

# 50 YEARS AND FORWARD

LIVE UNITED

**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS SERVING THE JERSEY SHORE** 

UNITED WAY OF MONMOUTH AND OCEAN COUNTIES

**2017 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY** 



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO & BOARD CHAIR

This past spring, United Way of Monmouth and Ocean Counties (UWMOC) celebrated 50 years serving the Jersey Shore and recognized the impact we have had on our residents over such a significant amount of time.

We have evolved from our beginnings as a fundraising federation that distributed donations across a range of needs to a focused convener that is tackling the unmet needs in our community. In preparation to serve our community for another 50 years, we have created a multi-year strategic plan to advance our work.

The strategic plan generated a new mission and vision statement that focuses our work on improving the lives of youth and their families. Beginning in 2018, our community impact programs will fall under the four areas of school readiness, early grade reading, youth career pathways and financial stability. Our work will not

only target the challenges of today, but prepare the youth of our community to be successful in the future.

We would like to thank the Jay and Linda Grunin Foundation for their generous support of our new mission and vision with the Grunin Foundation Challenge. Through this challenge, any new funds raised until 2021 will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$1 million. This match has spearheaded our new initiatives to affect Monmouth and Ocean counties in long-lasting, life-changing ways.

Thank you to our donors, board, volunteers and staff for the impact we achieved this past year, which is outlined in the pages to follow. As we continue to implement our strategic plan, we look forward to working with all of our partners in our commitment to LIVE UNITED.



Timothy Hearne President & CEO

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// Jeremy Grunin Board Chair

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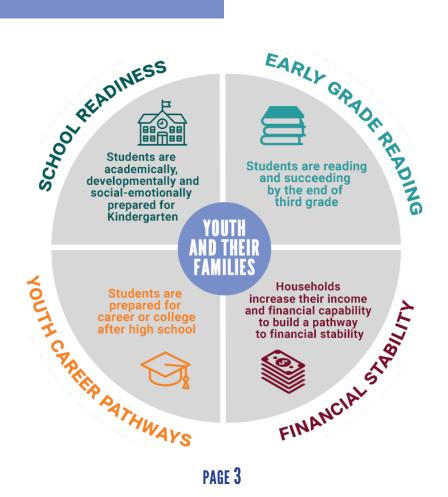
# **OUR MISSION**

**United Way of Monmouth and Ocean Counties** mobilizes donors, volunteers and community partners to improve the lives of youth and their families.

# **OUR VISION**

**Every child is successful, every family is** financially stable, and every community we serve is stronger.

# **2018 COMMUNITY IMPACT AGENDA**



# **EDUCATION**

ENSURING OUR YOUTH ARE READY TO SUCCEED IN SCHOOL



## **OUR GOALS**

# Increase the number of children who:

- Begin Kindergarten academically, developmentally and social-emotionally prepared
- Read on grade level by the end of third grade
- Are exposed to reading & enrichment opportunities over the summer
- Obtain homework help & mentoring outside the classroom
- Receive treatment for acute illnesses in school to reduce absenteeism
- Graduate from high school prepared for college or career



## **OUR PARTNERS**

#### **Kindergarten Readiness**

**Keansburg School District** 

#### **Early Grade Reading**

Freehold Borough School District

 YMCA of Western Monmouth County Fulfill (formerly the FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties)
 JBJ Soul Kitchen

Keansburg School District

Collier Youth Services
 People's Pantry
 Red Bank School District

- Boys & Girls Club of Monmouth County
- Horizons at Rumson Country Day School
- · Monmouth Day Care Center
- · Red Bank Primary School

#### **Out-of-School Time**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ocean County Jersey Shore Council, Boy Scouts of America

Ocean County YMCA
Ocean Mental Health Services

#### **Nurse Practitioner Program**

Freehold Borough School District Keyport School District Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey

