



BECAUSE YOU CAN ONLY SAVE A PENNY IF YOU EARN A PENNY

FINANCIAL STABILITY

Financial stability is a key pillar to building a better life. Yet with nearly half of the Central Florida population falling into the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained Employed) category, many are balancing on the cusp of financial ruin. Nearly 50% of families in our community are living paycheck-to-paycheck and barely able to afford the basic necessities like housing, transportation and food.

FINDING SOLUTIONS: TAX ASSISTANCE

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program targets low-income families and individuals needing assistance with filing their taxes. Working with IRS-trained volunteers, clients are able to submit their taxes with personalized in-person help or online. It is a free service with dozens of tax sites available in Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties that guarantees accuracy and a full tax refund that goes directly to the client.

Barb's* daughter had recently completed her college degree in New Jersey, but had no luck finding a job. The two moved to Central Florida where her daughter started work doing triage at a hospital. When tax time came, Barb wanted help filing but couldn't afford to pay for a tax service like she had used previously. Her friend recommended she visit a VITA site where she was able to get the help she needed without paying a fee.

Using her tax refund, Barb paid for her daughter to get her Registered Nurse degree, putting them on the pathway towards financial stability!

INVESTING IN RESULTS

By investing in United Way, you are funding programs and agencies that our community needs the most. By focusing on sustainable employment, affordable housing and manageable budgets, we are fighting for families to build a better life.

*Name changed due to privacy



79,758

individuals and families benefitted from financial stability services and programs

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 barriers keeping families from becoming financially stable and we invest in sustainable solutions that will address the root cause for their immediate and long-term needs.



12,978

received free tax preparation through VITA sites, AARP locations and online at MyFreeTaxes.com



98%

of participants improved their employability skills through United Way programs



520

children and their families were provided resources and case management services to keep them from becoming homeless



100%

of participants increased their financial literacy through United Way programs



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