Education is the cornerstone of all future success.

Education Matters.

You want to make a difference... to help those around us who are in need.

Just like every person.

You can help individuals gain knowledge and skills that prepare them for all of the opportunities in life. Whether they're learning to read and write, develop critical thinking skills or master trades and professions,
EDUCATION IS A FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES.

**LITERACY KITS**
Kits that include age-appropriate books and volunteer-designed props/games to make reading interactive.

**WRITESTART PROJECT**
Provides school supplies, admin fees and necessary support to children and teachers in need year-round.

**SUCCESS BY 6**
Newest Education Initiative will address the lack of access to quality early education childcare for ALICE families.

**SUMMER OF SERVICE**
Teen volunteer program focusing on community members most in need and illustrating the value of serving others.

**BORN LEARNING TRAILS**
Bilingual interactive signs installed on trails or playgrounds that offer engagement and learning opportunities.

**UNITED WAY INITIATIVES**
We initiate projects independently when identifying critical human services needs unmet in our community.

[United Way Southwest Louisiana](https://unitedwayswl.org)
ECONOMIC MOBILITY MATTERS

YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE... TO HELP THOSE AROUND US WHO ARE IN NEED.

JUST LIKE EVERY PERSON

You can invest with us in job training, financial education and other Initiatives that help individuals and families climb the economic ladder.

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ECONOMIC MOBILITY IMPROVES LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION, HARD WORK AND OPPORTUNITIES.

VITA
VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE
IRS certified United Way volunteers offer free income tax prep for different types of low-income community members

CAL-PRI
CALCASIEU PRISONER REENTRY INITIATIVE
Vital link between the formerly incarcerated and resources needed to successfully rejoin the job market and community

MATCHED SAVINGS PROGRAM
Teaches saving and budget habits for those working toward the purchase of a liquid asset by building a down payment

BANK ON SWLA
Partnerships ensure low-income households have access to safe and affordable financial products and services

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HEALTH IS ESSENTIAL FOR A HAPPY & FULFILLING LIFE

YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE... TO HELP THOSE AROUND US WHO ARE IN NEED.

JUST LIKE EVERY PERSON

You can help create a foundation for individuals and families to live lives to the fullest with an investment in check-ups/screenings, mental wellness and access to necessary medications.

UNITEDWAYSWLA.ORG
HEALTH IS A STATE OF COMPLETE PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING.

SINGLECARE PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT
Improving the health of individuals and families by helping to make prescription medications more affordable

CRISIS CHAT ONLINE
Confidential online chat for anyone in crisis operated by professionally-licensed crisis intervention specialists

UNITED AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING
Coalition of stakeholders, policy makers and others interested in addressing the human trafficking in Calcasieu Parish

833.TXT.TEEN
Confidential texting platform for teens in crisis providing support 24/7/365 from professionally-licensed counselors

UNITED WAY INITIATIVES
We initiate projects independently when identifying critical human services needs unmet in our community.

United Way Southwest Louisiana

United Ways SWLA.ORG
Basic needs are essential for survival and well-being.

BASIC NEEDS MATTER

You want to make a difference... to help those around us who are in need.

Just like every person

You can invest in food, shelter and other essentials that provide relief from anxiety and isolation. Providing aid to those who lack access can provide the foundation for them to accept education, healthcare and other long-term opportunities.

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Basic needs such as housing, utilities and food are critical to human survival.

**SWLA VOAD**
A place for governmental, faith-based, and non-profit organizations to plan prior to and following disaster

**211 Resource Hotline**
Hotline links people in need to accurate public and community-based resources in the complex maze of human services

**The Path Home**
Assisting those with issues surrounding homelessness to move toward stable housing

**United Against Child Hunger**
Creating Weekend Food Packs for children’s feeding programs with easy-to-eat foods that do not require preparation

**Build Back The Block**
Repairing ALICE homes through grants and partnerships with the goal of saving neighborhoods decimated by disaster

**United Way Initiatives**
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United Way Southwest Louisiana

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Making a positive impact on the lives of people every day.

Special Projects Matter.

You want to make a difference... to help those around us who are in need.

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In addition to the impact our initiatives make each day, our Special Projects have a tangible impact also by ensuring a quick response to public and private assistance or providing important research data about the region.

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DONATIONS TO UNITED WAY OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA PUTS DOLLARS TO WORK IN PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES THAT ADDRESS NEEDS RIGHT HERE AT HOME.

**ALICE**  
**ASSET LIMITED, INCOME CONstrained, EMPLOYED**  
Our report on families working yet unable to afford basic expenses and rarely qualifying for assistance - working poor

**EMPLOYEE CRISIS FUNDS**  
Employer-funded program for employees with unexpected financial hardships overseen by United Way

**CASE MANAGEMENT PORTFOLIO**  
United Way of Southwest Louisiana’s Case Management Portfolio is a unique opportunity for public and private providers to take advantage of our caseworkers to move assistance quickly into the hands of those that need it. Funds are dispersed only to landlords, utility providers, etc.

**EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**  
Calcasieu Parish Police Jury

**EMERGENCY FOOD & SHELTER PROGRAM**  
Federal Emergency Management Agency

**THE POWER TO CARE**  
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**TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES**  
Department of Children & Family Services

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