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United Ministries serves and empowers those on the transformative journey to self-sufficiency. Our vision is a community working together to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to thrive in Greenville.

Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 16-22, 2023 marks Volunteer Appreciation Week, and boy, do we LOVE our volunteers!

United Ministries is fortunate to have almost 400 active individual and group volunteers across our agency. Each day of Volunteer Appreciation Week, specific groups of volunteers have been featured on social media, and treats from The Chocolate Shoppe were distributed by our Volunteer Manager, Susan. During our fiscal year which ended in June 2022, our volunteers worked 9,778 hours, which is an economic impact of \$292,851, based on guidelines set forth by the Independent Sector. Simply put, we couldn't fulfill our mission without their support!



To continue celebrating our wonderful volunteers, United Ministries will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at Fourth Presbyterian Church on May 3. **The final day to register for this event is Friday, April 21**, so please take a moment to register below if you haven't already.

[Click Here to Register for the Volunteer Luncheon](#)





Volunteers at work!

Uniting for Change Campaign



We are still on cloud 9 following our Uniting for Change Luncheon on April 12! The Greenville community showed up with enthusiasm to hear bestselling author Stephanie Land's inspiring personal story of living through homelessness and poverty as a single working mother. We also heard from United Ministries' participant, Amber, who moved us with her story of courage and determination to make a better life for her children.

We are so grateful to all who have supported our Uniting for Change campaign, and invite you to help us meet our \$500,000 goal!

The primary goal of this campaign is to double the capacity of our Emergency Shelter program by offering 10 additional apartments for families in need. These funds will also sustain our mission of supportive services including emergency assistance, mental health counseling, economic mobility coaching, and GED tutoring.

Right now, we have over 150 homeless families with children on our waiting list for emergency shelter.

This list is made up of single moms and dads, grandparents raising grandchildren, couples desperately trying to keep their families together. For so many of them, Land's words ring true, **"It isn't the ability to make good choices, it's having good choices in the first place."**

[Click Here to Donate to this Campaign](#)





Upcoming Events



It's **Duck Derby** time! The Duck Derby takes place on Saturday, May 6 at Falls Park, an annual event hosted by the Rotary Club of the Reedy River Greenville. Join in the fun while supporting our mission! For only \$10, you can adopt a United Ministries "Quackers" duck, or get 5 for \$30. There are lots of fun activities in addition to the race, plus a LONG list of incredible prizes!

PLEASE CLICK HERE to purchase your Quackers ducks from United Ministries. Thank you and good luck!

Our **Adult Education** program will be presenting the 2023 GED Graduation Ceremony on May 18 at 6:15 at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Families of participants and Adult Education volunteers are encouraged to attend this exciting event which showcases the hard work of our students.



Participant Feedback

Shelly Jarmond is an active participant in our Striving to Thrive program who recently shared the following with us:

"I am extremely thankful to have been supported mentally and financially during my journey to Greenville in connection with my [time of] crisis."

We were so happy to have Shelly as an invited guest at our Uniting for Change luncheon on April 12, where she was able to hear other stories of courage and overcoming challenges from keynote speaker Stephanie Land and United Ministries participant Amber McIntyre.

We are enjoying the journey with Shelly, and know that she has a bright future ahead!



Staff Updates



We are excited to announce our new **Striving to Thrive Program Manager**, Quiwanna James, who joined the United Ministries team on March 27. Quiwanna, affectionally called Q, comes from the non-profit SHARE, where she spent 20+ years working with clients and managing the LADDER program. Q has a solid foundation in social work, supervision, employment coaching, community relations, and a host of other skills. Please join us in welcoming her!

Our former Striving to Thrive Program Manager, Leigh Barton, now fills the new role of **Continuous Improvement Manager**. Leigh will be implementing and managing ongoing training and learning for staff which will enhance and improve the services we provide to our participants.



Tiffany Gibson Cox was recently promoted to **Lead Economic Mobility Partner** in our Striving to Thrive program.

March Donation Needs

WE ARE CURRENTLY IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:

Place of Hope:

Insect Repellant, Sunscreen, Belts, HE Laundry Detergent, Travel-size Shampoo

Emergency Assistance Food Pantry:

Oatmeal, Ramen, Rice, Canned Beef Stew

Housing:

Twin Bedding (mattress covers, comforters and sheets in gender neutral colors), Trash Cans and Trash Bags, Bath Mats and Towels, Paper Products

[Amazon Wish Lists](#)



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M-F, 8:30-4:30 at 606 Pendleton Street.



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