YOUR LOCAL IMPACT

YOUR DONATION...

Helps 350+ at-risk students improve their literacy and math skills over the summer instead of losing academic progress.

Helps 250+ first and second graders prepared for school by improving their academic and school readiness skills.

Helps 40 struggling students receive unique and effective tutoring that’s tailored to meet the specific literacy needs of every student.

Helps 10,000+ local students improve their reading by using online, individualized literacy tools every day.

Helps 3,500+ households receive millions in individual, rental & utilities assistance through Covid-19 response and recovery.

Helps 3,000+ participants receive millions of $ in tax refunds through free tax preparation assistance.

United Way leads innovative community partnerships and delivers programs that achieve measurable results with a primary focus on education, financial stability and crisis response and recovery.

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From our recent experience delivering our educational programs, it is overwhelmingly clear that the pandemic’s school closures and disruption have taken a toll, academically and emotionally, on our youngest and most vulnerable community members and their families.

In 2021 United Way’s Fun in the Sun program was modified to include enhanced and proven social-emotional learning components to support struggling students.

One student, Chris, began the program filled with grief and acting out in anger after having tragically just lost his mom. To no one’s surprise, he often disrupted the class. Although challenging for staff to find the right ways to support him, they continued to work closely with Chris and his family and connected them to local resources.

Over the program’s six weeks, we and the staff saw a remarkable change. Chris made new friends, learned to ride a bike for the first time, and found new confidence in himself. He also improved his reading comprehension and speed, and developed problem-solving skills through hands-on science and math activities.

Chris is one example among the thousands of students who benefit every year from United Way programs that are only possible with your support!