#### **Career Connections**

Asbury Park High School Center for Vocational Rehabilitation



## **OUR RESULTS**

212 preschool students



developed gross motor skills to prepare for Kindergarten

89% of students in grades K-3



maintained or improved their reading levels over the summer

**865** youth participated



in educational opportunities outside of school

406 patient encounters



with a school-based nurse practitioner

144
high school
students



developed job skills with 51% of participating students gaining employment

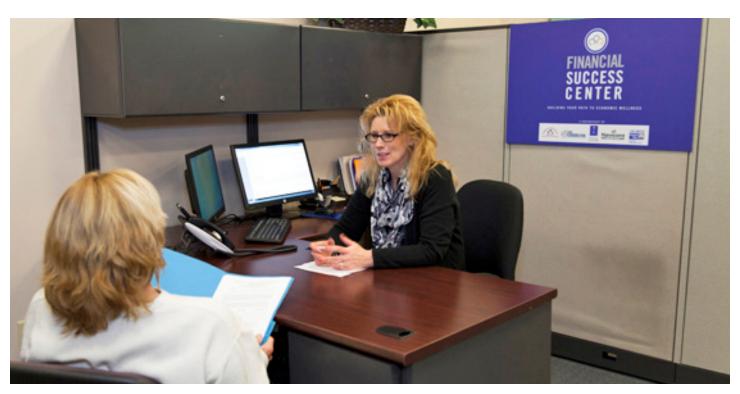
# FINANCIAL STABILITY

HELPING RESIDENTS MOVE FROM FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY TO ECONOMIC WELL-BEING



## **OUR GOALS**

- Households increase their income and financial capability to build a pathway to financial stability
- Offer employment training and skill development to people with disabilities
- Assist households whose members are homeless, at-risk of homelessness and/or food insecure



## **OUR PARTNERS**

#### **Financial Success Center**

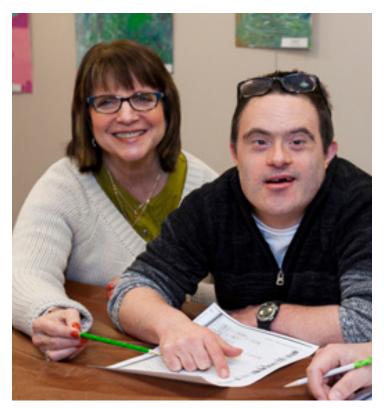
Child Care Resources of Monmouth County
Fulfill (formerly the FoodBank of
Monmouth and Ocean Counties)
Monmouth County Workforce Development
Board
Navicore Solutions

#### **Supported Employment**

The Arc of Monmouth
The Arc, Ocean County Chapter
LADACIN Network
New Jersey Institute for Disabilities (NJID)

#### Food Insecurity & Housing Instability

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey Family Promise of Southern Ocean County Ocean Mental Health Services Ocean's Harbor House St. Francis Community Center (LBICC) Vetgroup/Vetwork



## **OUR RESULTS**

7,555 people on the pathway



to financial stability, including veterans and seniors, resulting in

\$815,331

in economic benefits & income supports

842 people impacted



by financial and career education workshops and community events

214 adults with disabilities



participated in job skills development and employment training

6,805 people assisted



with food insecurity and housing instability

# HEALTH

CREATING SAFE AND
HEALTHY COMMUNITIES
FOR OUR RESIDENTS



## **OUR GOALS**

- Provide education, counseling and support services to children and families
- Foster independence in adults with disabilities
- Support older adults in maintaining their health, remaining independent in their homes and reducing isolation
- Provide co-occurring treatment and recovery services for residents affected by addiction and mental illness
- Offer free services to special populations to keep them physically and mentally fit



## **OUR PARTNERS**

#### **Safer Kids & Families**

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton

#### **Residential Support for People** with Disabilities

**LADACIN Network** New Jersey Institute for Disabilities (NJID)

#### **Senior Services**

**Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey** Jewish Federation of Ocean County/ Jewish Family & Children's Services

#### **Addiction & Mental Health**

Maryville Addiction Treatment Centers of **New Jersey** 

#### **Healthy Living**

Ocean County YMCA

## **OUR RESULTS**

**3,163** people are leading



safer, healthier lives

1,185 provided



with support services

people with disabilities



received assistance to live independently



# VOLUNTEER CENTER

Every community, regardless of the size and socioeconomic status, benefits greatly from volunteers.

United Way of Monmouth and Ocean Counties' Volunteer Center recruits individuals, families, organizations and corporations and matches them with meaningful volunteer opportunities at local nonprofit agencies. We make volunteering easy, flexible and impactful for the individual while helping agencies meet their goals.

# To browse volunteer opportunities or register as a nonprofit agency, visit uwmoc.org/volunteer.

United Way also provides donations to Monmouth and Ocean County residents through our Stuff the Bus and Warmest Wishes drives. We partner with local schools that have a pulse on the community to determine the demand for items and enlist the help of companies to acquire donations. In preparation for the new school year, our Stuff the Bus drive collects essential school supplies for students in need. In the winter, our Warmest Wishes drive gives children brand-new coats, hats, mittens and scarves to keep them warm on the way to and from school.



# THE IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY

1,908
volunteers
contributed
3,444 hours,
resulting in approximately
\$97,534 worth
of volunteer service for our community

369
opportunities
with
227 nonprofit
agencies on
our Volunteer Portal



24,438
school supplies
including
1,150 backpacks
donated to

28 local schools and nonprofits

4,541
winter items
including
1,032 coats
donated to
35 local schools and nonprofits

#### GIVE YOUR TIME. SHARE YOUR TALENT.

Our mobile-friendly Volunteer Portal is a free tool that makes it easy to connect volunteers to local organizations.

