

### **Annual Report**

## LEADING **THE CHARGE**. INSPIRING THE CHANGE.



To improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of our community to create lasting change.



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Dear Friends & Partners,

Let me begin by saying THANK YOU! To everyone who gives their time, dollars, and energy to make the work of our local United Way possible, we are grateful. This last year found United Way of East Central Alabama immersing itself in the truly transformational work of Community Impact. Not only did we continue in our traditional role of fundraising and awarding annual grants to our Community Partners, we ventured into some new and exciting work that will translate into a brighter, more vibrant future for our communities and our residents.

Through a partnership between United Way, the District Attorney's office, and Calhoun County Schools, the Helping Families Initiative provided a Case Officer and Crisis Intervention Specialist for the Calhoun County School system. This program offers a holistic approach to solving issues of chronic absenteeism, improving student outcomes, and offering intervention and guidance to ensure students are mentally healthy. Through a Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act grant, United Way was able to launch WorkFORCE Connections. This collaborative program is designed to provide education, work readiness, and employability skills for at-risk youth with the goal of empowering them to gain long-term employment success. In addition, United Way built collaborations with Interfaith Ministries and The Right Place in order to build a blueprint to address the homelessness issues in our area. The work garnered a \$300.000 Emergency Solutions Grant to support our plans. Although we were not able to establish a new homeless shelter for our area as we had hoped for, these dollars have been instrumental in providing more robust services for our local homeless residents. To date. at least 17 homeless individuals are being provided with ongoing case management services and have successfully transitioned from the streets to their own home or apartment! These new programs are innovative, intensive. and can truly change the path of the individuals and families who are a part of these services resulting in true, positive Community Impact over time.

Lastly, there is no way we could accomplish all that we have without our incredible staff and Board of Directors. Your United Way staff is a wonderful group of dedicated employees. We are a team, and I am humbled to work with these fine individuals. Likewise, we have a loyal, dedicated Board of Directors who have made crucial decisions to ensure our work remains relevant, our investments are made wisely, and our organization operates at the highest level of transparency and fiduciary responsibility.

I believe I speak for everyone at United Way when I say that we are looking forward to the future with great anticipation. We cannot wait to see what we can all accomplish together. LIVE UNITED.

Sincerely, Shannon Jenkins President & CEO

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The Cliff Colyer, Jr. "Excellence in Service" Award, United Way's most prestigious award, was presented to Tommie Goggans III



in November 2019. Tommie has provided vision and exemplary leadership in the work to improve lives and create lasting change in our community! Tommie served as the United Way Interim Board Chair 2014, Campaign Chair 2015, Chairman of the Board 2016 & 2017, and Immediate Past Chair 2018 & 2019.



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# NEW PROGRAMS

#### The Helping Families Initiative is a partnership with Calhoun County Schools & The District Attorney's Office to provide a supportive approach to solving chronic absenteeism, provide wrap-around services for students and their families, and provide crisis intervention and case management to improve student outcomes.

Grady Lacher HFI Case Officer

Teresa Simmons-Ross HFI Crisis Intervention Specialist

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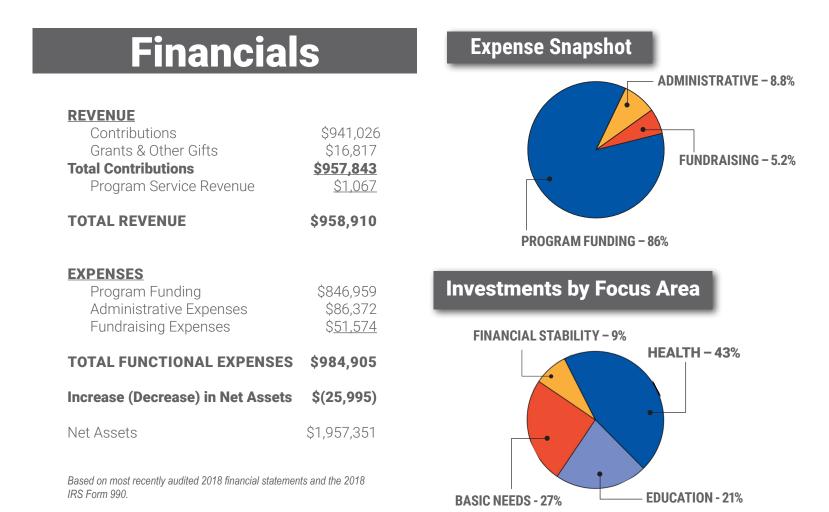
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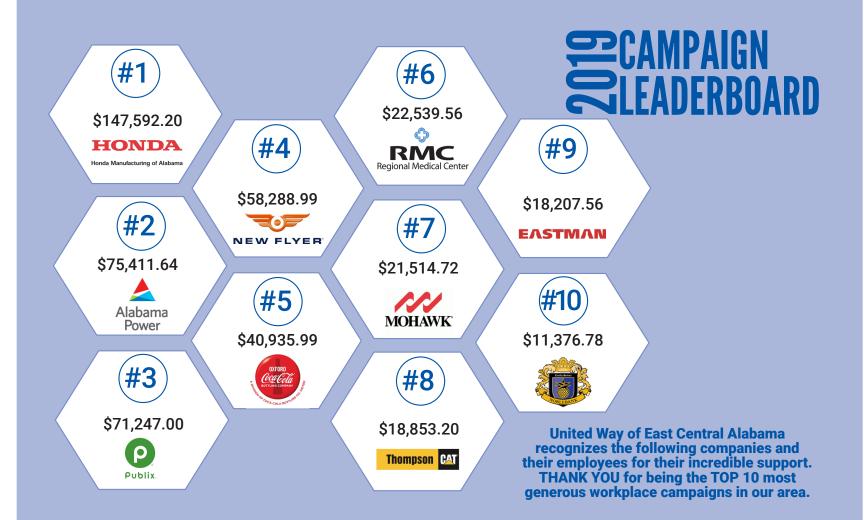




Get connected. Find your career.

