

2025 | REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT

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UNITED WAY
Greater Nashville



OUR WORK, LOCALLY

Every county across Middle Tennessee has its own strengths, challenges and opportunities. While the issues facing families may be shared, the solutions are most effective when they are shaped locally.

These county reports offer a closer look at how United Way is partnering with communities to address local needs that are guided by data, informed by lived experience and grounded in collaboration. Using county-level ALICE data, we highlight the realities facing working families while elevating the stories behind the numbers that bring those realities into focus.

FUNDS RAISED
IN 2025 **\$612,000**

Each report reflects our commitment to place-based solutions, strong local partnerships and strategies tailored to the unique context of each county. Together, they show how regional coordination and local action work hand in hand to create meaningful, lasting change.

This is what impact looks like: county by county, community by community.

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND DISASTER RESPONSE

PREPARING, RESPONDING AND RECOVERING TOGETHER

United Way's work in Greater Clarksville continues to center on preparedness, rapid response and long-term recovery, ensuring neighbors are supported before, during and after crises.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS

The CMC Safety Fair brought disaster education and resilience-building directly to the community through a free, family-friendly event that welcomed more than 700 attendees. The fair was a true collaboration among nonprofit organizations, government agencies, local businesses and small-business owners, creating an accessible space for learning, connection and empowerment.

Families engaged in hands-on activities such as assembling disaster "go bags," learning how to grow food at home and participating in safety demonstrations designed for all ages. An unexpected but meaningful outcome of the event was the opportunity to connect with unhoused families, providing immediate food and support and meeting urgent needs in real time.

DISASTER RESPONSE: 2025 SPRING FLOOD

In response to an unexpected spring flood event, United Way quickly established a 2025 Disaster Relief Fund, creating a centralized "give help" mechanism that mobilized donations, volunteer engagement and coordinated assistance.

Working alongside local nonprofits, faith-based organizations and government partners, United Way helped stand up a local Clarksville–Montgomery County Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD). A digital request-for-help system was launched

through cmcreponds.org, enabling rapid triage and connection to services. Immediate survivor needs were addressed by United Way staff, followed by contracted long-term case management through Urban Ministries of Clarksville.

Through Hands On, volunteer projects supported canvassing and flood cleanup efforts, extending recovery through community-powered action.

LONG-TERM RECOVERY GROUP (LTRG) PROGRESS

Recovery efforts continue through coordinated case management, construction support and survivor advocacy:

- **384 survivors screened**
- **359 cases closed with achieved recovery**
- **25 cases currently open**
- **360 disaster case management referrals, resulting in 123 successful facilitated connections**

Construction and rebuilding efforts include:

- **72 construction referrals submitted**
- **57 homes assessed**
- **27 projects initiated**
- **25 projects completed**

In partnership with the Appalachia Service Project and the City of Clarksville:

- **4 families have received keys to new homes**
- **Land has been secured for 4 additional homes, bringing the total to 13 new homes underway**

STRENGTHENING TRUST AND CONNECTION

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Hosted annually by the Clarksville Police Department in partnership with United Way's Greater Clarksville Region, National Night Out brings neighbors together through free food, health screenings, live demonstrations and community resources. The event fosters trust, visibility and shared responsibility for community safety.

SAFER PLACES & EMERGENCY COORDINATION

United Way continues to serve as a convener during times of disruption: supporting local government and partners during emergency responses, including flood events and the federal government shutdown. By coordinating resource fairs and partner convenings, United Way has become a trusted connector during moments of uncertainty.

MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE

HOUSTON COUNTY RECOVERY FESTIVAL

United Way hosted a table at the Houston County Recovery Festival, an event designed to connect individuals struggling with substance use to education, support and recovery resources. The festival served as a vital access point for individuals and families seeking help and reinforced the importance of community-based recovery networks.

STEWART COUNTY SENIOR OUTREACH

In partnership with the Stewart County Health Council and Senior Center, United Way supported a senior bingo and resource fair for adults age 55 or older. United Way staff promoted 211 and VITA services, ensuring older residents were connected to critical information and financial resources.

VOLUNTEERISM AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

SHOWING UP FOR COMMUNITY

Peayple in the Community is Austin Peay State University's annual day of service, bringing together students, faculty and staff for a campus-wide commitment to civic engagement. With United Way as a partner, the event embeds service into university culture with a record 1,780 volunteers taking part last year.

APSU launched its VITA program in 2017, and through a 2021 partnership with United Way, the program became a virtual **GetYourRefund** site where IRS-certified students prepare tax returns remotely under faculty supervision. Each year, these students complete 150–220 returns, providing vital support to low-income and underserved taxpayers.

partners, the program fulfills both needs and wishes for children and adults, offering a more comprehensive approach than traditional holiday assistance programs.

