



## BASIC NEEDS MET: FOOD, SAFETY, HOUSING

Families and individuals must have a safe home with healthy food for everyone who lives there in order to work toward a higher degree of prosperity.

Food on the table. A safe and secure place to call “home.” These are basic needs for everyone in the Richmond and Petersburg region. Unfortunately, many of our friends and neighbors are unable to provide these essentials for themselves or their families. Many more residents live at risk, living month to month in situations where a sudden job loss or health crisis could be devastating.

Covering these basic needs is the first step on the path to success. We are committed to helping everyone get there.

## BY THE NUMBERS

### KEY INDICATOR

#### REGIONAL POPULATION LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY THRESHOLD (2015)

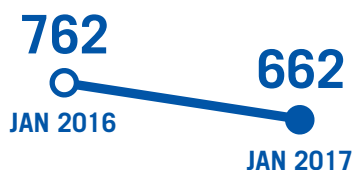


FROM 2000 TO 2015, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING BELOW POVERTY THRESHOLDS IN OUR REGION INCREASED BY 63%. THAT’S AN INCREASE OF 50,426 PEOPLE.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates

### RELATED INDICATOR

#### HOMELESSNESS (JANUARY 2017)



On any given day, as many as 662 individuals in our region are experiencing homelessness. This includes more than 50 children.

Source: Homeward

### RELATED INDICATOR

#### VIOLENT CRIME RATE (2015)



**5,673.9**  
VIOLENT  
CRIMES  
PER 100,000  
RESIDENTS

Source: Crime in Virginia Report  
([www.vsp.state.va.us/Crime\\_in\\_Virginia.shtml](http://www.vsp.state.va.us/Crime_in_Virginia.shtml))

### RELATED INDICATOR

#### FAMILIES LIVING WITH FOOD ACCESS (2015)



**971,422** (87%)  
WITH ACCESS  
**145,117** (13%)  
WITHOUT ACCESS

Source: FeedingAmerica.org Map the Meal Gap  
(2017 release)



## WHAT WE DO

United Way of Greater Richmond and Petersburg funds programs that address the core challenges preventing people from meeting their basic needs: poverty, homelessness, crime and access to food. We mobilize individuals and organizations to tackle these problems head-on, both at the individual and systemic levels.

## SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS

United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg is proud to support the following organizations:

- Access Now
- CARITAS
- Children's Home Society of Virginia
- Commonwealth Catholic Charities
- CrossOver Ministry
- Daily Planet
- Goochland Free Clinic & Family Services
- Hanover Safe Place
- Health Brigade (formerly Fan Free Clinic)
- HomeAgain
- Homeward
- Housing Families First
- PARC Services employment program
- Salvation Army  
Central Virginia Area Command
- St. Joseph's Villa
- Virginia Supportive Housing
- YWCA of Richmond

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

**Donate.** Give to United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg. Let us know you want your gift to help families and individuals cover these basic needs.

**Volunteer.** Want to lend your time to supporting these efforts? Email [volunteer@yourunitedway.org](mailto:volunteer@yourunitedway.org) and we will help match you with the right opportunity.

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