



Young Men United helps students like Mekhi by pairing them with mentors and guiding them on their path.

**“IT MEANS A LOT TO ME. IF IT WASN’T FOR THE PROGRAM, I’D PROBABLY STILL BE TRYING TO FIT IN WITH THE CROWD INSTEAD OF BEING A LEADER. I’M REALLY THANKFUL FOR IT.” - MEKHI MILLS**

Young Men United (YMU) is an evidence-informed initiative designed to create barrier-free pathways for young men to reach their academic and career goals by bringing wrap around supports to college capable high school students starting in the tenth or eleventh grade.

YMU will guide participants through high school graduation, into and through their chosen post-secondary pathway, and support their transition from their post-secondary pathway to the workforce.

After participating in YMU for a year, Mekhi Mills is thankful for the opportunities YMU has provided.

To learn more about Young Men United, scan the QR code or visit [www.uway.org/ymu](http://www.uway.org/ymu).



# GUARANTEE GOOD.

## DONATE TODAY.



## CHANGE STARTS WITH UNITED WAY.

We all want to live in a safe, thriving community where people look out for each other, children succeed in school and adults keep good, steady jobs.

With your help, United Way is making all this possible. Together, we’re breaking cycles of crisis, and empowering Midlands residents to pursue their own paths to success.

Push our community forward. Support our work with a donation.

Your gift supports more than one cause. It fuels a range of organizations and initiatives making a meaningful difference in our community, for our community.

Guarantee positive change in the Midlands—change that benefits us, and all the generations to come. Guarantee good by donating to United Way.



United Way of the Midlands



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**CHARITY NAVIGATOR**  
Four Star Charity

The highest rating from the most trusted charity evaluator. Money raised here, stays here.

## OUR MISSION?

**Unite people and resources to improve the quality of life in the Midlands.**

### HOW DO WE DO IT?

By forging lasting partnerships, mobilizing the right resources and inspiring individuals to join us to create generational change.

# 46,000+

People served in 2023

# 50,000+

Volunteer hours donated in 2023

**Guarantee change. Guarantee good. Donate or volunteer today!**

# OUR 2023 IMPACT

5,842

patient visits provided by United Way's WellPartners Dental and Eye Clinics.

2,039

individuals were provided emergency shelter through UWM-supported programs.

9,983

students were supported through United Way programs during and after school.

2,155

patients were provided with access to services at local free medical clinics.

283

people were placed in housing through UWM-supported programs.

92%

of children in UWM kindergarten readiness programs met or exceeded literacy expectations.

65%

of families who sought emergency shelter at the UWM-supported family shelters were placed in permanent housing.

1,903

seniors received meals nutrition education through programs supported by UWM.

1,122

students participated in career exploration opportunities through UWM-supported youth programs.

# CONNECT

Encourage your employees to get involved with their donation. Urge them to volunteer, join an engagement network or deepen their investment in some other way.



**Legacy Society** Members are generous donors who have included United Way of the Midlands in their will or estate plan.



**The Palmetto Society** recognizes donors who exhibit dedication to improve the quality of life for all our neighbors by contributing at least \$1,000 annually to United Way.



**Tocqueville Society** members are philanthropic leaders who give \$10,000 or more annually because of their compassion for addressing our community's most pressing needs and their commitment to improving lives in our community.



Through leadership, networking, advocacy and volunteering, **Women in Philanthropy** (WIP) investors work to improve the lives of women and children in the Midlands.



**The Young Leaders Society (YLS)** provides donors ages 21-40 with year-round opportunities for networking, volunteering and professional development.



**Our Volunteer Center** brings people together to strengthen our community. Your employees can choose projects based on areas of interest at times that are convenient for them. Ideal for companies, individuals and families.

## FOR EMPLOYERS/GROUPS

Contact Sheldon Paschal at [volunteer@uway.org](mailto:volunteer@uway.org) to set up a personalized opportunity that best aligns your company's goals with the needs of local nonprofits.

## FOR VOLUNTEERS AT OR NEAR RETIREMENT

We offer individual and group opportunities for those at or near retirement with a focus on leveraging your unique skills in meaningful ways with United Way and our partner agencies.

## FOR INDIVIDUALS

Visit [uway.org/volunteer](http://uway.org/volunteer) to find a volunteer need that sparks your interest.