

REPORT TO THE *Community*

FYE June 2022



United Ministries

Transforming Lives Together



Dear friends,

As I reflect on FY 2021-22, I am eager to share about United Ministries' many accomplishments as we emerged from COVID-19 with an even greater call to action and passion to serve our Greenville community. All of our programs have returned to in-person services and we now joyfully welcome participants and volunteers into all of our buildings!

The last year was one of evolution and growth for our mission. Our leadership team evolved by adding three new directors to our team: Robin Longino, Director of Mission Advancement (development), Jamika Nedwards, Director of Mission Impact (programs) and Gary Leatherwood, Director of Finance and Administration. Each of these seasoned leaders brings gifts that will support our strategic vision and drive for the future of United Ministries. I am delighted they have chosen to join us in this work of community transformation.

Another example of evolution is our new approach to providing shelter to homeless families with children. In the 2021-22 school year, the Greenville County School District identified over 1,300 students who lacked stable housing. Many of these children come from families who are moving between family members and friends, while others are living out of their vehicles and camping out of tents. These heartbreaking realities led us to increase our efforts to do all we can to provide shelter, stability, and supportive services to as many families as possible. Please read about how we have evolved our Interfaith Hospitality Network to double our capacity and provide more stability to homeless families with children.

Over the past few months, we have seen an increased need for emergency assistance, including rent, utility, and medication assistance, as well as food. Many families are struggling to meet their basic needs as costs for essential items are rising faster than incomes. As we live into a new fiscal year, we believe that the need for our mission and ongoing presence in the Greenville area continues as we support participants and the community around us.

We are so grateful for your investment in our work—and even more so—your belief in this mission and in the lives of the people we touch. Your participation—your financial gifts, your volunteerism, your advocacy for the issues we are working to affect and lives we are seeking to impact—and your presence in our continued mission matters so much.

Thank you for being on this journey with United Ministries. We could not do this without you and it is truly the work done together that makes our mission possible.

With gratitude and hope,

Lizzie Bebbler – Executive Director





United Ministries

Mission

To serve and empower those on the transformative journey to self-sufficiency.

Vision

A community working together to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to thrive in Greenville.



OUR Impact



Striving to Thrive

- **273** individuals received financial coaching
- **110** jobs were obtained
- **89** individuals completed our Matched Savings program



Adult Education

- **251** new students joined the Adult Education program
- **40** students obtained their GED
- **86%** passing rate for single subject tests



Emergency Assistance

- **1,171** families received food
- **415** individuals received utility assistance
- **79** individuals received rent assistance



Place of Hope

- **894** individuals visited POH for showers, laundry and other services
- **262** individuals received case management
- **11** individuals were permanently housed



Housing Program

- **117** people were provided with shelter - 67 children & 50 adults
- **16** families entered into interim housing
- **NEW** partnership established with Front Porch Housing

HOUSING PROGRAM

Serving families with a goal to keep them UNITED.

We are proud to offer one of the only emergency shelters in Greenville that serves homeless families with children. This includes single mothers with sons, single fathers with children and larger families who may not otherwise be able to find shelter together. Through our emergency shelter program, families may access shelter for up to 12 weeks in a fully furnished apartment while working towards stability alongside dedicated United Ministries' staff members. Our model provides families with comprehensive support services to help them achieve self-sufficiency goals. For families who seek longer term solutions, we offer interim housing for up to 2-3 years as they work on goals such as home ownership and higher education—two key measures for exiting poverty.

Supportive Services:



Emergency Shelter

- 6 Apartments
- Families stay up to 12 weeks
- Primary Goal - Plan for exiting shelter and finding stability

Interim Housing

- 19 Units: 4 Apartments & 15 Houses
- Families stay up to 2-3 years
- Primary Goal - Long term self-sufficiency and thriving

100% of our housing participants have achieved these *Indicators of Self-Sufficiency*:

- ✓ Stable Housing
- ✓ Increased Savings, Income, & Credit Score
- ✓ Reduced Debt
- ✓ Mental Health Support



For more information about our housing program and how you can help, scan the QR code to the right!



UM Volunteerism

Volunteers serve important roles in the daily life of United Ministries. In fiscal year 2021-22, **160 volunteers** served weekly or frequently for a **total of 10,914 hours** with us for an **Economic Impact of \$311,485**. In addition, we have many more who serve alongside our ministry for service projects and other events. But volunteers do more than support our work, they establish meaningful relationships with our participants.

Just as our staff form relationships with those who seek our services, our volunteers offer a warm, supportive, and caring presence who assist and encourage participants on their journey. From receptionists, to Emergency Assistance interviewers, pantry workers, volunteers welcoming and talking with participants at Place of Hope, tutoring and cheering on the Adult Education students... the volunteers in each of our program areas contribute to the success of

Volunteer Service Areas:



Congregational Support

In 1970, five local congregations responded to the needs of individuals and families in crisis by coming together to form what would eventually be known as United Ministries. Those five congregations believed that by working together, they could best respond to God's call to serve their neighbors. Over the past 52 years, United Ministries has grown and evolved as the needs in our community have changed. One thing that has remained constant is our connection to, and reliance on, the faithful congregations who have supported our mission to serve and empower those seeking to improve their lives and journey toward self-sufficiency.

