



# WASHINGTON PARISH 2022 IMPACT REPORT

**United Way of Southeast Louisiana is here because of people like you and for people like you.** We want to improve the health, financial stability, and education of every person in Washington Parish, and we've got a plan to get that done. Our Blueprint for Prosperity calls for us to work together to give everyone the best chance to recover from a setback, rebuild a stronger life, and reimagine what's possible for the future.

## WASHINGTON DATA

ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) comprises households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level but less than the basic cost of living (the ALICE Threshold). Learn more at [UnitedWaySELA.org/ALICE](https://UnitedWaySELA.org/ALICE).

 **46,457**  
Population

 **17,337**  
Households

 **63%**  
Households below  
ALICE Threshold

**Thanks to our generous donors, United Way SELA helped Washington residents nearly 11,782 times in 2021-2022.**

**9,512**  
individuals offered sexual  
assault awareness training  
and outreach

**5,244**  
hot meals or groceries provided to  
individuals and families

**316**  
youth received  
social and educational  
support services

## 2022-2023 AGENCIES & PROGRAMS SERVING WASHINGTON PARISH RESIDENTS

United Way funds 78 programs across Southeast Louisiana as part of our holistic approach to eradicating poverty and creating equitable communities where all individuals are healthy, educated, and financially stable.

**American Red Cross of Southeast LA**  
*Disaster Services including Home Fire*

**Cancer Association of Louisiana**  
*Cancer Patient Services*

**Dental Lifeline Network of Louisiana**  
*Donated Dental Service*

**Family Promise of St. Tammany**  
*Transitional Housing*

**Family Violence Program of St. Bernard**  
*Family Violence Program of St. Bernard*

**Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Foundation**  
*Business Innovation Program*

**Metro Centers for Community Advocacy**  
*Shelter from the Storm*

**Operation Restoration**  
*Operation Social Services*

**Safe Harbor**  
*Safe Harbor's Domestic Violence Program*

**Second Harvest Food Bank**  
*Fighting Hunger and Promoting Prosperity in  
Southeast Louisiana*

**Skillz Academy**  
*Software Sales Training Academy*

**Southeast Louisiana Legal Services**  
*Family Crisis Stabilization Project*

**Special Olympics Louisiana, Inc.**  
*Special Olympics Louisiana, Health*

**STARC of Louisiana**  
*Supported Employment*

**VIA LINK, Inc.**  
*Information and Referral & Crisis Intervention*

**Volunteers of America SELA**  
*Mentoring Children of Promise*

**YMCA of Bogalusa**  
*Health and Wellness, Afterschool, Growing Green  
and Meal Program*

**Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany**  
*CASA, Options, Crossroads, TASC*

**\$1 DONATED GENERATED \$6.21 IN COMMUNITY IMPACT**

# OUR IMPACT: WASHINGTON SUCCESS STORY

In Washington Parish, some 60% of children live in ALICE households that don't earn enough money to make ends meet. These families are forced to make tough choices, like deciding between quality child care or paying the rent, which means they often go without. Without enough food. Without a safe place to call home. Without the things it takes to get ahead in life.

United Way and our partners at WDSU and Walmart stepped up over the summer to raise funds for supplies for Bogalusa Schools to help ease the costs of going back to school for parents. We purchased and delivered thousands of dollars in merchandise – from backpacks and crayons to napping mats and graphing calculators – to ensure their most vulnerable students didn't have to start the school year without the supplies they need for success.



Thanks to our donors, United Way and our partners are stepping up to respond as we always do. We're assisting people with immediate needs and helping communities recover and rebuild.

But we have so much more to do. **Together, we can make more impact in Washington Parish than any one of us could create alone!**

## RESOURCES FOR WASHINGTON RESIDENTS

**NEED HELP? DIAL 211** Our 211 service is the region's most comprehensive source for information and referrals for social services and other resources. By dialing 211 or texting 898211, you are connected with a trained specialist who will help you identify what resources are available to address your need.

**VITA** IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals.

**PROSPERITY CENTERS** located in Covington and New Orleans - our one-stop financial stability centers offering an array of programming to residents in Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington parishes, including financial education and coaching, credit building and counseling, benefits screening, and income tax assistance.

**IDA** Our IDA (Individual Development Account) program is designed to help low-income participants save money through a matched-savings program.

**MYFREETAXES.COM** Provides free state and federal tax preparation and filing assistance for qualified individuals. It's easy, safe, secure and 100% FREE.

**SINGLECARE** The pharmacy discount card is FREE for everyone. Whether or not you have health insurance coverage, you are eligible to begin saving on your prescription medications today.

**HOSPITALITY CARES** Provides crisis grants for emergency financial assistance to individuals working in the hospitality industry, in partnership with the Louisiana Hospitality Foundation.

For more resources, visit [UnitedWaySELA.org/HELP](https://UnitedWaySELA.org/HELP)