

# Community Impact Report

July 2019 - Dec. 2019

The Impact of your Investment.



## **EDUCATION**

of students in United Way funded programs had satisfactory attendance (compared to a 76% district wide average).1

1,328

children achieved early education milestones such as counting to 10, telling a simple story and trying new things.2

## FINANCIAL **STABILITY**

In just 6 months

**252** 

individuals were moved into housing solutions.3

out of

individuals in United Way funded programs increased their income.4



3. SMA Healthcare, The Neighborhood Center of West Volusia, and

individuals in United Way funded programs showed improvement in their mental health. 5

individuals have made the decision to seek a healthier lifestyle and are receiving the support necessary to make these changes last.6

Easterseals, MFCS Head Start, and Early Learning Coalition of

Family Renew Community 4. The Neighborhood Center of West Volusia, Family Renew Community, SMA

Healthcare, Beacon Center, and Flagler Cares

## **COLLABORATION**







Women United Volusia held their 2019 "Evening of Thanks" event on Thursday, November 21st where they distributed \$60,739 in mini grants to 25 local non-profit organizations that impact women and children in Volusia County.

## **STORIES OF IMPACT**

The Neighborhood Center.

In November 2019, "Joanne" sought help from the Neighborhood Center (NHC) after losing her job and living situation she was in with her significant other. Upon entering the shelter, she was terrified and full of dismay, as she had never been in a situation like this. After a couple of weeks, she began to warm up to the shelter staff and other clients. She began diligently seeking the input of the program to become more stable. Soon she found full-time employment at a local call center and began saying her money for independent living. She was able to move into an all-female house and quickly began

bonding with those living there. Even though Joanne is not able to live with her children, she was able to make the most of the holidays through the generosity of toy drive donors. It even inspired her to give back by volunteering through the NHC. Currently, she is working on a savings plan with her case manager with the anticipation of moving into her own apartment by spring 2020. Her savings, in conjunction with other grant funds, will make obtaining an apartment of her own a reality. Joanne is on her way to obtaining an apartment, regaining custody of her children, and reuniting her family.



Sometimes the greatest value we have to offer is our time and a listening ear. The Flagler Education Foundation Classrooms to Careers program is making these connections for students in Flagler County. "Jacob" was interested in the Flagler County Chamber of Commerce and wanted to know how to get more involved. He began working with his Career Coach and the Chamber on a special project that will create a student version of the Chamber's Board of Directors. It will focus on activities in the community to include educational, employment and overall general opportunities that will be available to youth in Flagler County. "Matthew" has worked with his Career Coach to start his own business repairing computer printers. He was already Education Foundation doing this type of work in his spare time and with support of his career coach gained the courage to open a business! In just the

first few months of operating, the business built a client base and is continuing to grow. "Caroline" was matched with a career coach that is a county judge. After meeting with her coach a few times, she was able to participate in the youth teen court system in Flagler County. Additionally, she was able to travel to Tallahassee while the legislature and state Supreme Court was in session. She was able to spend time in the courtroom and meet with a State Supreme Court Judge! These relationships are creating the vital networks necessary for success after school.

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