

The Partner Agencies Impacted by United Way of Gloucester County Funding Explain How This Support Has Helped Their Program ...

Abilities Solutions – Assess, Develop, Employ

“Thanks to Gloucester County United Way, Abilities has been able to provide a significantly higher level of community-based work assessments and development activities toward employment. One of more vehicles has been on the road an average of 3-4 days per week over the past year, bringing clients to work sites. Because of this, our transitional employees and their families are more confident considering community-integrated employment. Ten Gloucester County individuals moved off of the wait list for a 50-day trial – these are individuals for whom there is no program reimbursement. Eighteen Gloucester County individuals participated in Job Club, thirty-one Gloucester County individuals are in job readiness, and fourteen Gloucester County new job placements were secured. Administrative infrastructure was bolstered with addition of part time staff to assist with outcome measurement. All of this contributed to one of the best CARF accreditation surveys ever.”



Abilities Solutions - VetAbility



“Since its inception, VetAbility has positively touched over 900 Veterans and their families. Over 350 were residents of Gloucester County. During the past year, 145 Gloucester County residents were assisted with employment and resource connection for stabilization. 24 job placements were found this year, bringing the total jobs found over the life of the program to 257. In addition to employment assistance, monthly events have provided a forum for resource connections, education, Veteran camaraderie, peer support, healing, and family time for those who have none. These events have also continued to build collaborations with other organizations. The VetAbility program has really become a bridge for Veterans to other needed services and supports, improving overall quality of life for many. Some of these “softer” outcomes are hard to measure statistically, but the value is visible and palpable to anyone attending an event. We appreciate that United Way of Gloucester County has supported VetAbility with their funding, and also with their presence at many of these events.”

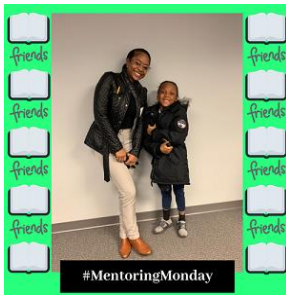
The Arc Gloucester – Camp Sun ‘N Fun

“The funding from United Way of Gloucester County is crucial in allowing us to:

1. Keep tuition at a reasonable and affordable level while having to increase staff to meet the needs of campers.
2. Provide tuition support to campers with a documented financial need. Not all those needing camp/respite are Medicaid eligible or qualify for other support programs. Tuition supports are a critical necessity for many caregivers needing the respite camp provides.
3. Maintain a greater than adequate level of staff to make certain our campers’ needs are met. The needs of campers have increased, therefore the need for more staff has increased.
4. Provides supplies and adaptive equipment to support all activities regardless of the campers’ abilities. Caregivers trust the program will provide a safe and caring environment, giving them comfort to leave their loved one for days at a time, allowing the caregiver to have a much-needed respite. The funding from the United Way of Gloucester County is crucial in allowing The Arc Gloucester to meet and exceed these expectations.”



Big Brothers Big Sisters Independence Region – Mentoring in Gloucester County



“It costs BBBSI \$1,500 per year to make and support a mentoring match. United Way of Gloucester County’s funding impact in the current FY2019 is that its \$20,000 contribution is supporting 13 mentoring matches. UWGC’s support is magnified by the value of dedicated professionally supported volunteer mentors. Independent Sector estimated in 2018 that the value of volunteer time is \$24.69 per hour. At minimum, Bigs spend 48 hours per year with their Littles, a value of \$1,158.72 per child.”

Center for Family Services – Mother Child Residential

“United Way of Gloucester County funding has a profound impact on MCR’s operation, allowing the program to continue its efforts to serve hundreds of southern New Jersey’s most vulnerable women and their families. Past funds have supported the assistance to individual residents (emergency food, travel expenses, household supplies) and the purchase of educational supplies for the program (curriculum, classroom materials). We have found that client assistance support has made tangible impacts on MCR women as they prepare for independent living.”



The Center for People in Transition – Crisis to Career



“The three levels of computer training the program provides: Introduction, Intermediate, and Advanced Skills in Word, Excel, Power Point, and Access, have produced success stories time and again. Gloucester County residents have obtained employment with a livable wage, and secured a better level of employment which provided residents with better salaries and benefits, allowing them to provide for themselves and their children. In addition, the funding received allows for the presentation of workshops on Resumé Creation, Job Search, Interviewing, and Keeping the Job once they are hired. It also allows us to work with bereavement and self-esteem issues the residents are facing as a result of their crises, so that they will be successful in their employment endeavors.”

