



# UNITED WAY EMERALD COAST

CHANGING LIVES SINCE 1957



United Way  
Emerald Coast



# UNITED, WE CHANGED 100,153 LIVES LAST YEAR



230,362 meals provided



97% of individuals served improved their financial stability



1,393 children participated in quality after school programming



99% of clients served maintained or improved physical, emotional, and/or mental health

Learn more at [united-way.org/our-impact](https://united-way.org/our-impact)



## OUR STRATEGY



### COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

United Way Emerald Coast (UWEC) connects local governments, businesses, and nonprofits in a collaborative effort to achieve measurable success.



### PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

Where we see gaps in services, UWEC steps in to fulfill unmet needs. Including, but not limited to: installing Born Learning Trails in parks, supporting students with nutritious snacks, and advancing the health equity of our region.



### NONPROFIT GRANTS

Every year UWEC identifies and addresses our community's most pressing challenges by investing in local nonprofit programs that can meet those needs.

# EMPOWERING ALICE FAMILIES

ALICE is a United Way acronym which stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. ALICE represents hard-working households who live paycheck to paycheck.



Asset Limited



Income Constrained



Employed



42% of households in Okaloosa and Walton Counties fall below the ALICE threshold.

*United*, we're helping ALICE families thrive by providing access to healthcare, opportunities for students, and resources to support families in crisis.



Little Brother Marlon and his Big Brother Jonathan from Big Brothers Big Sisters of NWFL, a program that benefits from UWEC funding.

## MARLON & JONATHAN

Little Brother Marlon patiently waited for 9 months to be matched with his perfect Big Brother, Jonathan.

As soon as they met, they hit it off!

Together, they learned to play board games, try new foods, explore museums, play laser tag, and more. Marlon lives in an ALICE family, and they faced hard times last year.

This led to them losing their home a week before Christmas, leaving him and his family temporarily in a shelter.

Marlon is thankful for United Way Emerald Coast's investment in the program that introduced him to his Big Brother, bringing him hope and happiness during these tough times.

# UNITED WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## GIVE

We increase the value of your donation by leveraging our corporate and community partnerships for greater impact. Our Partner Agencies may be able to access matching funds, volunteer support, and strengthen collaborations to stretch your gift even further.

Set up payroll deduction through your workplace, give online at [united-way.org/donate](https://united-way.org/donate) or simply text **UWEMERALDCOAST** to 41444.

## HOW \$5 CAN CHANGE LIVES



**\$5 one time**

one meal delivered to a homebound senior citizen



**\$5 per month**

ten nights of safe shelter for a family transitioning out of homelessness



**\$5 per paycheck**

six children participate in a quality after school program

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# VOLUNTEER



## Annual Initiatives

Day of Caring, Born Learning Trails, Little Free Pantries and more!



## ReadingPals

Help a local child build the literacy skills they need to be successful in school and life.



## Retired & Senior Volunteer Program

Persons age 55+ use their talent and experience to make a positive impact.

Learn more at [united-way.org/volunteer](https://united-way.org/volunteer)

# ADVOCATE

**Emerging Leaders** is a young professionals group dedicated to making a lasting impact through volunteerism. If you're interested in joining, visit [united-way.org/emerging-leaders](https://united-way.org/emerging-leaders)

**Women United** is a female philanthropy group that provides mental health resources, access, and education to women and girls in Okaloosa and Walton counties. If you're interested in joining, visit [united-way.org/womenunited](https://united-way.org/womenunited)

# WE ARE STRONGER UNITED

## PARTNER AGENCIES & FRIENDS

- ◆ A Bed 4 Me
  - ◆ Air Force Enlisted Village
  - ◆ American Red Cross of Northwest Florida
  - ▲◆ AMI Kids Emerald Coast
  - ▲◆ Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida
  - ▲◆ Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast
  - ◆ Bridgeway Center
  - ◆ C.A.L.M. (Crisis Aid for Littles and Moms)
  - ◆ CAN Community Health
  - ◆ Caring & Sharing of South Walton County
  - ◆ Caterpillar 2 Butterfly Outreach Center
  - ▲◆ Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida
  - Center for Independent Living of Northwest Florida
  - ◆ Children in Crisis
  - ◆ Children's Volunteer Health Network
  - ▲◆ Crestview Area Shelter for the Homeless
  - ▲◆ Crossroads Center
  - ◆ Dog-Harmony
  - ▲◆ Early Learning Coalition of the Emerald Coast
  - ▲◆ Elder Services of Okaloosa County
  - ◆ Eleanor J. Johnson Youth Center
  - ▲◆ Embrace FL Kids
  - ▲◆ Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center
  - Emerald Coast Life Center
  - ▲◆ Emerald Coast Science Center
  - ◆ Emerald Coast Women of Distinction
  - ◆ EOD Warrior Foundation
  - ▲◆ Feeding the Gulf Coast
  - ◆ Fisher House of the Emerald Coast
  - ◆ Freedom Life Compass
  - ◆ Fresh Start for Children and Families
  - ◆ Goodwill Industries of the Gulf Coast
  - ▲◆ GRACE Rides
  - Gulf Coast Council, Boy Scouts of America
  - ▲◆ Habitat for Humanity in Okaloosa County
  - ▲◆ Habitat for Humanity of Walton County
  - ▲◆ Healing Hoof Steps
  - Homelessness & Housing Alliance
  - ◆ Lakeview Center
  - ◆ Legal Services of North Florida
  - ▲◆ Matrix Community Outreach Center
  - ◆ Mental Health Association of Okaloosa Walton
  - ◆ Okaloosa Aids Support and Informational Services
  - ◆ Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation
  - ◆ One Hopeful Place
  - ▲◆ Opportunity Place
  - Project Hope Recovery Center
  - ▲◆ Point Washington Medical Clinic
  - ◆ Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Florida
  - S4P Synergy
  - ▲◆ Safe Connections
  - ◆ Sharing & Caring
  - ◆ Shelter House
  - SOW America
  - ▲◆ The Arc of the Emerald Coast
  - ◆ The Pearl Project
  - ▲◆ The Salvation Army Fort Walton Beach Corps
  - ◆ The White-Wilson Community Foundation
  - ◆ United for a Good Cause
  - ◆ Walton Education Foundation
  - ▲◆ Westonwood Ranch
  - ◆ Young Philosophers Society
- ▲ Grant Recipient  
◆ Partner Agency of UWEC  
● Friend of UWEC

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