COMMUNITY INITIATIVES & PARTNER AGENCIES

In addition to working with our partner agencies to make sure that the people in our community have access to the services they need, we also believe in forming partnerships among public and private organizations to help with specific issues and needs. This year we have invested in the following initiatives to help people live their best possible lives.

- ARCH Rapidly Rehousing the Homeless Using a Coordinated Entry System
- Jobs for Life Bristol
- Reading Buddies Bristol TN/VA
- Second Harvest Food Bank
- Sullivan County Anti-Drug Coalition
- Twin City Reads – It’s Bristol Baby!

UNITED WE FIGHT.

UNITED WE WIN.

COVER STORY: JESSICA

JESSICA NEEDED TO WORK

Jessica struggled to maintain employment. She lacked the skills and self-confidence necessary to maintain a job that would enable her to make a better home for her and her children. “I struggled with finding a job that I could stick with and be able to maintain for a long period of time.” Although she worked at different jobs over the years, she lacked the support and the drive to develop a career where she could make enough money to provide for herself and her children. Then she heard about the United Way of Bristol’s Jobs for Life program.

JESSICA IS MOVING FORWARD

Jessica worked with the BRHA to complete the United Way Jobs for Life application and set a goal to participate in the class and to graduate at the end of the eight weeks with her fellow students. Jessica graduated from the JfL program and eight months later, she is in a much better place in her life. She is working full-time and is preparing to begin her education to fulfill her lifelong dream of becoming a nurse. “The fact that I was able to complete the 16-class/eight-week program and be able to prepare myself to begin a career is a true blessing to me and my children.”

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BIG IMPACT
How do your donations make a difference and change lives?

• More than 500 7th grade students explored a vast array of career opportunities that helped plant ‘seeds’ for their future career paths

• 84 women and children found safety and security from sexual assault or domestic violence

• 33 at-risk youth in Bristol obtained a one-on-one mentor with a caring, supportive adult

• 90 children were protected and decisions made for the best interest of the child through the Juvenile Court

• 42 homebound individuals with special challenges received homemaker and/or personal care services in their home

GIVE.
Your gift, together with others, unites the community and mobilizes resources so that every child, individual and family thrives.

ADVOCATE.
Anyone can champion the cause. Whether you are speaking out to improve the lives of your friends and neighbors, wearing the Live United T-shirt or inviting others to join the cause, you can inspire hope and create opportunities for a better tomorrow.

VOLUNTEER.
We mobilize individuals in our community to take action on the causes they care about through volunteerism. Every day, United Way Bristol TN/VA volunteers share their time and talent to make our community a better place to live.

WHY GIVE?
United Way Bristol cares about our community. It’s our job to know our community’s toughest challenges, and every day, we find the best ways to bring people together to solve the issues that matter most. We’re improving lives and empowering every family by focusing on health, education, financial stability and basic needs – the cornerstones of a strong community. When you give to United Way, you make a measurable difference for local children and families.