

JUNE NEWSLETTER 2023

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

Uniting for Change Campaign



At our Uniting for Change Luncheon on April 12, we embarked on a campaign to raise \$500,000 to double the capacity of our Emergency Shelter program by offering 10 additional apartments for families in need. With more participating families comes the need for growth in our supportive services, which these funds will also support.

As of this writing, we are only \$125,000 away from reaching our \$500,000 goal, and are so thankful for all who have supported this mission! If you would like to make a gift before **this campaign ends on June 30**, please do so by clicking the button below.

Please Click Here to Donate

We currently have a waiting list of 149 families:

- single moms and dads
- grandparents raising grandchildren
- couples desperately trying to keep their families together

Examples of donation impact:

- \$12,000: one apartment for a year
- \$5,200: 4 months of supportive services
- \$1000: 1 month of rent & utilities
- \$500: linens and household items



Our GED Graduation Ceremony on May 18 was a moving and inspirational event for all! There were 32 Adult Education participants who earned their GED this year. Two of our graduates spoke about their experiences, and attendees also heard from volunteer tutor Bob Dillon and well-wishing staff members. To learn more about our Adult Education program, click **here**. (Photo Credits: BKnox Photography)













"Never doubt yourself and don't procrastinate...you can do anything you put your mind to!"
- from one of our GED Graduates

News

United Ministries is grateful to receive funding from a variety of sources, including individuals, businesses, organizations and foundations. We are thrilled to be the recipient of several grants recently!





The Leon Levine Foundation awarded \$75,000 to our General Operating Fund, which supports all participant programming.

Sisters of Charity Foundation of SC awarded \$30,000 as part of their Breaking The Cycle grant program, aimed at organizations which strive to reduce poverty and create pathways to economic mobility.





Participant Feedback

"I believe this program is amazing! It has helped by providing support in so many ways. Where I was when I started until now, I can't believe the growth." - Striving to Thrive participant

"Lifeline. I don't know where we would be without it." - <u>Place of Hope</u> participant

"I have never felt like just another check off on a to-do list. It's a huge weight off my shoulders." - Housing participant

"[Her] words of encouragement will help me get through the day. I'm hopeful things are going to get better." - Emergency Assistance participant

"My GED means a lot to me - it kickstarts my dreams and aspirations to who I truly want to be." - Adult Education participant



Summer Interns



Kelyn Bayne Mauldin High School, Class of 2024



Katie Barnes Southside High School, Class of 2024

We are excited to introduce our 2 summer interns, Kelyn and Katie! Both students applied for the **Bank of America Student Leaders internship program**, which provides a paid 8-week internship at a local nonprofit organization. As part of the Bank of America program, Kelyn and Katie will also travel to the Student Leaders Summit held in Washington, DC where they'll learn more about how nonprofits, businesses and government work together to address critical community needs. To learn more about our interns, visit their **blog posts** on our website.

June Donation Needs

WE ARE CURRENTLY IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:

Amazon Wish Lists

Place of Hope:

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

Emergency Assistance:Bottled Water

Housing:

Twin Bedding (mattress covers, comforters and sheets in gender neutral colors)

Donations may be dropped off M-F, 8:30-4:30 at 606 Pendleton Street.



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