

United Way's long-term goal is to help prevent problems from happening in the first place.



Erick is a 10th grader at Parkland Magnet High School. He is succeeding academically and is a talented athlete.

It wasn't always that way. Erick's 8th grade year was difficult. He and his parents had good reason to be apprehensive about his transition into the 9th grade at a new school.

So they enrolled him in the Prep for Success Academy, a United Way-funded summer academic program designed to make that transition successful for at-risk students.

The Prep for Success program worked wonders for Erick. He made the honor roll last year. It worked well for the others, too. The average GPA for attending students was higher than for non-attending students.

United Way believes that creating real, long-lasting changes in our community will help prevent many problems from happening in the first place. That's why it's focusing on Education, Financial Stability, and Health. They are the building blocks for a good life.

Here's just a sampling of the positive outcomes produced through United Way and its 34 partner agencies last year.

EDUCATION

- ▶ Designed to increase the graduation rate to 90% by 2018, pilot programs at Parkland Magnet High School and Philo Magnet Academy are producing dramatic results:
 - The number of students graduating from Parkland increased by 4%.
 - The 9th grade failure rate at Parkland dropped by 29%.
 - Targeted 6th graders at Philo passing End-of-Grade tests grew by over 50%.

FINANCIAL STABILITY

- ▶ Over 7,000 people got the financial management and debt counseling that will help them grow increasingly secure over the coming years. Many avoided home foreclosure.

HEALTH

- ▶ More than 4,000 uninsured community members received health care and over 800 obtained life-saving medications valued at more than \$1.4 million.

Help us to continue building a better future for all. Please ...

GIVE UNITED




United Way is on the front lines helping those facing immediate needs.



Together with its 34 partner agencies and through partnerships with knowledgeable volunteers, human needs experts, local businesses, government, our schools, the faith community, and over 40,000 individual supporters, United Way of Forsyth County delivers on its promise to help those in immediate need and to lead in changing lives.

These are difficult times. It's good to know that United Way is there to provide basic needs for many in our community.

Over just the past year, United Way-funded programs:

- ▶ Fed 1.2 million meals to the hungry.
- ▶ Provided over 53,000 **night**  shelter to those with no other place to go.
- ▶ Retrained over 1,100 men and women. 430 of them got new jobs and can now support themselves and their families.
- ▶ Made it possible for more than 800 people without health insurance to obtain free prescription medications valued at over \$1.4 million from pharmaceutical companies.

United Way has also partnered with the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust and The Winston-Salem Foundation to create an Emergency Response Fund of up to \$500,000 and to respond to the needs of families due to the economic downturn.

This year, your help is needed more than ever. Please ...

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