



**UNITED WE FIGHT.
UNITED WE WIN.**

LIVE UNITED

United Way's Midlands Reading Consortium (MRC) offers a library of services including a one-to-one tutoring program, book donations, book nook opportunities, at-home libraries through the Be a Book Bunny program, parent engagement events, guest reading opportunities for both individuals and companies, and summer reading camp opportunities.

MRC volunteers who participate in the one-to-one tutoring program meet with their student once a week for 30 minutes during school. The program was designed to make it easy for anyone, even working professionals, to volunteer. Jordan Heavner has volunteered with MRC for four years.

"It's such a rewarding experience because you can have the craziest day at work and having that time to disconnect and go work with a student really sets you on the right path going back to work," said Heavner.

More than 500 students are tutored through MRC each year, including Alana Stroker's daughter, Presley.

"Presley's reading buddies were unbelievable! I am so grateful to them! She's always been challenged with reading, but not anymore," Stroker said. "Their help every Monday, our hard work at home and the attentiveness of her awesome teacher took her from challenged to right on target. And even better, now she LOVES to read."

MRC currently serves students in 22 schools in eight districts across the Midlands.

"Throughout the year I see the impact of the program," said Heavner. "I think that what I'm doing is less about teaching my student how they should be reading and more about giving them that one-on-one attention, boosting their confidence and acknowledging their efforts."

To become a tutor, visit volunteer.uway.org today.



*These are the
faces of change.*

YOU CAN BE ONE TOO.

ABOUT US

As a trusted leader since 1925, United Way of the Midlands has relationships and expertise needed to bring individuals and organizations to the table and to work together to address community-wide challenges. We serve as a convener, facilitator and advocate for those whose voices may not be heard – whether helping our community recover from a flood, increasing affordable housing or providing free dental care for children who have never been to the dentist.

We focus on the big picture, but the issues are all related. We ensure children enter kindergarten ready to learn, and that they learn how to read and graduate on time. We promote economic mobility so that everyone can have a home, find a job and provide for themselves and their families. We offer affordable care so everyone can live healthy and independently. And we provide a safety net to help those in crisis.

Most importantly, we do it together. If we want to live better, we have to live United.

United Way of the Midlands fights for the health, education and economic mobility of every person in the Midlands.

How do we do it? By finding new solutions to old problems. By forging lasting partnerships. By mobilizing the right resources. And by inspiring individuals to join the fight against our community's most daunting social crises.

32k+

PEOPLE WERE HELPED LAST YEAR

18k+

VOLUNTEER HOURS WERE GIVEN
LAST YEAR

6

COUNTIES ARE SERVED
EACH YEAR

Join the fight, and continue to help us make a difference in the Midlands community for generations to come.



IMPACT GOALS



EDUCATION

Children enter kindergarten ready to learn

Children read on grade level by third grade

Children are on track to graduate on time



HEALTH

Uninsured adults access quality healthcare, eye care and dental care

Seniors maintain independence



ECONOMIC MOBILITY

People experiencing financial crisis receive help

People who are homeless receive housing and services

Individuals and families improve their income



YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

Vulnerable youth avoid homelessness

Trauma-informed communities build resilience in children

Youth are able to navigate systems, secure resources and access housing

OUR RESULTS

Helping students succeed:

- **512** children were tutored through the Midlands Reading Consortium. The number of children who improved reading skills 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.
- **2,800** students participated in quality programs during and after school.

Providing health care:

- Dental clinics provided **5,110** patient visits to adults and children, a service value of \$2.4 million.
- Eye clinics provided **1,426** patient visits and **1,196** pairs of eye glasses, a service value of \$250,000.

Reducing homelessness:

- United Way-supported programs provided long-term housing for **1,320** people. An additional **130** youth, ages 17-24, also were placed in housing.
- **1,123** people in long-term housing were still stable 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.

Seniors:

- **2,201** seniors participated in programs in Fairfield, Newberry, Orangeburg and Richland counties.
- Nearly **300,000** meals were provided to seniors.

GET INVOLVED



Volunteer! United Way of the Midlands can connect you with volunteer opportunities, in-kind needs, board opportunities, events, advocacy issues and employment opportunities with United Way and other non-profits in the Midlands. Volunteering is a great way to engage employees in team-building exercises and help the community at the same time. Whether it is part of a Day of Action or a volunteer project just for you or your family, the Volunteer Center is here to help. Visit volunteer.uway.org to learn more.

Need help? Call 2-1-1. United Way of the Midlands' 2-1-1 connects people who need help or want to give help with vital resources in their community. 2-1-1 can also answer questions about where to get help with: rent/utility assistance, food banks, physical/mental health care, employment support, services for elderly or disabled individuals and more.