Thank you to the dozens of congregations, across many faiths, who support United Ministries through financial gifts, supply drives, volunteer projects, and much more. Last year we received **\$360,328** in financial support and more than **\$80,000** of in-kind donations from congregations. We are deeply grateful that you have chosen United Ministries as a local mission partner and live out your faith by serving with us!



In April 2022, we celebrated our sixth annual Uniting for Change Luncheon.

Bryan Stevenson, Founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative, delivered a captivating speech. His exhortation to the audience called them to get proximate, change the narratives, stay hopeful, and learn to be uncomfortable.

Many thanks to the 1,500+ attendees who joined us, the 77 sponsors who supported the event, and to each person who will lift up this continued call to join together as we unite for change in our community.

UNITING FOR CHANGE *Luncheon*



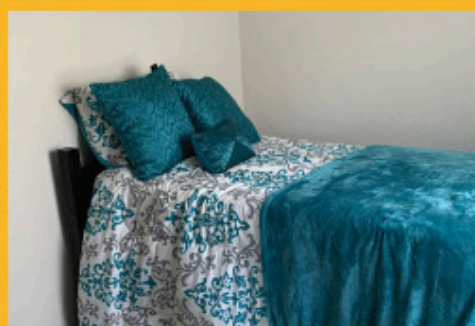
SAVE THE DATE: 2023 Luncheon

On April 12th, 2023, we look forward to hosting Stephanie Land, author of "Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive" as our luncheon speaker.



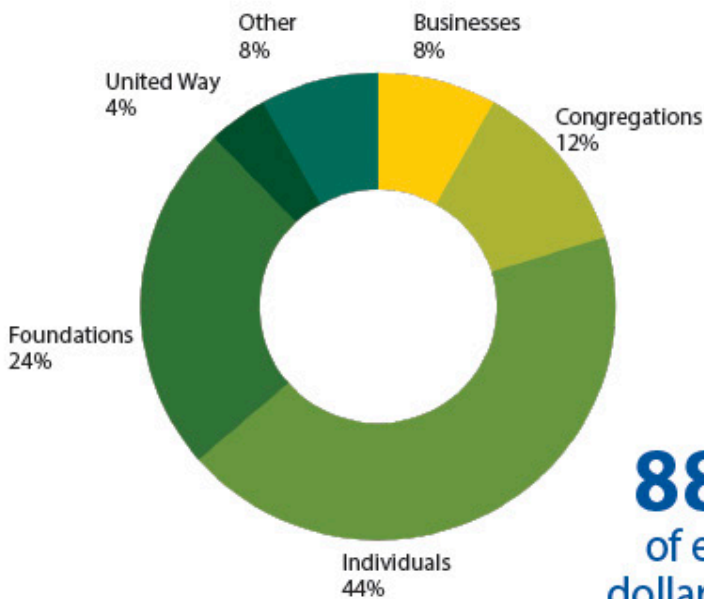
FY 2021-2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- August 2021 - Dedication of the Puckett Center for Economic Mobility
- November 2021 - Riley Institute Learning Sessions: "Unpacking the Psychology of Poverty" with Dr. Sally Morris Cote
- December 2021 - Established the Ethan Friddle Scholarship fund for GED Graduates pursuing higher education
- April 2022 - Uniting for Change Luncheon
- May 2022 - GED Graduation - First graduation since COVID-19
- June 2022 - New partnership established with Front Porch Housing



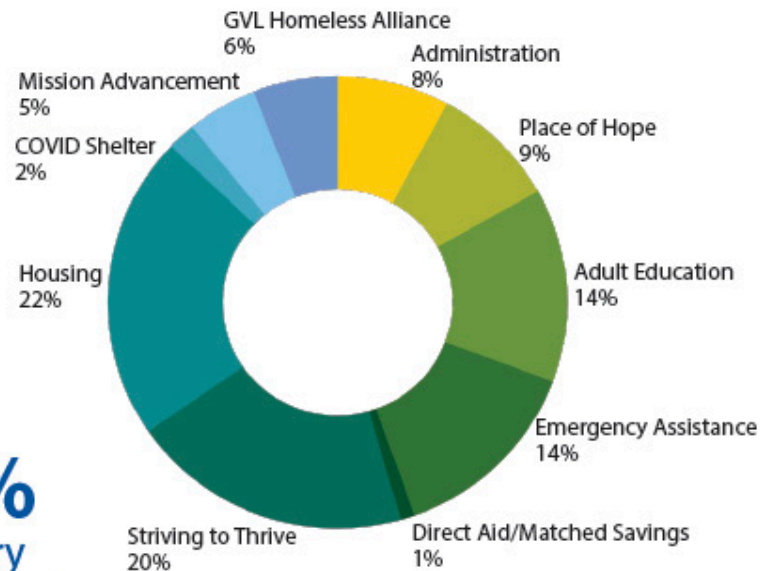
FISCAL YEAR BY THE NUMBERS

July 2021 – June 2022



TOTAL REVENUE
\$3,002,737

88%
of every
dollar raised
goes directly
to mission
fulfillment



TOTAL EXPENSES
\$2,879,550

* United Ministries is the official host agency for the Greenville Homeless Alliance (GHA), a collective impact group.
GHA's fundraising and operations are separate from United Ministries.

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