



## WORKING TOGETHER TO MOLD THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW.

LIVE UNITED

## EDUCATION

Every day, people in our community struggle with education problems that may seem impossible to solve. Children are starting school without the skills necessary to succeed. Kids who struggle reading by the third grade are far more likely to abandon their education altogether if intervention is not implemented. Which then results in youths not feeling confident enough to pursue vocational or trades school.

These are tough problems that threaten futures individually and community-wide. But United Way is fighting to improve education for everyone in Hancock County. Across a network of volunteers and donors, we're helping children by providing pre-k scholarships so they develop the habits necessary for fundamental learning. In addition, we support leadership programs that help schools to empower students with life skills they need to thrive in the 21st century.

We are more than the fundraisers. We are the Difference Makers. We surround a community's

most critical problems and stand UNITED to make change. We're offering hope and help where it's needed the most. In the last year, United Way of Hancock County has measurably improved thousands of people's lives in Hancock County. Some of these services included:

- 300 youth were connected with a guardian ad-litem to ensure their voice is heard when it matters most.
- 65 pre-k scholarships to economically disadvantaged families to ensure every child in Hancock County enters school ready to learn
- 300 students were given access to preschool programs county-wide to best prepare them for kindergarten.

We are strengthening our community from the inside out, but there's still so much more to do. Around the county and in our own backyard, we're standing UNITED and moving forward to build a better tomorrow today.



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youth are being served through camp, mentoring, and prevention programming to promote healthy relationships, positive influences, and whole-child wellness.

United Way of Hancock County stands UNITED for the health, education and financial stability of every vulnerable child, family and individual in every community. We have one life. To live better, we must LIVE UNITED®.