues to focus on strengthening the overall health and well-being of Anson County citizens. We will focus efforts on two major areas: Economic Stability and Access to Quality Education.

### ECONOMIC STABILITY

Our focus in this area is on **housing stability** and **food security**. Access to housing, utilities, and fresh, healthy food continues to be a challenge for many of our Anson neighbors. In Anson County, 16% of households experience severe housing cost burdens or face housing problems like overcrowding and lack of facilities. The high poverty rate (20%) and the fact the county shares only two grocery stores contributes to limited access to affordable, nutritious food. The lack of fresh, healthy food has also contributed to an adult obesity rate of 39%. Helping our neighbors meet these basic needs will enable them to focus on and thrive in other areas of life.

### ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION

Our second focus is on **childhood literacy** and **mentoring** programs. Early language interactions and resources encourage higher literacy rates and academic success for children in their early academic years, providing a strong foundation for continued learning and success.

Supporting economically disadvantaged, at-risk youth, through mentor programs can help our middle and high school students prepare for their future. Mentor programs can increase academic achievements, improve mental health, increase confidence, and help students identify careers and college pathways. In fact, students who participate in a mentoring program are 55% more likely to enroll in college, even when affected by an opportunity gap.

## HOW YOU CAN LIVE UNITED

United Way invites you to be part of this meaningful work in Anson County by helping meet the basic needs of our neighbors during times of crises and providing literacy and mentoring services for children and youth.

### GIVE

Every donation, big or small, contributes to the life changing efforts made by United Way. When you give, you are investing in stronger communities and the enrichment of lives. Any donation amount is appreciated and will improve the economic stability and education access in Anson County.

### ADVOCATE

At United Way, your voice matters. Use it to take a stand for your values. By sharing resources and ideas through community groups, social media or emails to legislators, you can start a wave of change in your local community. Check out our website for more information on how you can encourage conversation and make a change.

### VOLUNTEER

Want to make a direct, positive influence in your community? Through skill-based and corporate volunteer opportunities, you can see the immediate effects of your efforts. Whether you're building affordable housing or organizing a food pantry, your contributions will help create a safety-net of necessities for those in your community. See our website for more ways you can get involved as an individual or organization.

### START A WORKPLACE CAMPAIGN

Workplace campaigns are a fun way to connect your co-workers to their community, celebrate your company culture and create long-term change. Check out our website for more information.

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