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Leadership that recognizes strong families make strong communities

Through your support, United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania is a lifeline for individuals, families and veterans or active military and their families.



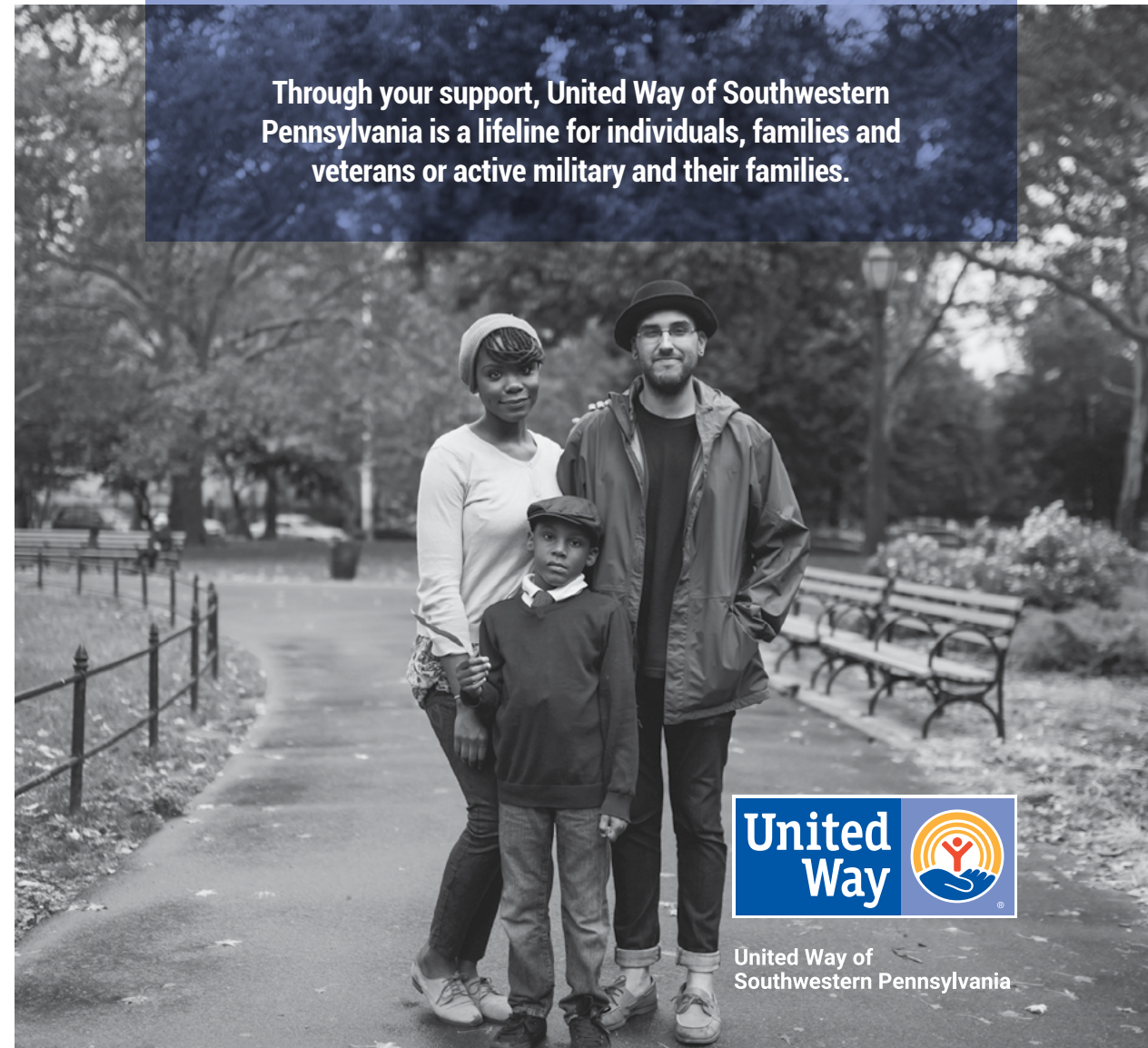
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United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania works with community partners to enable individuals, families and veterans or active military and their families avoid poverty, overcome financial hardships, recover from crises, and move towards financial stability. We are creating systemic change by addressing root causes and convening partners to advocate for low-income families.



THE NEED IS GREAT.

- PA 2-1-1 Southwest answered **118,000+ inquires for help** via phone, text, chat and website visits, including **40,000+ requests for help** with basic needs.
- **52% of women** in our community live below the federal poverty level.
- There are an estimated **1,200 homeless veterans** in our community.
- Pa 2-1-1 Southwest **call volume increased by 131%** due to the Covid -19 crisis

WHEN YOU SUPPORT UNITED FOR FAMILIES, YOUR DONATION SUPPORTS SERVICES THAT HELP HARDWORKING, LOW INCOME FAMILIES ACHIEVE GREATER STABILITY BY:

- Prevent hunger and homelessness.
- Gain access to food, shelter, and clothing when in need.
- Access heat, water and electricity.
- Improve opportunity for employment to gain and maintain financial stability.
- Provide specialized physical and emotional care for women and their families who are victims of domestic violence

UNITED WAY INITIATIVES ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

- **Free Tax Preparation** helps low-income working families access the Earned Income Tax Credit.
- **United for Women** assists women facing a short-term financial hardship.
- The **Emergency Basic Needs Fund** helps individuals and families meet immediate financial crisis.
- **Mothers Making More** helps working , single mothers in Westmoreland and Fayette counties to go back to school, advance their careers and lay the groundwork for a brighter future.
- **PA 2-1-1 Southwest** - is a 24/7 phone, web and chat hotline that connects people in need with life-changing resources that help prevent homelessness, hunger and improve stability

TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING AN IMPACT.

- United Way's Free Tax Prep Coalition filed 10,680 tax returns, resulting in **\$15.4 million in refunds**, including \$6 million in Earned Income Tax Credits.
- More than **71,000 people** were helped to avoid homelessness.
- More than **2,200 women** were assisted as they navigated unexpected crises.
- More than **6,000 veterans** with connected with basic needs such as transportation, food and employment.