



UNITED IN PROVIDING SERVICES

United Way of Central Florida is dedicated to connecting residents in Polk, Hardee and Highlands counties to the services they need to get back on track; offering a hand up, not a hand out.

211 connects people with the best services available in the area. No matter the situation, trained 211 specialists listen, identify underlying problems and connect people to local community resources and services that improve their lives.

Through 211, people can access free and confidential crisis and emergency counseling, disaster assistance, food, health care, insurance assistance, stable housing, utilities payment assistance, employment services, veteran services and childcare and family services.

The George W. Jenkins End Hunger Initiative increases access to healthy foods and helps eliminate food insecurity for Central Florida residents at 21 locations across Polk, Hardee and Highlands counties. The sites also create awareness for other health, education and financial stability programs.

Community Wellness is a “boots on the ground” program for informing residents about the Polk HealthCare Plan as well as the many other services and resources available through United Way. Grants are also awarded to service providers to fund wellness programs.

The Polk HealthCare Plan offers eligible Polk residents access to healthcare. Through Polk County’s partnerships with licensed medical providers, PHP members gain access to primary and specialty care, behavioral healthcare, urgent care, emergency care, medications and more at little or no cost.

