

FOCUS AREA:

Helping Financially Struggling Families



**United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania
is a lifeline for families and individuals including veterans
and active military personnel.**

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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 closer to financial stability. We address the root causes of their struggles and convene partners to advocate on their behalf.

When you support United for Families, your donation helps hardworking, low-income families by:

- Providing access to food, shelter and clothing when in need.
- Ensuring access to heat, water and electricity.
- Improving employment opportunities and helping maintain financial stability.
- Providing 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 go back to school, advance their careers and lay the groundwork for a brighter future.
- **PA 2-1-1 Southwest** is our community's 24/7 hotline for human services. We connect people via phone, text or web with resources to prevent homelessness, hunger and improve financial 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.
- We helped more than **71,000 people** avoid homelessness.
- We assisted more than **2,200 women** as they navigated unexpected crises.
- We connected more than **6,000 veterans** to resources providing transportation, food and employment.

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MAKE AN IMPACT.



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serves Allegheny, Butler, Westmoreland,
Fayette & Armstrong Counties.