At the Town of Palm Beach United Way, we believe that every person that calls Palm Beach County home deserves an opportunity to thrive. By focusing on education, health and income – the building blocks for a good quality of life – we create the foundation to positively impact the lives of individuals and families in need.

For over 75 years, we have united with community partners to break down the barriers that keep children and adults from reaching their full potential. We mobilize every resource, partner and voice to tackle Palm Beach County’s most difficult, interconnected issues. Through this collaborative framework we improve lives and create sustainable change right here in our community.

**Accountability**

The Town of Palm Beach United Way believes in accountability and transparency when it comes to reporting financial data and performance metrics. Each year we receive the highest ratings possible from Charity Navigator and GuideStar, two of the leading charity watchdog organizations.

We also pride ourselves in low administrative costs. Our overhead expenses for 2020 were 8% of our total expenses, as calculated by our IRS 990. That means for every $1 donated, 92 cents goes directly to supporting individuals and families in need in Palm Beach County.
How Do Donor Dollars Lead To Change

1. It Starts With You
   You are a difference maker who wants to help change the story for individuals and families in need in our community.

2. Collective Giving
   You give to the Town of Palm Beach United Way and your donation is amplified through the collective giving power of individuals, employees and corporations.

3. Community Partners
   We work with local nonprofit partners to identify community needs and focus resources where needs are greatest.

4. Grant Applications
   Local nonprofits apply for grants in three program areas: Health, Education and Financial Stability.

5. Allocation Volunteers
   Community volunteers review applications, conduct site visits, and meet with team members to make funding recommendations to the Board.

6. Program Funding
   Upon Board approval, the Town of Palm Beach United Way awards program grants to agencies and distributes funding on a monthly basis from July through June.

7. Outcome Reporting
   We monitor, measure and report the progress of our partner agencies annually to donors, volunteers and the community.

8. Lasting Impact
   Because of YOU, we help individuals and families reach their full potential and leave a lasting impact on Palm Beach County.

What We Do Makes A Difference

The Town of Palm Beach United Way does what no individual donor, volunteer, business or agency can do alone – we pool contributions and leverage resources to fund programs that reach all sectors of our community.

Education alone is not a solution if a student does not have a stable home and nutritious food. Just because a parent finds a job, it may not be enough to support their family. We believe an integrated approach is essential for sustainable change. By working with others we can do more to improve the lives of Palm Beach County residents.

This year we are investing in 79 programs at 42 nonprofit partner agencies in our community.

We help children and youth achieve their full potential by funding programs that focus on early childhood education, after-school enrichment, mentoring, tutoring, literacy, leadership skills, college preparation, scholarships, and career readiness.

12,443 students are estimated to participate in United Way supported educational programs this year.

We improve people’s physical and mental health by funding programs that focus on access to healthcare and equipment, health advocacy and education, individual and group counseling, behavioral therapy, day programs for seniors, substance abuse treatment, and support for persons with disabilities.

30,556 residents are estimated to participate in United Way supported health programs this year.

We help individuals and families become financially stable by funding programs that focus on financial education, job training and placement, affordable housing, emergency shelter, food assistance, homelessness prevention, and support for survivors of domestic abuse.

427,982 individuals are estimated to participate in United Way funded income programs this year.

Establishing A Foundation For Success

Deshawn used to struggle with behavioral issues. He was aggressive, displayed poor concentration and lacked social skills when interacting with his classmates. He showed no interest in playing with other children or following the teacher’s directions.

Then Deshawn started receiving help from The Achievement Centers for Children and Center for Child Counseling, two Town of Palm Beach United Way funded agencies. Center for Child Counseling provided Deshawn with play therapy services to reduce stress, create healthy attachments and improve behavior. Teachers at the Achievement Centers introduced new curriculum and modified their classroom environment to support Deshawn’s needs.

The new instruction and set up enabled Deshawn to be a part of the classroom community. He learned to play independently, initiate play with other children and self-regulate his emotions. He also improved his self-help skills, social interactions and language development. With the help of the Achievement Centers and Center for Child Counseling, Deshawn now has the foundation he needs to be successful in and out of the classroom.

On Her Way To A Mobile And Thriving Life

Zoe is in first grade and has Cerebral Palsy, a motor disability affecting a person’s ability to move and maintain balance and posture. Zoe is cared for by her grandmother, who has limited income and cannot afford much of the medical equipment Zoe needs to be mobile and enjoy a thriving life.

The wheelchairs, walkers, braces and other equipment Zoe needs are expensive, and she outgrows them very quickly.

Then Zoe’s grandmother was introduced to Clinics Can Help, a Town of Palm Beach United Way funded agency that repurposes donated medical equipment and supplies for low-income families. Clinics Can Help has provided Zoe with wheelchairs and other adaptive equipment. Currently, the agency is working to provide the family with an adaptive van. Thanks to Clinics Can Help, Zoe has a better quality of life and her grandmother does not have to stress over how to provide Zoe the care she needs.

Nonprofit Partners

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Learn more about how you can get involved at palmbeachunitedway.org.