When you give through United Way you help people meet immediate, basic needs while empowering lasting change. Your gift strengthens the three building blocks of life.

**EDUCATION**
Children and youth succeed in school, work, and life.

A scholarship enabled her to remain in quality childcare after a change in her father’s employment resulted in them falling behind on their bill. This allowed her to continue to develop and learn so she can succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

A mother of an infant and a toddler was concerned about the behavior and development of her kids. She met with an advocate who guided her through the assessment process. Her children are now enrolled in programs and progressing well. Mom has learned parenting strategies for children with special needs.

**INCOME**
Individuals and families have improved financial stability and self-sufficiency.

At 19 she found herself without a place to live and unemployed. Now, she has a full-time job, benefits, and her own apartment. She accomplished these goals through the stability of supportive housing, career counseling, an apprenticeship, and hard work.

A 72 year old with health and cognitive difficulties was facing eviction. Through free legal support he was able to forestall eviction, negotiate payments, and ultimately move to more affordable housing.

**HEALTH**
Children, seniors and adults have improved physical, emotional, and mental well-being.

After having a stroke, he needed a purpose and a place to go while his wife was at work. Through attending daytime recreational activities for seniors he has found new friends, stayed active, and received nutritious meals.

He had a serious infection in his leg and needed to go to the hospital daily for antibiotics. Using a wheelchair his transportation options were limited. He received bus rides to the hospital to receive his infusions for 2 months while living at home. His leg was saved from amputation.

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