

# CREATING COMMUNITY-WIDE IMPACT

United Way of Calvert County's goal is to create long-lasting change in our community. Last year we started a five-year funding commitment to 16 programs that are improving the health, education, and financial stability of people in Calvert County through our Community Impact Grants. Below are some of the results from the first year. Just imagine what can be accomplished by the time we get to 2022!

## HEALTH

**137** face-to-face visits with a local mental health professional were provided to children & adolescents who are uninsured or underinsured

**6** families reported lessened feelings of anger & guilt following the loss of a loved one due to overdose

**17** women who began their pregnancies with a substance abuse disorder tested negative for illegal drugs upon delivery

**11** incarcerated fathers completed 12 weeks of classes with the goal of becoming healthy role models for their children upon release

## EDUCATION

**114** students were provided 194 days of after-school activities

**960** 5th-12th graders attended field trips to learn about the importance of making healthy choices

**80** youth identified their internal & external assets & created plans to develop missing assets

More than **300** hours of home visitation was provided to 12 families with preschoolers. These parents are gaining the skills to be their children's first teachers

## FINANCIAL STABILITY

**26** adults with behavioral health disabilities received assistance to gain and/or maintain employment

**545** hours of job training was provided to detention center inmates prior to release

**479** low-income families learned how to prepare their own taxes

**9** special education students gained new soft skills & knowledge for self-advocacy

## BASIC NEEDS

Basic Needs Grants are awarded annually to local organizations that provide food, shelter, and rent/utility assistance to residents of Calvert County. In 2017 . . .

**608,303** lbs of food were distributed to pantry clients

**180** shelf-stable meals were delivered to homebound seniors

**48** individuals received financial assistance to meet basic needs after a disaster

**31** households received emergency rent and/or utility assistance

**12,068** bed nights were provided at our county's only homeless shelter

# COMMUNITY IMPACT AGENDA

This past year, United Way of Calvert County (UWCC) brought community leaders together to identify the most pressing issues in Calvert County and their underlying causes. The end result was a sharpened focus on improving Education, Financial Stability, and Health, recognizing that these are the basic building blocks for a good life. Join UWCC in making long-lasting changes as we invest in these areas as part of our 2017-2022 Community Impact Agenda.



## FOCUS AREAS & OBJECTIVES:

1. School Readiness - Students enter kindergarten ready to learn
2. Healthy Communication - Students feel supported at school, both intellectually & emotionally
3. High School Success - Students graduate from high school with plans for employment or advanced education/training

## FOCUS AREAS & OBJECTIVES:

1. Workforce Readiness - Individuals are able to enter the workforce with the skills & resources necessary to succeed
2. Family-Sustaining Employment - Adults have jobs that pay a living wage, provide paid sick leave & pathways for advancement
3. Manageable Expenses - Families have the financial skills to live independently, without receiving public assistance



## FOCUS AREAS & OBJECTIVES:

1. Mental Health - Individuals experiencing mental health crisis receive appropriate intervention services
2. Substance Abuse - Abusers & their families achieve a drug-free lifestyle
3. Accessibility - Individuals & families have access to behavioral health treatment

## BASIC NEEDS

Addressing issues in the areas of hunger and housing has always been a priority for UWCC. Supporting local organizations like shelters, food pantries, and rent/utility agencies is accomplished through our annual Basic Needs Grant.

