

ROOTED IN COMMUNITY

2025 - 2026 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

UNITED WAY Volusia-Flagler





ABOUT THIS REPORT

This Annual Impact Report highlights the stories, investments, partnerships, and people creating lasting solutions across Volusia and Flagler Counties. Together, they show how generosity takes root, grows through collaboration, & strengthens our community.

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A LETTER FROM OUR

PRESIDENT & CEO

Dear Friends,

This has been a year of growth and transformation for the Community Foundation and United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties. We welcomed new funds and nonprofit partners, strengthened our strategic direction, and embraced a renewed mission: *to create lasting solutions and sustainable resources for Volusia and Flagler counties.*

More than 17,000 calls to the 211 system from residents in Volusia and Flagler counties over the past year remind us that many families still need basic support and guidance navigating the systems designed to help them. Housing, childcare, food security, and rising costs continue to shape both our immediate response and our long-term strategy.

CF/UW addresses these challenges every day. The combined strength of the Community Foundation and United Way allows donors to make a greater impact, grants to be more holistic, and a deeper focus on our community's greatest needs. We can respond to today's challenges while building resources for the future of our community.

This year, we have been inspired by local nonprofits willing to invest in their own futures through endowments. Volusia County Women Who Care established an endowment with support from five major donors. Baby Steps took that same step after only four months in operation. Its leaders understood that sustainability is not a luxury—it is a necessity.

We are grateful to our board members, volunteers, staff, and supporters for trusting us to invest in ideas and programs that make a meaningful difference. Your partnership makes this work possible. Together, we are building a stronger, more sustainable community.

Courtney Edgcomb

President and CEO, CF/UWVFC



A LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Serving as Chair of the Board of the CF/UWVFC is both an honor and a responsibility. I am continually reminded that the strength of this organization comes from people who believe in our community and invest in its future.

This year, that generosity translated into nearly $2 million invested in programs and nonprofit partners across Volusia and Flagler counties.

We were also reminded of the power of legacy. We mourned longtime board member and community champion Dr. Donald Doudna, whose commitment to literacy will live on through the Janice and Donald Doudna Literacy Endowment. We also celebrated the Bowler and Ufheil Family for decades of generosity and service, which helped inspire the Daytona Beverages Community First Fund.

As we look toward 85 years of service, I am grateful to everyone who continues to invest in this organization and believe in what we can accomplish together.

Jan Miller

2026 Chair, Board of Directors CF/UWVFC





BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

BOARD CHAIR
Jan Miller

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CHAIR
Dr. Don Doudna

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THE MISSION

A RENEWED VISION FOR THE FUTURE

This year, the Community Foundation and United Way refreshed its strategic plan, mission statement, and website to better reflect the organization we are today and the impact we seek to create in the years ahead.

With guidance from Michael Corley of The Corley Company, the Executive Committee of the Board led a thoughtful planning process that included stakeholder listening sessions, findings from the Thriving United Way Assessment, and an examination of emerging trends in philanthropy. The process affirmed four strategic areas that will guide our work: Philanthropy, Impact, Communications, and Organizational Excellence.

It also resulted in the adoption of a new mission statement:
To create lasting solutions and sustainable resources for Volusia & Flagler Counties.

Every word reflects our unique role in the community. "Lasting solutions" represents our commitment to impact-driven investments, strategic partnerships, and collaborative responses to our region's most pressing challenges. "Sustainable resources" highlights our work to grow charitable giving, strengthen nonprofit organizations, and build permanent endowments that will serve our community for generations.

