

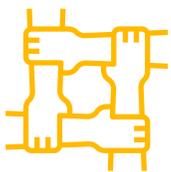
EVERY MEAL, EVERY CALL, EVERY UNIFORM —ONE COMMUNITY STRONGER.

In 2025, United Way of Southwest Louisiana delivered **165,820 acts of care across five parishes.**

Each number tells a story—of a child who went to school ready to learn, a family who had dinner after disaster, and a neighbor who found hope when it mattered most.

Since 2020, we've served or funded over **2,421,853 meals**, proving that when our community comes together, **we can turn crisis into connection.**

"Because of United Way, I didn't have to choose between paying my bills or feeding my kids"



COMMUNITY RESILIENCY - 32,618 INDIVIDUALS

When disaster strikes, United Way answers first. Through 211, case management, and emergency response, we connected thousands of families to housing, food, and financial assistance. Programs like Build Back the Block, Strong Homes, and In-House Casework helped residents repair and recover—making neighborhoods safer, stronger, and ready for what comes next.



YOUTH OPPORTUNITY - 32,328 CHILDREN

Opportunity begins early. The WriteStart Project equipped over 17,000 students with school supplies and uniforms, while Imagination Library delivered free books to 1,800 children, fostering a love for reading. Our 55 Summer of Service teens painted, cleaned, and fed neighbors—proving that leadership starts with giving back.



FINANCIAL SECURITY - 10,597 INDIVIDUALS

Financial confidence changes everything. In 2025, VITA volunteers filed 5,615 free tax returns, returning more than \$20 million to local families since 2020. Empowerment Through Employment provided adults with certifications and ID recovery, while Matched Savings and Bank On SWLA helped families build savings and stability for the long term.



HEALTHY COMMUNITY - 90,277 PEOPLE NOURISHED

Good health starts with nourishment and care. United Against Child Hunger provided 15,000 meals to children across Calcasieu Parish. From Born Learning Trails to Wellness Outreach, our work ensures that every neighbor has access to food, compassion, and community connection. More than 4,500 individuals received counseling through a mix of on-line, texting, phone and in-person services.

Because of generous donors, committed partners, and unstoppable volunteers, United Way Southwest Louisiana continues to feed hope, fuel opportunity, and fortify our community for whatever comes next.



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SWLA 2025 BY THE NUMBERS



22,095

211 Calls answered for resources & crisis



5,615

Federal & state tax returns prepared by VITA Volunteers



101,634

Meals provided locally



4,613

School uniforms distributed



1,089

SWLA children received free summer camp tuition



1,800

Children received books each month

41,398 books mailed for the year



275

Individuals received help getting TWIC cards, licenses and certificates