

## PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2017-2018

### **Who Was Served**

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UWM-supported programs served more than 32,000 Midlands citizens last year.

- 89% were at or below 200% of poverty. For information about poverty rate, use this link: <http://familiesusa.org/product/federal-poverty-guidelines>

#### Additionally

2-1-1, the United Way information and referral line, fielded more than 13,000 calls from Midlands citizens. 2-1-1 fielded another 14,000 inquiries through its web portal, [www.sc211.org](http://www.sc211.org)

### **Education: Ready, Reading, Succeeding**

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UWM strives to have children ready for school, reading by third grade and involved in programs and services that maintain and improve their academic success.

#### **Ready:** Early Care and Education Programs

- 93% of children at Vital Connections of the Midlands (VCM), an accredited early care and education program, met or exceeded developmental milestones in language. Last year, 83% of VCM children met this milestone.
- 3,645 parents demonstrated increased knowledge about their children's development through school readiness and parent engagement programs.

#### **Reading:** Midlands Reading Consortium (MRC) and Summer Reading Camps

- 512 children were in MRC. Among children in grades K-2 that had both fall and spring rubric assessments, the number of children who recorded satisfactory, very good or excellent on various domains of reading generally doubled between fall and spring.
- 1,415 elementary students completed summer reading camps. The camps are meant to mitigate the impact of summer learning loss and help students start the next year on track.

#### **Succeeding:** In and out of school programs for elementary school students

- 2,800 students participated in quality in and out of school time programs.
- More than 90% of students demonstrated progress on one or more of the following indicators: grades, improved reading skills or attitude, progressing (on time) to the next grade.

### **Financial Stability: Meeting basic needs, reducing homelessness and increasing income**

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### **Meeting basic needs:** Inclement Weather Center (IWC) and other sheltering programs

- Inclement Weather Center (IWC)
  - 890 unduplicated guests were sheltered when temperature dipped below 40 degrees.
  - Participation ranged from a low of 66 clients on March 12 to a high of 251 on January 7.
  - 2,630 people were provided shelter through other UWM-supported programs.

### **Reducing homelessness**

- 1,320 people were placed in housing through UWM supported programs. An additional 130 young people also were placed in housing.
- 1,123 people were still stable in housing after six months. An additional 54 young people were stable in housing after six months.
- Nearly 500 units of affordable housing have been created or preserved since 2012.

### **Increasing income**

- 862 people increased their income through new benefits (483 people) or employment (379 people)
- 7,001 tax returns were completed for lower income households in the Midlands.
  - \$1.5 million Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) refunded to qualified households
  - \$4.7 million in total tax refunds

### **Flood Recovery**

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In October 2015 South Carolina experienced a "1000 Year Flood." Twenty-one inches of rain, 11 trillion gallons of water, fell in the Midlands over a three-day period. UWM is concluding its flood response this year.

- Since October 2015, more than 200,000 volunteer hours were delivered in service to disaster response or disaster recovery
- 255 homes have been repaired or rebuilt

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### Health: Improving health and supporting seniors' health and independence

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#### Improving Health

- UWM offered a prescription discount card in partnership with Familywize. Since its introduction to the Midlands, Familywize cards resulted in more than \$3.8 m in prescription savings for 29,000 Midlands residents.
- WellPartners: UWM and hospital partners established WellPartners to serve Richland, Lexington and Fairfield Counties. Services provided through WellPartners include eye and dental care for adults and dental care for children. All services are provided to people who are under insured or uninsured and have limited income. A new adult dental clinic was opened in February 2016, substantially increasing the number of adults served.
  - 1,426 people received eye care services and/or corrective lenses
  - 4,224 adults had their dental needs met
  - 886 children had their dental needs met

#### Supporting Seniors' Health and Independence

- 2,201 seniors participated in programs in Fairfield, Newberry, Orangeburg and Richland Counties
  - Nearly 300,00 meals were provided to seniors
- 65% of seniors in UWM-supported programs stayed in their homes and maintained Activities of Daily Living (ADL) for at least six months.
- 2,800 patients used services at local free medical clinics. 61% showed improvement in one or more health concerns (like diabetes or high blood pressure).

### UWM Service by County

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#### Richland County

21,000 people were enrolled in various UWM-supported programs

- 2-1-1 fielded an additional 8,173 calls and inquiries
- 2,005 young children participated in programs that helped them reach school ready to learn
- 2,889 students participated in quality literacy and youth programs
- 5,985 people obtained important medical care
- 2,829 people obtained financial stability services like shelter, outreach and housing support
- 5,933 people obtained financial mobility services like tax preparation in and income building services
- 1,654 seniors obtained meals and were able to lead more independent lives

#### Lexington County

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7,100 people were enrolled in various UWM-supported programs

- 2-1-1 fielded an additional 3,876 calls and inquiries
- 1,627 young children participated in programs that helped them reach school ready to learn
- 1,268 students participated in quality literacy and youth programs
- 2,678 people obtained important medical care
- 842 people obtained financial stability services like shelter, outreach and housing support
- 768 people obtained financial mobility services like tax preparation in and income building services

### **Calhoun/Orangeburg/Fairfield and Newberry Counties**

4,400 people were served in the above counties

- 2-1-1 fielded an additional 1,833 calls and inquiries

### **Orangeburg/Calhoun Counties**

2,000 people were enrolled in various UWM-supported programs

- 2-1-1 fielded an additional 961 calls and inquiries
- 752 young children participated in programs that helped them reach school ready to learn
- 63 students participated in quality literacy and youth programs
- 403 people obtained important medical care
- 487 people obtained financial stability services like shelter, outreach and housing support
- 353 seniors obtained meals and were able to lead more independent lives

### **Fairfield County**

500 people were enrolled in various UWM-supported programs

- 235 young children participated in programs that helped them reach school ready to learn
- 101 students participated in quality literacy and youth programs
- 84 people obtained important medical care
- 96 people obtained financial stability services
- 13 seniors obtained meals and were able to lead more independent lives

### **Newberry County**

1,900 people were enrolled in various UWM-supported programs

- 129 young children participated in programs that helped them reach school ready to learn
- 514 students participated in quality literacy and youth programs
- 713 people obtained important medical care
- 370 people obtained financial stability services like shelter, outreach and housing support
- 187 seniors obtained meals and were able to lead more independent lives



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