WorkFORCE Connections (WFC) is a collaborative program funded through the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act. The program is designed to provide education opportunities, work readiness, and employability skills in tandem with other career preparation services to empower youth in Calhoun County to gain long-term employment success for in-demand industry sectors. United Way's partners in this initiative include East AlabamaWorks!, the Cheaha Career Center, Calhoun County Schools, Gadsden State Community College, Agency for Substance Abuse Prevention, and many local industry partners.







Charity Navigator, the nation's largest and most utilized charity evaluator, has awarded United Way of East Central Alabama a 4-star rating, the highest a charity can receive. In addition, United Way of East Central Alabama earned a perfect overall score of 100 for its financial health, accountability, and transparency. Less than one percent of the thousands of charities rated by Charity Navigator nationwide have earned perfect scores.







United Way of East Central Alabama has completed all 2019 reporting requirements for United Way Worldwide, and has been granted membership in their international organization. Categories reviewed included fiscal responsibility, governance, campaign policies and success and community investments.



### **23 AGENCIES & 33 PROGRAMS**

2nd Chance **Emergency Shelter** Arc of Calhoun & Cleburne Counties Adult Training & Recreation Family Advocacy Program Summer Day Camps **Big Brothers Big Sisters One-to-One Mentoring Boys & Girls Clubs Power Hour Boys & Girls Clubs of Randolph County Boy Scouts, Greater AL Council** ScoutReach (Calhoun & Randolph) **Calhoun Cleburne Children's Center** Child Advocacy & Counseling **Community Enabler Developer Emergency Food Assistance Children's Services** The Parris Home **Family Services Center** Making Your Money Work for You **Girl Scouts, North-Central AL** Leadership Experience (Calhoun & Randolph) **HOPE Fund of Randolph County** 

HEALTH

**Interfaith Ministries** Adult Dental Clinic Meals on Wheels **Prescription Assistance Jacksonville Meals on Wheels** Meals on Wheels **Piedmont Benevolence Center Crisis & Food Assistance Randolph County 4-H Randolph County Learning Center Randolph County Rescue Squad** St. Michael's Medical Clinic **The Learning Tree** Growing Independence Autism Clinic The Little Tree Preschool **The Right Place Quality Affordable Housing & Supportive** Services for the Homeless **Tri-County Children's Advocacy Center** Wedowee Senior Center Woodland Senior Center **YMCA of Calhoun County** After School Academy



2-1-1 First Call for Help First Call for Help Connecting **Callers to Virtual Assistance to Ensure Their Essential Needs are** Met

**Dolly Parton's Imagination Library** A United Way Initiative Providing Free Books to Children from Birth to 5 in Calhoun County



United Way's VITA Tax Sites Free Tax Preparation Assistance for Low-Income & **Elderly Residents** 

United Way United Way's Success By 6 Early Learning & School Readiness

**S**UCCESS 6 Initiative

United Way's RSVP & Volunteer Center

Connecting retirees, seniors, volunteers, and companies with volunteer opportunities throughout Calhoun County



**FINANCIAL STABILITY** 

**EDUCATIO** 

### **INSPIRE** The change.

The work of United Way of East Central Alabama is accomplished by connecting the power of our donors and volunteers with our initiatives and amazing Community Partners! When we mobilize the caring power of community - when we LIVE UNITED great things can happen!

Together, we can *Lead the Charge* in Calhoun, Cleburne & Randolph Counties Together, we can *Inspire the Change*.

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2,342 individual donors
151 workplace campaigns















This year United Way of East Central Alabama hosted our Annual Donor Appreciation Cook-out at Oxford Lake on Wednesday, May 15. This gave UWECA the opportunity to say "THANK YOU" to our individual donors and recognize our top giving companies.

UWECA presented the 2019 Pinnacle Award to New Flyer, in recognition of substantial giving and support for United Way which demonstrates a high level of caring for our community.

The 2019 Spirit of Giving Award was presented to Eastman and Webb Concrete & Building Materials for leading the way through corporate engagement, and embracing a true "Spirit of Giving" to make a difference in our community. The 2019 Horizon Campaign Award was awarded to Carfair Composites USA, Inc. For their extraordinary efforts in fostering a United Way giving campaign that will continue to make a positive impact in our community.

United Way's 2019 Day of Action and Campaign Kickoff was a fun-filled day of more than 300 volunteers who packaged 50,000 meals of Rice & Beans and Macaroni and Cheese to be distributed to our local food pantries and shelters. Volunteers also stuffed more than 250 backpacks for our local children in need of

school supplies.



## THANK YOU



# LEADERSHIP GIVING SOCIETY



United Way of East Central Alabama's Leadership Giving Society is comprised of a group of business & community leaders who exemplify commitment and caring through their philanthropic giving.

We are honored to recognize our donors who qualify as Leadership Givers.

Thank you to those donors who qualify as leadership givers, but chose to remain anonymous.

**BUILDERS SOCIETY** \$5,000 to \$9,999

Phil Webb

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