

United Way
of the Midlands



YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

IN ACTION.

Create generational change and guarantee good with a donation to United Way of the Midlands. Help us meet immediate needs, create cycles of success, and empower people to build their own paths to stability.

GRANT CATEGORIES:

MEETING IMMEDIATE NEEDS

These grants ensure that people's basic needs (like shelter and healthcare) are met. They also guarantee that case management efforts and wraparound services are available to get people back on stable financial ground.

BUILDING RESILIENCE

School readiness is vital to long-term success. We fund programs for children that maintain and improve their academic performance and get them reading by third grade. We also fund skill-building programs for adults.

MEETING IMMEDIATE NEEDS

MIDLANDS READING CONSORTIUM

CURIOSITY-GENERATING LEARNING EXPERIENCES IN LOCAL SCHOOLS



Midlands Reading Consortium (MRC) is a literacy-based program that helps increase the number of children reading at grade level at the start of fourth grade. United Way of the Midlands, together with elementary schools across Richland, Lexington, Fairfield, Calhoun, and Orangeburg counties, trains volunteers to read one-on-one with students throughout the school year and helps children in the program build reading comprehension, literacy, and vocabulary skills.

"Just 30 minutes of your time every week can change the landscape of lives by helping a child cultivate a love for reading and building their confidence in meeting target classroom goals," said Dr. Jabari Bodrick, Senior Director, Education & Resiliency.

Recently, a STEM component was added to six of our MRC schools. It follows the STEM Learning Ecosystem approach to preparing our youth for the global economy through fun, age-appropriate STEM afterschool engagements and programming.



"When I was in high school, I wasn't always the best student. But some people took me under their wing and really poured into me—not only Jabari the student, but Jabari the person."

Dr. Jabari Bodrick
Senior Director,
Education & Resiliency



Scan the QR Code to watch a short film about the innovative MRC and STEM initiative.

OUR IMPACT

NUMBERS FROM 2022-2023

4,809

Patient visits provided by UWM's WellPartners Dental and Eye Clinics

95%

Percentage of students in United Way programs progressing on time to the next grade

760

People placed in housing through UWM-supported programs

3,219

Elementary school students supported through UWM programs during and after school

2,652

Patients gained access to services at local free medical clinics

1,183

People increased their income through new benefits, including employment



MEETING IMMEDIATE NEEDS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR EDUCATORS

A COMMUNITY FOR THOSE WHO STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES

UNITED WAY OF THE MIDLANDS AND THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATION FOUNDATION UNVEILED FAIRFIELD COUNTY'S NEWEST HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

To help solve the challenge of affordable housing for educators, United Way of the Midlands has invested \$600,000 toward The Village, a community that prioritizes homes for certified teachers.

"We recognize the critical role that affordable housing plays in ensuring teacher retention and the overall success of our schools," said Sara Fawcett, President & CEO of United Way of the Midlands. "By investing in [The Village], we are taking a proactive approach to address the housing challenges faced by educators."

The Village will provide 16 three-bedroom homes with affordable rents (additional homes are planned for a future phase). It will be the first residential teacher community in South Carolina and likely will serve as a model for teacher retention in rural areas in the state and beyond.



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Scan to watch a short video on Creating Affordable Housing for Educators in Fairfield County.

BUILDING RESILIENCE

YOUNG MEN UNITED

EMPOWERING YOUNG MEN

A college education is vital to long-term financial health. In South Carolina, only 16% of Black men have a bachelor's degree compared to almost 31% of all adults. In partnership with Colonial Life, United Way is guaranteeing resilience—and brighter futures—for young men through a dynamic new workforce development initiative called Young Men United (YMU).

YMU is an evidence-informed initiative designed to create barrier-free pathways for young men to reach their academic and career goals starting in the tenth or eleventh grade. With individualized support and guidance, the program supports participants through high school graduation, into and through their chosen post-secondary pathway, and supports their transition from their post-secondary pathways to the workforce.

To become a mentor or to learn more about Young Men United, scan the QR code or visit www.uway.org/ymu.



YMU helps students like Mekhi by pairing them with mentors and guiding them on their path.

YOUR GIFTS IN ACTION

HOW YOUR DONATIONS HELP GUARANTEE GOOD IN THE MIDLANDS

\$25

One visit for an uninsured or under-insured patient at WellPartners Dental & Eye Clinics.

One month of direct reading and STEM support for an elementary-school student through Midlands Reading Consortium.

\$50

One year of dental care for an uninsured or under-insured child at WellPartners Children's Dental Clinic (2 visits/cleanings).

School supply packages for 5 Midlands Reading Consortium students.

\$250

Case management services for 3 people experiencing homelessness.

One year of direct reading and STEM support for an elementary-school student through Midlands Reading Consortium.

\$1,000

50 eye exams for uninsured or under-insured patients at WellPartners Eye Clinic

One year of childcare and early education for a child under the age of 5.



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