PARTNERSHIPS

United Way of Forsyth County partnerships provide the building blocks for better lives and a stronger community

- A quality **EDUCATION** that leads to a stable job
- Enough **INCOME** to support a family through retirement
- Services and support for Good **HEALTH**

UNITED WAY PARTNERSHIPS WORK.

Your investment will help us build on what's working right here in Forsyth County.

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- Basic needs – food, clothing, shelter
- Child care services • Consumer help
- Counseling • Crisis intervention
- Health care • Housing • Senior services
- Support groups • Volunteer opportunities

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Learn more about how your United Way is improving lives in our community by visiting us at *www.forsythunitedway.org*.

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EDUCATION

Our children need to understand the importance of education and gain the skills to succeed in school, and it's critical that our community has a prepared, effective workforce today and into the future.

As part of a community-wide effort to increase academic success, decrease the dropout rate and ultimately to increase the number of students graduating, United Way targets funds through research-based strategies of mentoring, tutoring, family engagement/parent education and coaching.

United Way programs are documented to:

- Improve school performance
- Reduce absenteeism
- Decrease poor behavior

Each of these indicators leads to a decrease in the dropout rate and an increase in the number of students graduating.

SUCCESS STORY

Graduating Our Future, a United Way-funded program, allowed Faith to earn the credits she needed to graduate from high school. Graduating Our Future has reduced the number of students dropping out of Parkland High School (a pilot site) by 34 percent over the past two years.

INCOME

More than 16 percent of Forsyth County residents — and 22 percent of our children — live in poverty. United Way provides lower-income families with the tools and support to break the cycle of poverty, and forms a foundation for them to become more financially stable.

Financially-stable families:

- Use fewer government services
- Experience less violence in their home
- Have children who are more successful in school

A three-tiered approach creates short- and long-term solutions:

- Immediate response through food, shelter and other forms of emergency response
- Getting ahead through job training, debt counseling and repair, and childcare to support their ability to work
- Asset building through matched savings accounts and homeownership assistance and counseling

SUCCESS STORY

After both Amanda and her husband lost their jobs, they got the help they needed to keep their home from a United Way-funded program. Similar programs saved more than 2,000 local homes from foreclosure last year.

HEALTH

More than 45,000 Forsyth County residents lack health insurance and access to proper health care. Childhood obesity is near epidemic proportions and unless addressed, will create long-term health problems. United Way works to increase access to individuals facing chronic health problems and to reduce childhood obesity.

United Way programs to improve health:

- Provide access to life-saving medications
- Help people manage their health through education and appropriate support services
- Implement an array of research-based childhood obesity intervention and prevention strategies

SUCCESS STORY

Joe and Lynn receive their critical medications for free from pharmaceutical companies through a United Way-funded program. Since it was rolled out in mid-2008, local people have received medication valued at more than $10 million for free from pharmaceutical companies.