United Way of Central Florida has been improving lives and strengthening the communities of Polk, Hardee and Highlands counties since 1980. Annually, we provide services to more than 47,500 individuals in Central Florida. UWCF contracts with qualified partners to improve the health, education and financial stability of the adults and children we serve.

UWCF is disrupting the typical nonprofit model by amplifying donor dollars with local matches, convening partners to improve efficiency and brokering only those services that produce the best possible return on investment in the areas of most critical need. We are your philanthropic broker. No one can do their best work at work or school if they are hungry, sick or in pain. We must take action.

To get involved, visit uwcf.org.
Through our Early Childhood Education Initiative, UWCF prepares children birth to age five to enter school ready to read.

Our Academic Achievement Initiative provides tutoring, homework assistance and mentors to improve promotion rates, attendance and grades in core subjects for high risk students.

We help families save money, increase family income, manage debt and improve credit through our Financial Stability Initiative.

Through our Health Initiative, we fund services that improve the physical and behavioral health of adults and children while also reducing unnecessary ER visits and days in the hospital.

By increasing access to healthy foods, UWCF helps to eliminate hunger and food insecurity for children and families through our End Hunger Initiative.

By brokering partnerships, we are helping to pilot Polk's first Community Partnership School. The school is a community hub with a full service health clinic, financial education and academic support for students, families and neighbors.

Through our safety net services, we help individuals stabilize short-term crises by providing critical interventions and referrals. When individuals or families are devastated by natural disaster, acts of violence, hunger, homelessness or grief, United Way and our partners provide critical interventions and referrals for ongoing support, as needed. For information about our resources, call 2-1-1 or text your zip code to 898-211.