YOUR COMMITMENT TO UNITED WAY ALLOWS US TO ...



UNITE

donors, volunteers, businesses, nonprofits, community leaders, and those with lived experience to address our community's most critical issues.



COLLABORATE

with individuals from all sectors of our community to develop research-based, comprehensive strategies to make significant and sustainable progress.



MOBILIZE

by convening coalitions, advocating for public policy, rallying volunteers, investing in nearly 30 programs with more than 23 local nonprofits, and creating initiatives designed to make progress under our UNITED to THRIVE strategy.



EVALUATE

success by continuously measuring the results of our investments, holding every initiative accountable to make meaningful progress.

SCAN HERE

to learn more about our United Way or visit: unitedwaysems.org



UNITED IS THE WAY



UNITED to THRIVE

United Way of Southeast Mississippi mobilizes our community to action so all can thrive. We focus on four elements of a thriving community by understanding how they are interconnected and influenced by one another.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

Every young person deserves the opportunity to thrive. We help children get off to a good start and empower youth to reach their full potential by breaking down barriers to success.



We believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to live their healthiest life. We help people overcome barriers by improving access to nutritious food and quality health and education services.

FINANCIAL SECURITY

Everyone deserves the opportunity to earn a living that can sustain a family and build security for future generations.



Every community deserves the opportunity to prosper. That's why we work with our partner agencies to build resilient communities that are ready for any challenge.

ADDRESSING CRITICAL COMMUNITY ISSUES

Engaging Our Community To Empower All

With support from corporate and community partners who are dedicated to fostering a thriving community, we can be far more effective, efficient, and impactful if we all work together coordinating our work in a UNITED WAY.

United Way is here to help Southeast Mississippi navigate through critical issues by:



INCREASING FOOD SECURITY

In Southeast Mississippi, 20% of the population is food insecure, including 18% of children under age 18 - nearly 7,600 children.

IMPROVING CHILDHOOD LITERACY

Only 60% of children in Southeast Mississippi can read proficiently by the end of the third grade.





FINDING PATHS TOWARDS FINANCIAL SECURITY

50% of Southeast Mississippi households cannot afford the basic cost of living in their county.