



BECAUSE IT'S NOT ALWAYS AS EASY AS A-B-C

EDUCATION

A good education can set the foundation towards a better life. But for ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) families, 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 their family has to live out of a car.

At United Way, we have a high-level view of the most critical issues in our community. We invest in strategic partnerships to address the multitude of barriers that can keep a student from succeeding. By focusing on the whole picture, we meet the immediate and long-term needs of ALICE households.

FINDING SOLUTIONS: DESTINATION GRADUATION

A college degree or industry certification can open the door to new opportunities for sustainable income, steady employment and more. Unfortunately, for many low-income families, military veterans or first-generation students, they have to drop out of school due to non-academic barriers.

Cynthia was nearly one of those students. She was pursuing her Business degree at Seminole State College and working part-time on campus. Unfortunately, Cynthia's son broke his clavicle and could not work. She tried to help him with bills, but wasn't able to when her car unexpectedly broke down.

Cynthia found herself faced with the possibility of having to drop out of school to stay afloat. That is where United Way was able to help. By providing emergency, one-time assistance for Cynthia's car repair, she was able to continue her education, commute to work and make a brighter future for herself and her family.

By investing in United Way, you are helping to fund the programs and agencies our community needs the most. With an all-encompassing cradle-to-career model, students get the help they need to be successful on their educational journey, ultimately unlocking a better life.



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Heart of Florida 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. We invest in sustainable solutions for immediate and long-term needs as well as address the root cause of the issues.



The numbers represented below are a direct result of Heart of Florida United Way's efforts to support education in the community during the previous fiscal year.



338

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



100%

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



71%

of VPK students in the ReadingPals program demonstrated kindergarten readiness



97%

of students impacted by a United Way program improved their attendance rate



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