Food Bank of South Jersey – Glo. Co. Children’s Health & Meal Program

“Whether in Swedesboro or Glassboro, Woodbury or Clayton, the impact of support from United Way of Gloucester County is felt immediately and for years to come. Their support allows us to procure food, which is provided to youth and families living in Gloucester County through our youth-serving programs, which gives greater access to nutrient-dense foods, fresh produce, and other healthy food choices to this underserved population in Gloucester County. By eating healthier, children can achieve greater success in school. Nourishment not only helps the body, but also the mind. Adults with healthier diets may prevent or delay onset of many of the health concerns prevalent in low-income populations today: obesity, diabetes, heart disease, cancer, etc. The impact of a healthier population can result in the reduction of tremendous health costs due to these illnesses.”



Girl Scouts of Central and Southern New Jersey – Leadership Experience



“United Way of Gloucester County funding is the single largest community funding source for our program. No other funder dedicates their support to this program in Gloucester County. We work to stretch United Way of Gloucester County’s funding to support as many girls as possible, but the need and interest from girls far outpaces the available resources. We supplement the remaining program costs with our operating revenue, but each year we have to assess if we are making the appropriate level of investment in the program while remaining fiscally responsible. The continued, significant support provided by United Way of Gloucester County helps keep this program financially viable, which allows us to continue the important work of building girl leaders in Gloucester County.”

Glassboro Child Development Centers – School Age Care Programs

“United Way of Gloucester County funding has allowed us to provide a sustainable, QUALITY program. This is necessary and important for our county’s vulnerable kids. The State of New Jersey requires very strict rules for families to receive the assistance they need. Our United Way funds not only support a specific program, but specific families ...those who are struggling through loss of employment, decreased income to finish school, maternity leave, children suddenly living with grandparents...all who might otherwise slip through the cracks in a long wait for social service programs to help or worse, they are left to wait and wait and then they are denied the services. Without our UWGC funds, GCDC would be unable to help families who require childcare services, especially during periods of instability. Children who are in quality school age programs have experiences that strengthen Executive Functioning (the ability to regulate and problem solve), which is provided by our programs.”



HollyDELL – Twenty-One Plus



“Primarily, United Way of Gloucester County provides funding for nursing care on community outing trips. This funding enables individuals requiring tube feedings, respiratory treatments, and seizure care to experience day program outings such as movies, trips to the park, ballgames, theater and museums, or shopping on a regular basis. These outings provide a sense of normalcy to their daily lives and assist the families in their desire to give their loved ones a life that is rich with learning opportunities, as well as time with friends that the family cannot always offer.”

Literacy New Jersey – Gloucester County Programs

“United Way funding has been instrumental in the academic success and civic engagement of adult learners in Gloucester County. The partnership with UWGC has been essential to the stability of student services. By investing in our learners, they have helped our program to thrive. Without funding from UWGC, Literacy New Jersey would be forced to spend more time searching for dollars and less time providing vital literacy lessons.”



NewPoint Behavioral Health Care – Outpatient Program, Center Division



“The funding of this position has been helpful in reducing the wait times for Outpatient Services. As of October 31st, NewPoint had 220 clients on the waiting list. If the funding for this position was eliminated, the waiting list for outpatient services would increase exponentially and some of our clients would need to go to the emergency rooms at the local hospitals for medication monitoring. Some clients might even be hospitalized if they could not obtain a prescription for anti-psychotic medications because of the long wait time to see one of our psychiatrists.”

Repauno Preschool Day Care Center – Infant & Preschool Childcare & Early Education

“United Way of Gloucester County funding is essential to our program, helping us to keep it an affordable resource for low-income families living and working in Gloucester County. United Way dollars make it possible for us to create a home-away-from-home for the young children of Gloucester County, giving them the benefits of early childhood education, as well as quality childcare while their parents work to better themselves and their living situations.”



Robins' Nest – Older Adult Services



“Without funding from United Way of Gloucester County, we would be unable to continue to provide services to the Older Adult Services Program ... which would directly affect people like ‘Jane’, a 76-year-old woman who sought help from us in dealing with the passing of her husband. Initially apprehensive, Jane participated in the Grief Support Group, and learned to handle her grief in a healthy manner, and also began to engage in community activities and was able to build friendships and experience a sense of joy in life once again.”

Senior Corps – Medicare Counseling

“If there were no funding from United Way of Gloucester County for our Medicare Counseling Program, the number of clients we are able to serve would be drastically reduced, printed client information (which aids clients in understanding what they need to do to help themselves) would be eliminated, and finally, the mailing out of materials to shut-in clients would have to cease.”



Volunteers of America – Eleanor Corbett House



“All funding provided through United Way of Gloucester County goes toward supporting services to individuals experiencing homelessness who would otherwise be ineligible for emergency shelter services. The goals of this initiative are in alignment with Gloucester County’s Five Year Consolidated Plan to address housing and community development needs; therefore, funding provided by United Way of Gloucester County has a direct impact on the quality of life and economic well-being of the community as a whole.”