

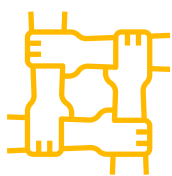
EVERY MEAL, EVERY CALL, EVERY UNIFORM —ONE COMMUNITY STRONGER.

In 2024, United Way of Southwest Louisiana delivered **91,447 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 over 1.2 million 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 - 29,479 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 - 27,562 CHILDREN

Opportunity begins early. The WriteStart Project equipped over 17,000 students with school supplies and uniforms, while Imagination Library delivered free books to 3,480 children, fostering a love for reading. Our Summer of Service teens painted, cleaned, and fed neighbors—proving that leadership starts with giving back.



FINANCIAL SECURITY - 16,678 INDIVIDUALS

Financial confidence changes everything. In 2024, VITA volunteers filed 5,368 free tax returns, returning more than \$5 million to local families. 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 - 17,728 PEOPLE NOURISHED

Good health starts with nourishment and care. United Against Child Hunger provided 15,000 meals to children across Calcasieu Parish, while Lasagna Love delivered 8,400 hot meals to local families. From Born Learning Trails to Wellness Outreach, our work ensures that every neighbor has access to food, compassion, and community connection.

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 BY THE NUMBERS



21,116

211 Calls answered for resources & crisis



5,368

Federal & state tax returns prepared by VITA Volunteers



255,475

Meals provided locally



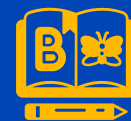
4,363

School uniforms distributed



10,342

Families applied for heat relief



3,480

Children received books each month

48,579 books mailed for the year



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Individuals received help getting TWIC cards, licenses and certificates