

## OUR ANNUAL EVENTS

*Annual Meeting*  
**LEADERS & LEGENDS**  
February

*Jambalaya Cookoff*  
**BATTLE FOR THE PADDLE**  
March

*Rum Tasting*  
**RUM REVIVAL**  
April

*United Against Child Hunger*  
**DAY OF CARING**  
May

*Video Unveiling*  
**CAMPAIGN KICKOFF**  
August

*Food & Wine!*  
**LA FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL**  
September

*Live Music!*  
**REELIN' FOR WARRIORS**  
October

*Fishing Rods Benefiting Veterans*  
**SMOKE & BARREL**  
November

*Bourbon & BBQ Tasting*  
**WOMEN UNITED SWLA CHRISTMAS**  
December

*Membership Party*

## TOP 25 MOST GENEROUS WORKPLACES!

- 1 CITGO Petroleum Corporation
- 2 Phillips 66
- 3 Westlake Corporation
- 4 Turner Industries
- 5 Louisiana Pigment
- 6 Rain Carbon, Inc.
- 7 Firestone Polymers, LLC
- 8 GRACE
- 9 Calcasieu Parish School System
- 10 Calcasieu Refining Company
- 11 Entergy Louisiana, LLC
- 12 Denbury, Inc.
- 13 PPG Industries
- 14 JD Bank
- 15 Chemical Waste Management
- 16 Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office
- 17 Capital One
- 18 Alcoa Carbon Products
- 19 United Way Southwest Louisiana
- 20 CenterPoint Energy
- 21 Zachry Industrial
- 22 Acadian Ambulance Services
- 23 ReCon Management Services, Inc.
- 24 West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital
- 25 Biolab, Inc. KIK Consumer Products

## WAYS TO GIVE

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Lead **UNITED**  
**LIVE UNITED**



## HELP CHANGE LIVES NOW

At United Way Southwest Louisiana, we take pride in being a trusted community leader that responds quickly to the ever-changing needs of our community. For 85 years, we have been committed to improving people's lives in our community through our unique blend of funded partner agency programs and in-house Initiatives.

We firmly believe that every person in our community deserves access to quality **EDUCATION, ECONOMIC MOBILITY, HEALTH** and **BASIC NEEDS**. We are dedicated to making this belief a reality. When we help children get a head start on their education, we set them up for a successful future. When we support individuals in achieving economic mobility, we are helping them build a brighter future for themselves and their families. And when we prioritize the health of every person in our community, we all thrive.

We invite you to participate in our efforts to help children and families in Southwest Louisiana achieve their full potential and lead healthy, productive lives. Together, we can make a difference and create a better future for all.

# OUR COMMUNITY IMPACT

Since 2020, United Way Southwest Louisiana has positively impacted the lives of 1,112,121 individuals in your community.

**3,000**  
LITERACY KITS

A \$145,000 investment since 2018 has allowed our volunteers to prepare 7,250 Literacy Kits to be distributed in our schools.



**6,500**  
STUDENTS PARTICIPATED  
STUDENT SPACEFLIGHT  
EXPERIMENT PROGRAM

The STEM team won a trip to NASA for placing their experiment on the rocket.

**34,911** STUDENTS & TEACHERS ASSISTED  
WRITESTART PROJECT

United Way of Southwest Louisiana believes that access to supplies, uniforms, classroom aids and school fees should not hinder a child's educational success.

**36,522**  
PRESCRIPTIONS FILLED  
SINGLECARE PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT CARD

Since 2008, this Initiative has helped save local families a total of \$1,610,022.35 on medications.

**16,911**  
CALLERS HELPED  
211

Beginning in 2017, our helpline has served 185,140 individuals and proven crucial during natural disasters and a pandemic.

**6,000**  
WEEKEND FOOD PACKS  
UNITED AGAINST CHILD HUNGER

As of the 11th anniversary of this ground-breaking Initiative, 45,000 Weekend Food Packs have been provided to children.

**4,955**  
FREE TAX RETURNS  
VITA

We have prepared 18,582 free tax returns with an economic impact of \$18 million in your region since 2020 and helped save \$2,344,250 in tax prep fees.

**96,408**



**86** HOUSEHOLDS  
WILDFIRE RELIEF FUND

Grocery gift cards valued at \$40,350 assisted returning families

United Way Southwest Louisiana's Initiatives are essential tools that fill the gaps in resources missing in the community, making up 89% of its community investment work. We fund and collaborate with partner agencies to maximize our impact on critical issues that align with our focus areas below. By leveraging our resources and expertise, we create solutions, make a lasting impact in the region and change lives for the long term.

**31,831 SERVED**

## EDUCATION

**OUR FOCUS** Children enter school ready and are successful in primary school  
Youth graduate secondary school with the knowledge, skills & credentials to obtain family-sustaining employment

### INITIATIVES

SUCCESS BY 6

WRITESTART PROJECT

LITERACY KITS

SUMMER OF SERVICE

BORN LEARNING TRAILS

EARLY CHILDHOOD  
EDUCATION FUND

**6,255 SERVED**

## ECONOMIC MOBILITY

**OUR FOCUS** Individuals obtain good jobs and effectively manage their finances

### INITIATIVES

VITA  
(VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE)

CAL-PRI  
(CALCASIEU PRISONER REENTRY)

MATCHED SAVINGS PROGRAM

BANK ON SWLA

EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EMPLOYMENT

**19,211 SERVED**

## HEALTH

**OUR FOCUS** Families have access to healthcare and resources to improve their health

### INITIATIVES

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

833.TXT.TEEN  
TEEN HOTLINE

CRISIS CHAT  
ONLINE COUNSELING

SINGLECARE PRESCRIPTION  
DISCOUNT CARD

**39,111 SERVED**

## BASIC NEEDS

**OUR FOCUS** Assisting people in times of need

### INITIATIVES

211

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & RECOVERY

THE PATH HOME

SWLA VOAD

UNITED AGAINST CHILD HUNGER

BUILD BACK THE BLOCK

STRONG HOMES

UNITED WAY SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA MOBILIZES COMMUNITIES TO ACTION SO ALL CAN THRIVE