

United Way of Hernando County's 2020 Impact and COVID-19 Response

364

Hernando residents financially impacted by COVID-19 were helped with Hernando CARES funding (Oct-Dec 2020)

101 households assisted



84 rental/mortgage evictions & foreclosures prevented



58 electric shut offs prevented



\$9,000 provided in food for struggling families



4,195 lbs

school supplies delivered to local classrooms



computer monitors provided for remote work and learning



71

Donated by
Oak Hill Hospital

HCA Oak Hill Hospital
West Florida

Community Organizations Active in Disaster

2,240

COAD hours logged



56

active COAD members



12,097

Dolly Parton Imagination Library books mailed to pre-school children in 2020

Sanitizing products distributed to shelters and active programs

825



disinfectant kits



65

infrared thermometers



11

LUV Sanitizing Sprayers



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CRA Success Stories

Grieving Family of 7

A mother with 6 children lost her husband in October to a stroke, and contracted COVID-19 from work. United Way's Coronavirus Relief Assistance funds were able to pay her mortgage and give her peace of mind while grieving the family's recent loss.



"United Way showed compassion and helped me in my time of need. Single most uplifting and amazing experience, true angels working to help."

Employment Security and Stability



A stressed father was laid off at the beginning of the pandemic and fell behind on bills while he was searching for a job. He secured employment but was still in danger of being evicted with his wife and three children. United Way's Coronavirus Relief Assistance funds were able to keep them housed until his first paycheck.

"United Way helped me so much, and very quickly. My household was very blessed."

The Ripple Effects of Daycare Closures

After COVID-19 closed a local daycare down, a single mother lost her job because she had to stay home to care for her child. She contributed along with United Way's Coronavirus Relief Assistance funds to cover her bills so she didn't fall behind until she found a new job.



Impact on the Restaurant Industry

A restaurant worker lost hours when her place of employment shut down due to COVID-19. Once they reopened, she continued to lose hours, working sporadically, until they shut down a second time due to COVID-19. She received a 3-day eviction notice from her landlord, but United Way's Coronavirus Relief Assistance funds were able to help her pay her past due balance and remain housed.

"The help I received will stabilize my situation so I'm very happy for the assistance."

Testing Positive for COVID-19

A client's husband started a new job at the beginning of September. Shortly after he started, the client tested positive for COVID-19 and the whole family had to quarantine. The husband was out of work through the middle of October without pay, and United Way's Coronavirus Relief Assistance funds helped them stay current on their bills for that gap of time.



Focusing on Mental Wellness

A client was laid off in 2020 and his mental health was suffering due to the stress of the pandemic. His wife was struggling to make ends meet with just her income. There are 4 children and the wife's elderly mother with dementia in the household. United Way's Coronavirus Relief Assistance funds took care of their past due rent and electric bills, giving them some breathing room, so they can focus on his mental wellness.

Limitations due to High Risk Pregnancy

A pregnant client was working for a law firm and her doctor did not want her exposed to COVID-19 due to a high-risk pregnancy. Her employer did not approve and she was let go. She delivered her baby in November of 2020 and has since started a new job but was behind on rent. United Way's Coronavirus Relief Assistance funds helped her catch up during that gap of employment.



"I am very grateful to the United way for all their help and knowledge."