

# WHAT'S UNITED WAY ALL ABOUT ANYWAY?

## It's about helping YOU help others.

It's about improving the lives of those in your community. It's about helping you support a wide range of community charities, or if you wish, one specific organization. Whether it's in one of our service counties of Forrest, Lamar, Marion, or Perry – or in your hometown – it's up to you. United Way will direct your donation nearly anywhere you choose. It's that simple!

## United Way makes giving easy.

When your employer participates in a United Way Workplace Campaign, you can use payroll deduction to give. Through your employer's United Way payroll deduction plan, you may choose to contribute as little as \$1 per week. Over a year, your gift will grow to \$52.00, and your effort will make a significant impact on the lives of those you wish to help!

## We make your donation more impactful.

Most donors choose to contribute to the United Way Community Impact Fund. Local agencies apply for these funds, and a United Way Community Impact Committee (made up of a diverse group of volunteers) reviews their applications and interviews agency leaders. United Way then awards grants to selected local agencies. By giving to United Way, you're helping MANY community investment partners with ONE donation! And United Way holds partner agencies accountable to ensure their funding (your donation) is achieving results.

## GIVE

When you give to United Way of Southeast Mississippi, you are supporting numerous local nonprofit agencies with a single donation.

## ADVOCATE

We need your help. Not only in sharing our mission, who we are and what we do, but the mission of the collective team of nonprofits we support. Together, our communities win.

## VOLUNTEER

Join our team and be a part of the change! Get connected with our volunteer center, Volunteer Southeast Mississippi. Call (601)-475-0217, email [volunteersems@unitedwaysems.org](mailto:volunteersems@unitedwaysems.org), or visit [unitedwaysems.org/volunteer](http://unitedwaysems.org/volunteer).

# UNITED WE FIGHT UNITED WE WIN



# LIVE UNITED



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Everyone deserves the opportunity to have a good life: **a quality education** that leads to a stable job, **enough income** to support a family through retirement, and **good health**. United Way of Southeast Mississippi focuses on these three building blocks.



## HEALTH

### Edwards Street Fellowship Health Clinic

*One thing that's great about being a United Way partner agency is that we can budget for receiving a set amount of money each month. That's huge because our medical patients...are with us throughout the year; they don't stop needing us during the summer or holiday seasons. When someone in the community donates to United Way, they are supporting so many worthwhile agencies with their one gift. That one gift touches children, adults, and seniors right here in the greater Hattiesburg area.*

**- Ann McCullen, Executive Director  
Edwards Street Fellowship Center**



## EDUCATION

### Aldersgate Mission: COMPASS Learning

*Without United Way funds, we would be unable to sustain this program. We've been doing this for 11 years and the reason we've made it 11 years is through the generosity of United Way. Without the funds, I would not be able to keep the computers serviced and maybe we'd only have 25 to work with and then the next year maybe we'd only have 20. Because of the generosity of United Way, we're able to do this.*

**- Mary Jo Jackson, Program Director  
COMPASS Learning, Aldersgate Mission**



## ECONOMIC MOBILITY

### Christian Services: THRIVE

*The United Way umbrella helps those dollars land in all the right places...They hold agency partners accountable to make sure that we're doing what we need to do with the donor dollars - and we do that alone, of course - but they add that layer of community support, community buy-in, community check-in to make sure the dollars are being directed to where the actual community need is.*

**- Maggie West, Executive Director  
Christian Services, Inc.**

## UNITED WAY BRINGS HOPE TO OUR COMMUNITIES

*The Domestic Abuse Family Shelter in Hattiesburg, a partner agency of United Way of Southeast Mississippi, met Kathleen as she was fleeing her abusive husband and searching for shelter with her two children. They had traveled from a nearby rural county, looking to start over and live safe lives. Kathleen settled into the shelter, and actively worked with case managers to receive job assistance, counseling services, medical care, and in-house tutoring services for her children. Now, Kathleen and her children are living on their own, on the path to a safe and secure future.*