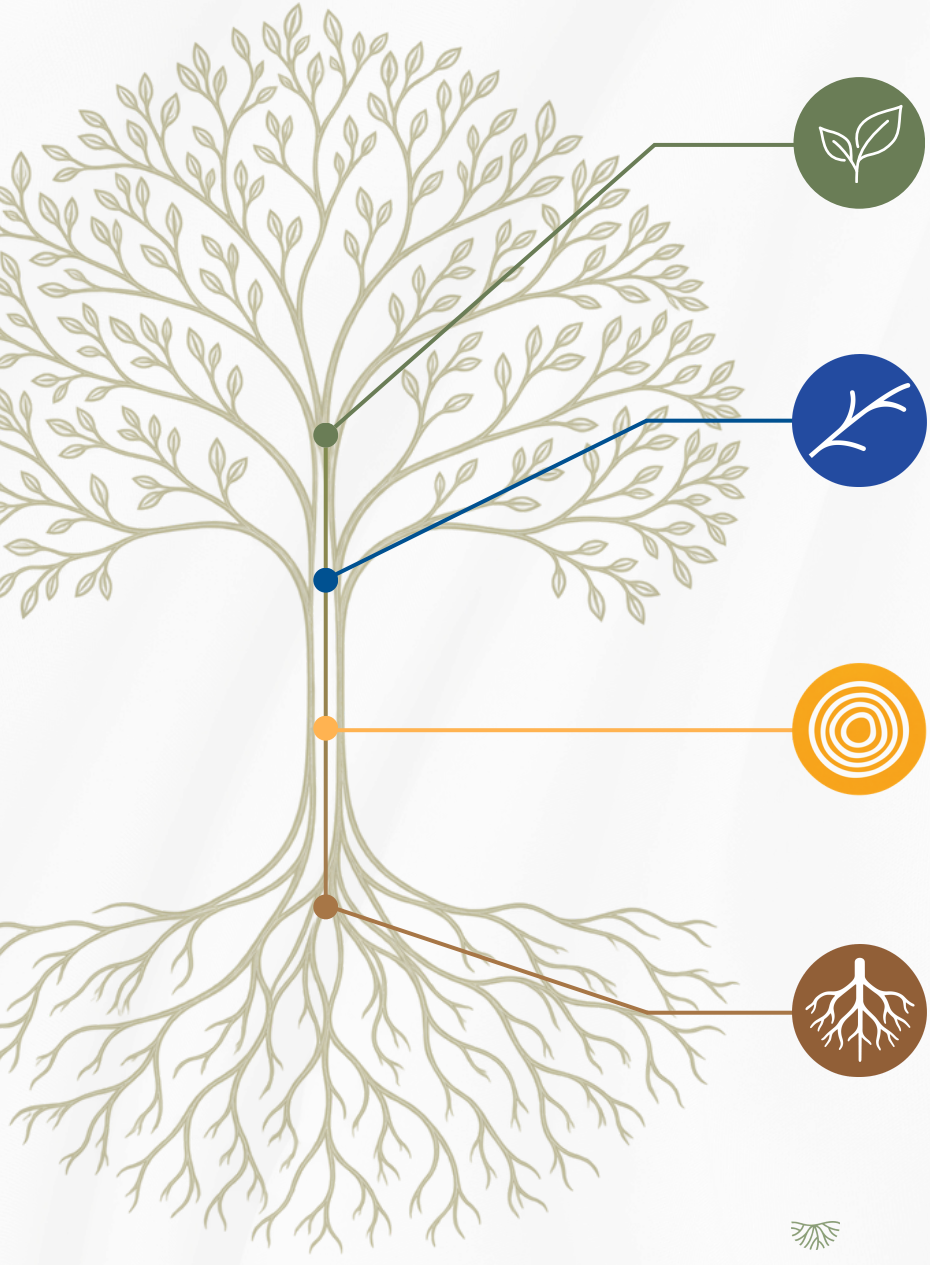
Our brand-new website, connectvfc.org, brings this vision to life, making it easier for donors, nonprofits, volunteers, and community members to understand our work, explore ways to become involved, and access the resources they need. The new domain name emphasizes the heart of our work—building connections—while reinforcing our local commitment to Volusia and Flagler counties.

Together, the updated strategic plan, mission, and website provide a clear roadmap for the future, grounded in community voices, strengthened by collaboration, and focused on creating meaningful impact today and for generations to come.

NEW MISSION STATEMENT ▶ **To create lasting solutions and sustainable resources for Volusia & Flagler Counties.**

OUR IMPACT

ROOTED. CONNECTED. GROWING.



LEAVES

Community Outcomes

Visible change. Stronger futures. A better quality of life for all.

BRANCHES

Programs + Investments

Strategic support for organizations and initiatives that create impact.

TRUNK

Resources + Relationships

Funding, partnerships, and collaboration that strengthen our community.

ROOTS

Long-Term Strength

Our values, our people, and our commitment to the community.



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DIGNITY DELIVERED

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS

Deep in the woods outside Pierson, an elderly man lives alone in a rundown shed with a dirt floor and no heat or air conditioning. He has no car. He works odd jobs at a local vineyard because Social Security alone isn't enough to live on. When his son passed away last year, he lost his only way to reach the grocery store in DeLand — and the Pierson Community Food Pantry became his lifeline. He arrives grateful every time, never asking for more than he needs. Knowing what he goes without, the pantry's volunteers always make sure there's a little extra in his bag.



Stories like his are why the news, by the end of 2025, hit so hard: without new funding, the Pierson Community Food Pantry was on track to close its doors by June of 2026.

The stakes went far beyond one building. The pantry sits in a food desert in one of Volusia County's most economically disadvantaged areas, and it is the only pantry serving the families, elderly residents, and an immigrant community who depend on it. Its closure would also have ended something larger: as the required local partner for Project Share, the pantry makes it possible for Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida to supply the monthly Mobile Food Drops that feed more than 2,900 people every second Wednesday. Between the pantry and the mobile drops combined, roughly 3,600 individuals a month rely on this partnership for fresh produce, protein, and pantry staples.

