



United Way
of Central Carolinas

UNION 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 UNION COUNTY

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

ECONOMIC STABILITY

Our focus in this impact area is **housing stability and food security**. Many of our Union County citizens continue to struggle with meeting housing and food needs. As one of the fastest growing counties, addressing these basic necessities is an immediate priority. Housing and food assistant services will enable individuals and families to stay in their homes, provide access to safe housing during times of crisis, and provide access to nutritious foods. Helping our neighbors meet these basic needs will enable them to focus on and thrive in other areas of life.

Another major focus is the support of the **Intellectual Developmental Disability (I/DD) community**. The North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services reports that in the United States, 7% of the population, ages 3-17, have Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (I/DD). The lack of vocational services and after-school programs for these youth and young adults affect both the individuals and their families in social, mental and economic ways. This work crosses several of our services areas.

ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION

Our focus in this impact area is on **childhood literacy and mentoring programs**. Early language interactions, quality childcare, and intervention resources encourage higher literacy rates and academic success for our 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.

ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE

To promote the wellness of the Union County area, we will fund **access to affordable and quality healthcare**. Unfortunately, over 11% of Union County citizens live without healthcare. By giving this community better access to medical treatment and resources, they can experience a higher quality of life, both physically and mentally.

HOW YOU CAN LIVE UNITED

United Way invites you to be part of this meaningful work in Union County by helping meet the basic needs of our neighbors during times of crises and providing inclusive talent development services for our children, youth, and the I/DD community.

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 the Union County area.

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.



Contact Ivy Allen, Regional Development Director- Union & Anson Counties via ifallen@uwcentralcarolinas.org to learn more.

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