By supporting entire households, Adopt-a-Family delivers dignity, relief and joy during the holiday season.

CONVENING FOR IMPACT

Across the Greater Clarksville area, United Way continues to play a central role in convening partners in response to crisis and community need—from disaster recovery and emergency preparedness to economic disruptions caused by government shutdowns. Montgomery County's Manna Cafe Ministries was also recognized as the top Hands On volunteer site across the entire UWGN footprint.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Through Adopt-a-Family, United Way partners with 50 local families in need of holiday support. In collaboration with the Clarksville Fire Department and corporate

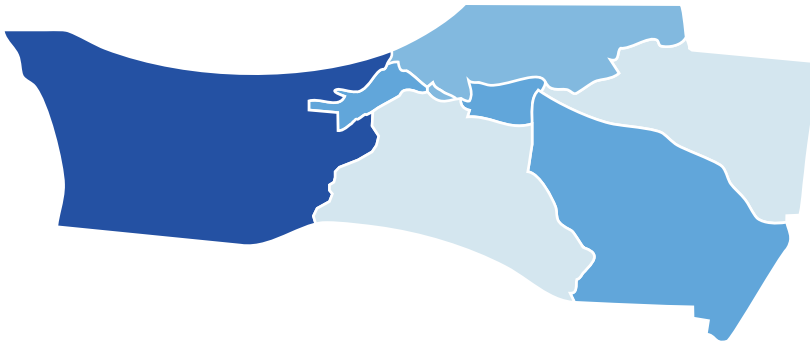
By serving as a trusted connector for nonprofits, government agencies and community leaders, United Way helps align resources, encourage greater community participation and ensure support reaches neighbors when it matters most.

WHAT IMPACT LOOKS LIKE IN

HOUSTON COUNTY

COMMUNITY IMPACT FUNDS INVESTED IN 2023:

\$38,910



48%

of households are below the ALICE threshold

- > 16% are in poverty
- > 32% are ALICE households

Sources: ALICE threshold, 2010-2023

Map is shaded to show the percentage of households that are below the ALICE threshold (poverty-level and ALICE households combined). The darker the blue, the higher the percentage.



3,424

impacted by services in education, economic mobility, health or basic needs



20

Community Impact-funded partners



12

tax returns completed through VITA



\$8,517

in tax refunds through VITA



300

backpacks packed through Stuff the Bus

AGENCIES SERVING HOUSTON COUNTY

Bolded names are new partners

American Cancer Society Inc. - Middle TN Chapter

American Red Cross

Bethesda Community Mission

Boy Scouts of Middle Tennessee

Building Lives Foundation

Child Advocacy Center for the 23rd Judicial District

Clarksville Montgomery County Crisis 211

Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee

Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee, Inc.

GraceWorks Ministries

JD Lewis Senior Citizen Center of Houston County

Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands

Mid-Cumberland Community Action Agency

Mid-Cumberland Human Resource Agency

Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee

Special Olympics Tennessee

Tennessee Justice Center Inc.

Tennessee Kidney Foundation

Tennessee Poison Center

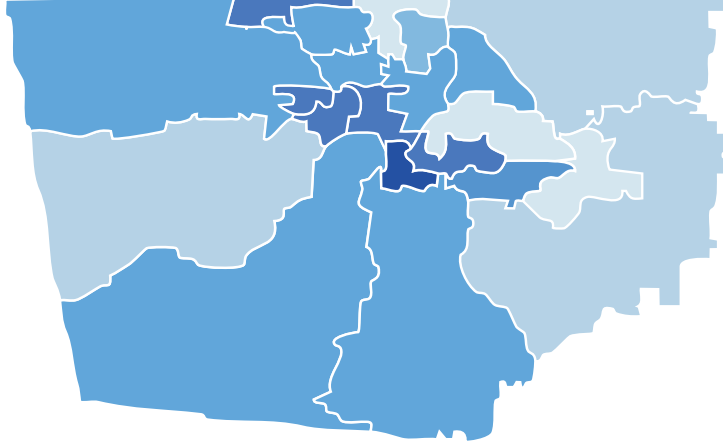
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WHAT IMPACT LOOKS LIKE IN

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

COMMUNITY IMPACT FUNDS INVESTED IN 2025:

