



# Community Resiliency

We invest in partners and programs that provide emergency food, housing, child care, advocacy and other services to help friends and neighbors navigate challenging situations. We also empower our community with knowledge and resources to tackle the systemic barriers that keep people from reaching their fullest potential. Community Resiliency resources work with other investments to boost the overall financial security, health and opportunities found in our area. We provide for the emergency needs of today and create change for tomorrow.



**129,698**

individuals received meals through meal delivery programs to provide healthy, stable nutrition even when they may not be able to easily care for themselves

**\$478,160**

invested locally through United Way-funded programs that help people thrive and build resilient communities that are ready for any challenge.

## Priority Focus Areas

### Food

Addressing food insecurity by investing in emergency food for individuals and families

### Housing

Ensuring individuals and families can access or maintain safe spaces to live

### Safety

Providing individuals and families with resources and protection that allows them to live without fear of danger, risk or injury

UWCM funds **13 local programs** that promote Community Resiliency, serving the needs of local individuals and families.

# 95,249

individuals and families received food support through local food shelf serves and connections.

# 150



families received emergency child care placement to ensure **safety & support** for their children, often for multiple days & nights.

## Investing in Shelter and Next Steps

*A story of impact from UWCM-funded Salvation Army Emergency Shelter*

Susan, her partner, mother and four kids aged 18, 13 and twins three, lost their apartment because of an overdue water bill they were not aware they needed to pay. Susan was not working at the time, but her partner was. The family went to a hotel until they could figure out what their next steps were going to be. They reached out to community organizations and were referred to the St. Cloud Salvation Army Emergency Shelter.

As soon as they came into the shelter, Susan began working with Jen, a Salvation Army caseworker. Immediately they enrolled their daughter in school and applied for a Housing Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Section 8 voucher. Susan started meeting weekly with an outside counselor to work on a variety of goals, including getting her driver's license.

In September, the family moved into an apartment with the help of the HRA voucher. Susan shared that she felt her family was in a stable place and supported by staff. The family was grateful for the emergency help they received from Salvation Army.



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