

EDUCATION

375

students served achieved on-time grade promotion.¹

Over

10,400

children were assessed in early learning programs to measure their milestone achievements.²

FINANCIAL STABILITY

1,305

people served have moved into permanent housing solutions.³

56%

of individuals in our financial stability programs have increased their income.⁴

HEALTH

84%

of people experiencing domestic violence completed a safety plan.⁵

3,132

people served are working towards improving their overall health outcomes.⁶

1. Boys and Girls Club of Volusia-Flagler Counties; The House Next Door; PACE Center for Girls; Flagler Education Foundation
2. Easterseals of NE Florida; MFCS Head Start; The Early Learning Coalition of Flagler/Volusia

3. SMA Healthcare - My Place Apartments; The Neighborhood Center of West Volusia; Family Renew Community; Volusia-Flagler Coalition for the Homeless
4. Flagler Cares; Beacon Center
5. Family Life Center
6. Flagler Cares; Council on Aging; Volusia-Flagler Coalition for the Homeless

COLLABORATION

In response to an anticipated gap in the United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties' annual fundraising efforts of \$2.1 million, the "Fill the Gap Match Campaign" launched February 1st. United Way's affinity groups Generation IMPACT and Women United Volusia and Flagler helped to fill the gap by creating two unique events that helped raise over \$11,000. Generation IMPACT launched a virtual Race for IMPACT challenging participants to move a total of 80 miles over the course of one month. Women United hosted a Choose to Challenge weekend on International Women's Day that welcomed a renowned speaker - Rebekah Gregory, invited women to give back through volunteer events and ended with a yoga retreat. Each affinity group rose to the challenge and helped United Way achieve its goal of raising \$300,000!



United Way
 Celebrate
**INTERNATIONAL
 WOMEN'S DAY**
 WITH BOSTON MARATHON
 SURVIVOR REBEKAH
 GREGORY AND UNITED WAY'S
 U.S. PRESIDENT SUZANNE
 MCCORMICK
 FRIDAY, MARCH 5TH 2021
 VIRTUAL EVENT

STORIES OF IMPACT



Victims of domestic violence are terrified and often they are unsure if they even qualify for assistance. They are afraid that if their abuser finds out that they are seeking help, it will result in substantially more abuse. In addition, Domestic Violence has increased significantly due to COVID-19. This is why it is important for organizations like Family Life Center – Flagler to be available 24/7 and to give the information, assistance, shelter and reassurance when needed. This was the case with "Megan". Very desperate, hesitant, nervous, and with her abuser in a nearby room, she called the crisis helpline at 1 am one day. She shared with the crisis helpline advocate that due to Covid-19 her abuser had lost his job and was home during the day which left her little to no known hope to escape the abuser. Before Megan dropped the call because she heard her abuser stirring in the next room, the helpline advocate helped Megan understand the power and control dynamics, along with the definition of coercive control, answered all her "what-if" questions and quickly helped her develop a safety plan. A few days later, Megan reached out again, this time needing emergency shelter and assistance. Family Life Center assisted her, by removing her from that nightmare. Megan is now in a safe environment, gainfully employed and working to rebuild a new life, free from abuse.

Suffering for years of chronic homelessness, incarceration, and hospitalizations due to untreated mental illness, drug abuse and addiction, "Mel" chose to enroll in the Stewart-Marchman-Act (SMA) residential treatment program for two years. He graduated and has since stayed clean. After graduation, Mel was offered a room at



SMA - My Place Apartments, where he began his transition back into the community. In a matter of three and half years, he obtained SSI benefits, moved into his own apartment through a housing voucher program, and has found a way to give back by serving on the Board of Directors with the Volusia/Flagler County Coalition for the Homeless. Throughout his time at My Place Apartments and beyond, he has continued to meet and achieve his goals of becoming a successful member of his community.

JOIN THE FIGHT



We know that many individuals and families have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. If you, or someone you know, is struggling, please call 211 to get connected to community resources that can assist you.

GIVE
 Text **yourunitedway**
 to **41444**
 Open a **PASSIONFund** with
 the Community Foundation
 of Volusia/Flagler

ADVOCATE
 Visit **unitedwayvfc.org**

 Text **createchange**
 to **51555**

VOLUNTEER
 Find local volunteer
 opportunities at
bit.ly/uwvfcvolunteer
 Become a Community
 Impact Ambassador (CIA)
 to visit our partners