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EDUCATION

A good education is the foundation to a better life. But it's not as easy as it sounds. Across Central Florida, students are struggling to overcome barriers to their academic success. Not having access to food to fuel their brains. Not having help with homework because mom works two jobs. Not having a place to study because your family has to live out of a car.

FINDING SOLUTIONS: KINDERGARDEN READINESS

United Way's ReadingPals program targets preschoolers on a trajectory of struggling with the basics. By pairing dedicated volunteers with struggling students, the underperforming VPK students receive the individualized attention they need to practice their reading and comprehension skills that will benefit them the rest of their academic careers.

Kyle* was identified as a student in need of intervention and paired with his ReadingPal named Robert. It was slow-going at first. Kyle was non-verbal at school and the same applied for his time with Robert. With his parents being first-generation immigrants, English did not come naturally to him. But Robert's dedication and patience gave Kyle the opportunity he needed to thrive. Kyle's end-of-year test scores showed that he had caught up academically to his classmates' level. And the once silent student now has plenty to say!

INVESTING IN RESULTS

By investing in United Way, you are funding programs and agencies that our community needs the most. Our cradle-to-career model ensures students get the help they need to have a bright future and a better life.

*Name changed due to privacy



6,606

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Heart of United Way fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in Central Florida



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At United Way, we identify the most crucial issues stopping students from succeeding and we invest in sustainable solutions that will address the root cause for the immediate and long-term needs.



281

low-income, first-generation and veteran students at Seminole State College received the resources they needed to stay enrolled through the Destination Graduation program



99%

of high school seniors impacted by a United Way program graduated on time



79%

of VPK students in the ReadingPals program are now performing at reading grade level and are ready to enter Kindergarten



96%

of youth impacted by the AmeriCorps Pathways to Success program improved their end-of-year scores



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