



# Weathering the storms of life

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## A PLAN FOR PERSONAL DISASTER – EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

You never know when a personal disaster can occur in your life or in the lives of someone you love. United Ways in SC work with individuals and families to reduce food insecurity, provide transitional and long-term housing to those in crisis, and break down barriers to employment.

### 2-1-1 – United Ways across SC

This program provides an information center for any person in need of local community programs and services. It is a one-stop shop to finding the right information to help in times of difficulty.

### Basic Needs – United Way of Anderson County

In Anderson County, United Way is investing in local non-profit programs that provide emergency food, shelter, utility and other assistance, including services to protect women and children from domestic violence.

### Life Essentials Programs – United Way of Greenville County

United Way and our partners stabilize people in crisis by addressing needs essential to life, which include disaster assistance, food, safe shelter, housing and health care.

### Youth in Transition – United Way of the Midlands

United Way of the Midlands formed the Youth in Transition initiative to focus on young people, age 17 to 24, who are homeless or vulnerable to homelessness or other poor outcomes due to a lack of social and financial support.

## FINDING HOPE IN MEDICAL DISASTER FOR THE WORKING POOR & SENIORS

For SC residents, one medical emergency or much needed medicine can eliminate the financial stability of a family or individual if not covered by insurance.

### WellPartners Dental & Eye Clinics – United Way of the Midlands

These clinics provide free dental and vision services to low income adults and children in the Midlands.

### Support of local free medical clinics – United Ways across SC

United Ways across the state partner with local free medical clinics, investing in a variety of services that assist in meeting the medical needs of individuals and families at or above 200% of the federal poverty level guidelines.

### Healthy Tri-County – Trident United Way

This initiative seeks to improve health outcomes in Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties with: access to care, behavioral health, clinical preventative services, maternal, infant and child health and nutrition.

## EQUIPPING STUDENTS TO THRIVE, RAIN OR SHINE

There are many reasons why students hit road blocks to thriving in school. It could be economic insecurity, stress from home or trauma. Furthermore, students who are not proficient in reading by the end of third grade are four times more likely to drop out of high school.

### Read Indeed! – United Way of the Lowcountry

Trained volunteer reading tutors are matched with children in pre-K through third grade (who are identified by school literacy specialists as needing additional help) to read together for 30 minutes each week during the school year.

### Growing Great Readers - Black River United Way

This tutoring program focuses on supporting low-income students in Georgetown and Williamsburg counties.

### Camp iRock – United Way of Pickens County

Students who are identified by the school district as needing a boost to their reading abilities and who are vulnerable to the “summer slide” attend Camp iRock to receive specialized reading tutoring in a fun summer camp environment.

### Resilient Richland – United Way of the Midlands

This program equips individuals and organizations with information and skills to build resilience among children and youth affected by trauma and also establishes resiliency teams within high poverty elementary schools.

### Behavioral Task Force – United Way of the Piedmont

This task force provides training for educators to identify and understand Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).

### E2 Promise – United Way of Aiken County

This partnership with the school district helps at-risk high school students graduate and become productive members of the workforce.