



WHY GIVE TO UNITED WAY?

BECAUSE HOMEWORK IS EASIER WHEN YOU HAVE A HOME



" I met with a mother who was no longer able to care for her children due to domestic violence in the home and other stressors that compromised the mother's emotional and physical well-being. I could tell she was at a point of complete exhaustion and on the verge of homelessness, so we accommodated her children with Helping Homes services so she could rest in a safe place and start attending counseling sessions. The children were placed in a Helping Home together and experienced security and stability that they had not experienced for quite some time. The mother expressed gratitude for our services and appreciated that we were allowing her to take care of her mental health while she went through this stressful process. Furthermore, she created a self-care plan including recognition of physical and emotional symptoms she started to experience when she was undergoing chronic stress. The family has since been reunited and, thanks to United Way funding, a Helping Home was there for them when they needed it most."

Parenting Resource Center - Helping Homes



BECAUSE IT CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE

"Imagine getting a job offer and the excitement, anticipation, and hope that comes along with it. Now imagine not being able to take that job offer because you lack the basic essential supplies to do the work. They might be something as simple as black non-skid shoes, steel-toed boots, or fuel in your vehicle to make it to work the first two weeks until that much-anticipated, first paycheck comes in. For many people, coming up with the money to start a new job, especially when you have been unemployed stands between them and accepting a job offer. In Austin, we have found that some of the biggest needs require a small amount of support service funding to make a significant impact. Thanks to funding from the United Way, staff in the Austin Workforce Development office are able to support residents of Mower County who are seeking employment or who are recently employed with limited support services. In its fourth year of operation, the United Way Workforce Success Program has served over 500 people with an average cost of \$75. The impact of this program is immeasurable; it has changed lives, families, and impacted our community."

Workforce Development - Workforce Success



BECAUSE EVERYONE DESERVES A HEALTHY SMILE



"At the time of their preventative care services, Jereece and Jerrell received a dental exam from a dentist who identified they had extensive urgent restorative needs that needed to be treated as soon as possible. CDHS staff worked with the boys' teachers and family to schedule appointments and the unhealthy teeth were treated. Now that Jereece and Jerrell have healthy mouths free of dental cavities, they don't have to worry about missing any of the estimated 51 million school hours other students are missing each year in the United States due to dental pain. Jereece and Jerrell story has a happy ending, however too many children in our community are facing tooth pain each day. Thanks to United Way, CDHS can continually work to improve access for children who have restorative care needs."

Children's Dental Health Services - Happy and Healthy Teeth

BECAUSE YOU SUPPORT OVER FORTY PROGRAMS WITH JUST ONE DONATION

United Way is dedicated to identifying the greatest needs in the community and investing donor dollars in evidence-based and preventative programs. All United Way partner programs and initiatives are monitored, measured, and evaluated regularly to confirm they're achieving positive results for our community and local people in need.

