



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 2017, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING BELOW POVERTY THRESHOLDS IN OUR REGION INCREASED BY 60%. THAT'S AN INCREASE OF 47,599 PEOPLE.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE), 2000-2017

RELATED INDICATOR

HOMELESSNESS (JANUARY 2018)



On any given day, as many as 609 individuals in our region are experiencing homelessness. **This includes more than 70 children.**

Source: Homeward (www.HomewardVA.org)

RELATED INDICATOR

VIOLENT CRIME RATE (2017)



Source: Crime in Virginia, Virginia Dept. of State Police (www.vsp.state.va.us/Crime_in_Virginia.shtm)

RELATED INDICATOR

FAMILIES WITH LIMITED FOOD ACCESS (2016)



Source: Map the Meal Gap - 2016 (FeedingAmerica.org)



WHAT WE DO

United Way of Greater Richmond & 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.

- We manage the Youth Housing Stability Coalition together with Advocates for Richmond Youth and Dr. Alex Wagaman, an assistant professor in the VCU School of Social Work. The Youth Housing Stability Coalition works to reduce homelessness and housing instability among youth ages 14-24 in the region.
- We provide assistance and information to inmates approaching their release date. We help people understand how to find a job, continue their education and reconnect with their community. As a result, Virginia has one of the lowest recidivism rates in the country.

SUPPORTED PROGRAMS

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

- **CARITAS** - Family Focus
- **CARITAS** - Single Adults
- **Children's Home Society of Virginia** - Partnership for Adoption
- **ChildSavers** - Outpatient Mental Health Services for Children
- **Commonwealth Catholic Charities** - Housing Resource Center
- **CrossOver Ministry** - Chronic Disease Management
- **HomeAgain** - Espigh Family Shelter
- **Homeward** - Utilizing Data
- **Housing Families First** - Building Neighbors
- **St. Joseph's Villa** - Housing Services for Homeless Youth
- **Salvation Army** - Emergency Shelter
- **Virginia Supportive Housing** - Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless Adults
- **YWCA of Richmond** - Building Resilience in Survivors of Domestic Violence
- **YWCA of Richmond** - Crisis Response Services

HOW YOU CAN HELP



DONATE: Give to UWGRP. 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 and we will help match you with the right opportunity.



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