UNLEASHING THE POWER AND POTENTIAL OF PEOPLE FOR A JUST L.A.

OUR MISSION

To permanently break the cycle of poverty for our most vulnerable neighbors.

UNITED WAY FOCUSES ON THREE CRITICAL PATHWAYS OUT OF POVERTY

• HOUSING – Ensuring just access to safe and affordable housing
• EDUCATION – Helping our most vulnerable students graduate ready for college and careers
• ECONOMIC MOBILITY – Supporting families with equal access to jobs and financial literacy/support

WHAT CAUSES POVERTY?

Isolation from opportunity. Far too many Angelenos are isolated from the resources and pathways needed to not only survive, but thrive in a region of plenty. And a global pandemic has only made this worse, especially for our communities of color who have been disproportionately affected. Will you join us for a just L.A.?

*Photo courtesy of the County of Los Angeles
More than 66,000 of our L.A. County neighbors sleep without shelter every single night.

The pandemic has continued to fuel many factors that lead to this crisis, with housing affordability at the forefront of the complexities increasing homelessness.

10,638 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS are in the construction pipeline

Through our pandemic relief fund, we have been able to bring more people into shelter and provide on-the-ground health support, while we continue to focus on the long-term solutions.

Over 1.7 Million Angelenos are isolated from affordable homes and neighborhoods, living below the poverty line.

Rents and housing costs are on the rise while wages decline. All it takes is a medical emergency or job loss for a family to end up homeless and the pandemic has put more at risk.

In response to the growing needs in the wake of the crisis, United Way helped to provide financial assistance and supply donations to several partners helping low-income families.

In the last year, more than 13,000 HOUSEHOLDS have improved their financial stability through our tax assistance and relief programs.

Over 15,000 households didn’t have to choose between rent and paying bills as a result of United Way’s utility assistance programs with SoCalGas and Southern California Edison—both companies increased their support in response to the pandemic.

An estimated 44% of students are unprepared for college due to many barriers faced in underserved communities, such as disproportionate school funding and insufficient resources.

The pandemic is only further putting our children behind with lack of technology and adequate support.

Last year we provided more than 36,000 STUDENTS with academic/career support engagement & youth leadership opportunities.

Further support will focus on meeting the changing needs of our students in this moment and beyond, targeting the changing landscape and equitable achievement. COVID-19 has deepened and revealed critical gaps in our education system. United Way is proud to be a leading partner in Communities for Los Angeles Student Success (CLASS) and supporting education organizations cultivating equitable achievement for over 600,000 students.

In 2019, after being homeless for nearly 3 years, the Ayala family moved in to the first housing unit supported by HHH funding.

The Earned Income Tax Credit Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Programs helps assists qualified low- and moderate-income families with refund filing and free tax preparation so that they can keep more of the money they earn.

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Thanks to Young Civic Leaders (YCLP) I found my voice. I now use that voice to represent and empower minority youth like myself.