A grant from the CF/UWVFC Food Security Fund changed that trajectory. The funding kept shelves stocked and doors open, sustaining service with the consistency and dignity families have come to count on. As pantry representative Rosanne Stocker put it, the grant "directly enabled uninterrupted service, keeping the pantry shelves stocked and doors open."

That impact shows up in individual lives throughout the community. An elderly woman who began relying on the pantry after her husband's death — and the loss of his pension and Social Security income — didn't just receive help; she now runs the pantry every third Friday and Saturday of the month as a volunteer. And at April's mobile food drop, a mother of three from the local immigrant community, whose family works as fern cutters and depends on the monthly groceries to get by, embraced a volunteer in tears after receiving her food — a quiet reminder that this work offers not just groceries, but dignity, relief, and hope.

This grant was one piece of a much broader investment in the region for our Field of Interest funds. In 2025-2026, CF/UWVFC awarded $153,000 across seven Field of Interest funds to 49 nonprofit organizations working to meet critical community needs — the Pierson Community Food Pantry among them, its doors still open because of it.

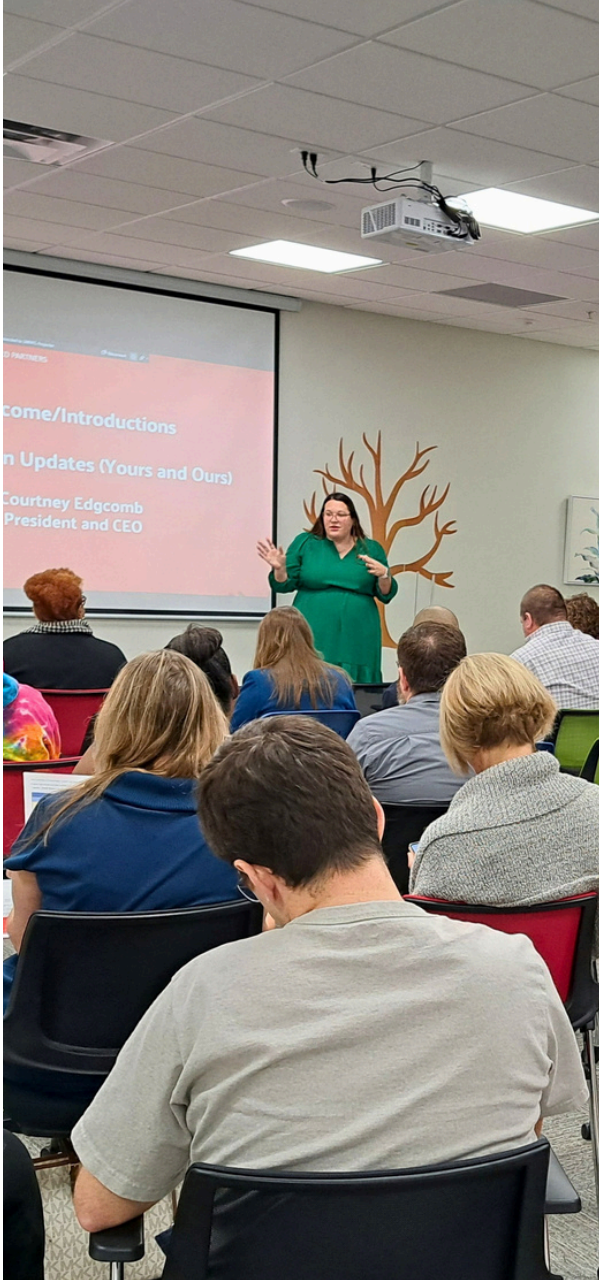
RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Strong stewardship helps turn generosity into lasting community impact. In 2025-2026, CF/UWVFC generated more than $5.86 million in total revenue across charitable giving, campaigns, grants, events, and donor-directed support.