Browse opportunities and register at <a href="https://www.uwmoc.org/volunteer">uwmoc.org/volunteer</a>.

# WOMEN UNITED

Formed in 2015 as a way for women leaders to come together and make a significant impact on our community, Women United is a group of philanthropic volunteers focused on inspiring positive economic and social change to help meet the educational needs of children in Monmouth and Ocean counties.

In 2017, Women United raised more than \$55,000 from donations and event proceeds throughout the year to benefit UWMOC's work in early grade reading.

For more information on getting involved, visit uwmoc.org/WomenUnited.

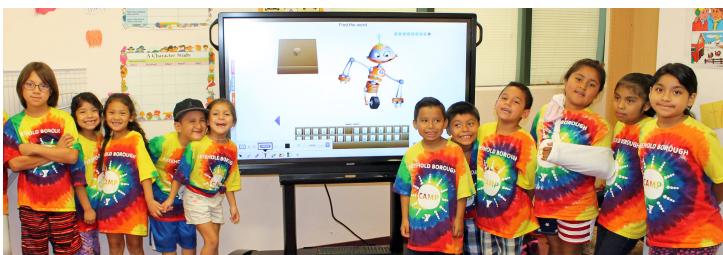
first graders
from Red Bank
attended the
Horizons at Rumson
Country Day School summer program

literacy specialists helped students who needed the most intervention



Smart Board
given to YMCA of
Western Monmouth
County to enhance
summer literacy program activities





### NJ 2-1-1



UWMOC funds NJ 2-1-1, a statewide help line that connects callers to vital local and governmental services. The NJ 211 Partnership program provides a link to resources

for food, housing, health care, childcare, job search assistance, financial assistance and more.

To learn more, dial 2-1-1 or visit nj211.org.

18,789 calls received from

Monmouth & Ocean counties and referred

to resources for financial assistance, housing, addiction and more

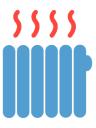
## **GIFT OF WARMTH**

UWMOC acts as the fiscal agent for the New Jersey Natural Gas Gift of Warmth program, which helps income-eligible households, as well as customers experiencing temporary or unanticipated financial hardship, pay their natural gas bills.

\$196,587 distributed to 760 households

in Monmouth, Morris, Ocean and Middlesex

counties for utility assistance



## FAMILYWIZE PRESCRIPTION DRUG **SAVINGS PROGRAM**



**UWMOC** distributes prescription discount cards to local pharmacies, agencies

and individuals to assist those in need with medication costs.

\$815,711 in savings redeemed

by Monmouth and Ocean County residents in 2017



# **EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER** PROGRAM (EFSP)

UWMOC manages the EFSP, which allocates federal funds to the community to help those in emergency situations.



\$676,061 disbursed to

**20 nonprofits** for utilities, food,

emergency shelter and rent/mortgage from 2016-17





# GRUNIN FOUNDATION CHALLENGE

# The Jay and Linda Grunin Foundation Challenge is helping UWMOC raise \$1 million by 2021!

In order to support UWMOC's mission to impact the lives of youth and their families, the Grunin Foundation will match all new or increased donations dollar for dollar up to \$1 million.

Help spread the word of this generous challenge and get others to join the fight for a stronger community with United Way.

To donate and be a part of the Grunin Foundation Challenge, visit uwmoc.org/give.







# THANK YOU TO OUR TOP 5 COMPANIES WITH THE MOST LEADERSHIP GIFTS

**Exelon Corp. (80)** 

**New Jersey Resources (35)** 

**Enterprise Rent-A-Car (26)** 

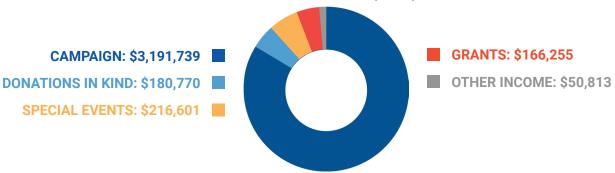
AT&T (19)

**UPS (16)** 

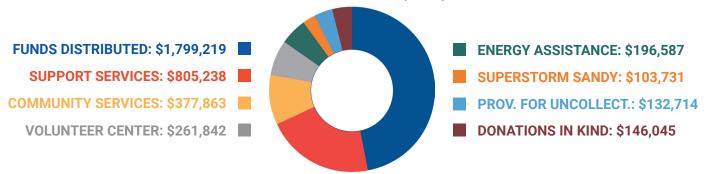
# **2017 FINANCIALS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017





**TOTAL EXPENSES: \$3,823,239** 



# **BOARD AND STAFF**

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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# **THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



TO LEARN MORE, VOLUNTEER OR DONATE, CALL 732-938-5988 OR VISIT UWMOC.ORG FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA @UWMOC 🕩 💌 🖾







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