\$685,530



38%

of households are below the ALICE threshold

- > **13% are in poverty**
- > **25% are ALICE households**

Sources: ALICE threshold, 2010-2023

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75,045

impacted by services in education, economic mobility, health or basic needs



49

Community Impact-funded partners



73%

of Raise Your Hand students' reading scores improved



4,500

backpacks packed through Stuff the Bus



1,043

tax returns completed through VITA



\$1,024,042

in tax refunds through VITA

211

495

211 Helpline referrals made to neighbors in crisis

AGENCIES SERVING MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Bolded names are new partners

American Cancer Society Inc. - Middle TN Chapter

American Red Cross
Armed Services YMCA

Bella's Closet

Bethany Christian Services of Middle Tennessee
Bethesda Community Mission
Boy Scouts of Middle TN
Boys & Girls Club of Middle TN
Building Lives Foundation
Catholic Charities
Centerstone

Christian Community Services Inc.

Clarksville Montgomery County Community Action Agency
Clarksville Ajax Turner 50+ Center
Clarksville Area Urban Ministries
Clarksville Montgomery County Crisis 211
Clarksville Montgomery County Adult Literacy Council
Girl Scouts of Middle TN
Goodwill
GraceWorks Ministries
Imagination Library of Montgomery County
Insight Counseling Services
Junior Achievement
Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland

Loaves and Fishes

Manna Cafe Ministries
Mid-Cumberland Human Resource Agency
Montgomery County Veterans Coalition
Nashville CARES
Nashville Conflict Resolution Center

Nashville Diaper Connection

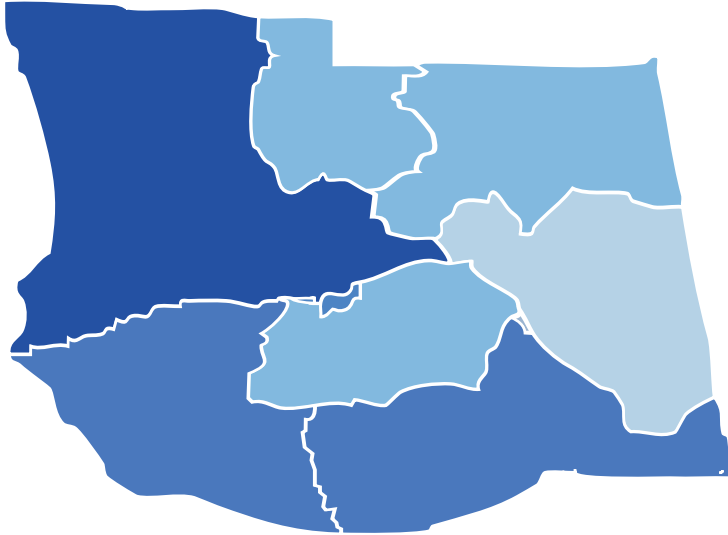
Nashville State Community College Foundation

Nurses for Newborns
One Generation Away
Operation Stand Down Tennessee
Pathway Lending
Progressive Directions
REBOOT Recovery
Saddle Up!
Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee
Soldiers & Families Embraced (SAFE)
Special Olympics TN
Tennessee Justice Center Inc.
Tennessee Kidney Foundation
Tennessee Poison Center
Tennessee Voices
The Refuge Center for Counseling
United Cerebral Palsy of Middle Tennessee Inc.
YWCA

WHAT IMPACT LOOKS LIKE IN

STEWART COUNTY

COMMUNITY IMPACT FUNDS INVESTED IN 2025: **\$40,340**



43%

of households are below the ALICE threshold

- > 15% are in poverty
- > 28% are ALICE households

Sources: ALICE threshold, 2010-2023

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3,864

impacted by services in education, economic mobility, health or basic needs



24

Community Impact-funded partners



73%

of Raise Your Hand students' reading scores improved



280

backpacks packed through Stuff the Bus



9

tax returns completed through VITA



\$6,849

in tax refunds through VITA

211

495

211 Helpline referrals made to neighbors in crisis

AGENCIES SERVING STEWART COUNTY

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American Cancer Society Inc. - Middle TN Chapter

American Red Cross

Bethesda Community Mission

Boy Scouts of Middle Tennessee

Building Lives Foundation

CASA of Highland Rim

Child Advocacy Center for the 23rd Judicial District

Clarksville Montgomery County Crisis 211

Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee

Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee, Inc.

GraceWorks Ministries

Imagination Library of Stewart County

Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland

Manna Cafe Ministries

Mid-Cumberland Community Action Agency

Mid-Cumberland Human Resource Agency

Montgomery County Veterans Coalition

Progressive Directions

Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee

Special Olympics Tennessee

Tennessee Justice Center Inc.

Tennessee Kidney Foundation

Tennessee Poison Center

Tennessee Voices