$5.86M

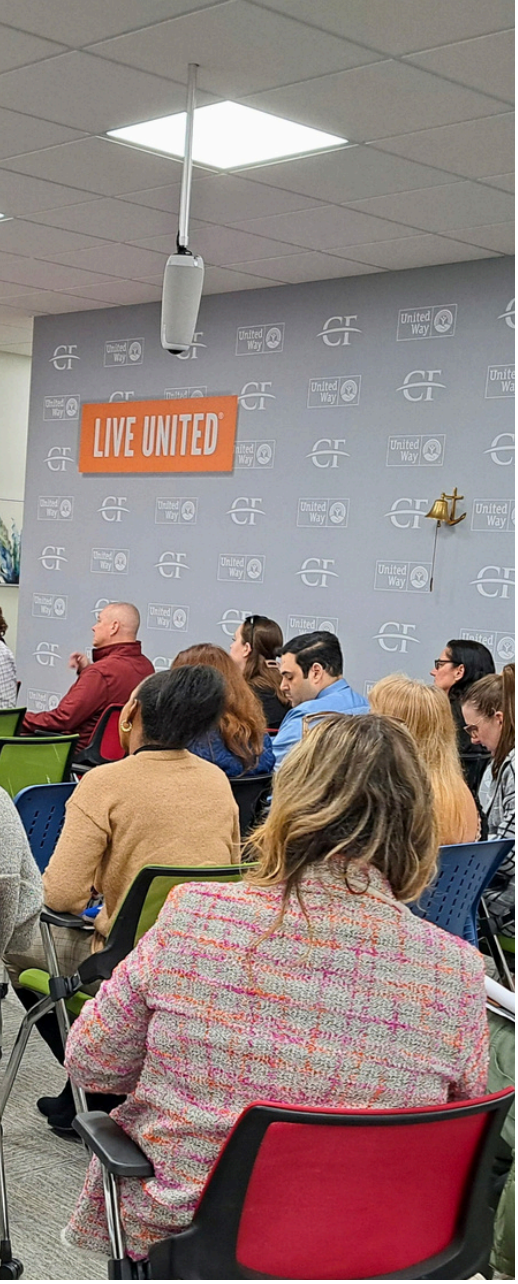
TOTAL REVENUE



REVENUE BY SOURCE



Community Foundation	$4,133,359.39	70.5%
Annual Campaign	$1,348,146.42	23.0%
Special Events	$220,984.07	3.8%
Donor Designations	$ 114,355.55	2.0%
Grants	$36,702.25	0.6%
Other	$7,135.64	0.1%
Total	**$5,860,683.32**	



RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

Through the power of partnership and the generosity of our community, CF/UWVFC continues to invest in people and programs that create lasting change across Volusia and Flagler Counties.

NEARLY

$2 MILLION

INVESTED ACROSS THE COMMUNITY

During 2025–26, CF/UW invested nearly $2 million in 113 nonprofit organizations serving Volusia and Flagler counties. These investments reached across the community, supporting programs that address food security, housing, literacy, recovery, arts and culture, animal welfare, financial stability, and other essential needs.

Behind every investment is a local organization working to improve lives. By supporting a broad network of nonprofit partners, CF/UW helps meet immediate needs while strengthening the services, opportunities, and resources that allow our entire community to thrive.

55

UNIQUE FUNDS STEWARDED

113

NONPROFIT PARTNERS

LASTING LEGACIES

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

16
NEW FUNDS ESTABLISHED

6
NONPROFIT ENDOWMENTS CREATED

3
FIELD-OF-INTEREST ENDOWMENTS LAUNCHED

This year, 16 unique funds were established at the Community Foundation, each reflecting a different vision for creating lasting impact. Six local nonprofits—Baby Steps, Good Samaritan Clinic, First Step Shelter, Southeast Volusia Habitat for Humanity, Mental Health America of East Central Florida, and Volusia County Women Who Care—opened endowments to strengthen their long-term sustainability and ensure their missions are supported for generations to come.

Donors also established three field-of-interest endowments focused on important community needs: early literacy in Flagler County, literacy initiatives throughout Volusia County, and basic needs for Volusia County residents. Another endowment was created to support religious education at Stetson University.

A BRIGHTER TOMORROW THROUGH EARLY LITERACY

One especially meaningful example is the new Flagler Early Literacy Endowment, which was funded by long-time volunteer and Women United member, Linda Mahran. Her vision is to provide age-appropriate books for children to help them build strong reading skills and brighter futures.

The remaining six funds represent new partnerships supporting a variety of charitable goals. These include multiple donor-advised funds, as well as funds created in partnership with Mental Health America of East Central Florida and the Council on Aging of Volusia County. The Allman Brothers Statuary Fund is a unique community project that will recognize Daytona Beach's place in music history through a memorial honoring Duane and Gregg Allman. Together, these 16 funds demonstrate the many ways donors and nonprofits can turn their passions into meaningful impact, today and for generations to come.

HONORING GENEROSITY

GIVING SOCIETIES & DONOR RECOGNITION

We are grateful for the individuals and families whose generosity is helping create lasting impact across Volusia and Flagler Counties.

TOCQUEVILLE DONORS

$10,000+ GIVING BY AN INDIVIDUAL

Lynn & Preston Root
Andrea & Larry Frank
Dr. Robin & Wayne P. Roberts
Janice & Dr. Donald J. Doudna
Linda J. Mahran
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Denner
Jack Arrants
Cici & J. Hyatt Brown
Howard Jenkins
Sue & Ed Kenny
Irene & Bruce Page
L. Gale Lemerand
Dan Smith
Michelle & David Alvarez
Jennifer & Kevin Bowler
Vivian Thiry

IMPACT CIRCLE

LEGACY GIFT OF $50,000 OR MORE

Robin & James Bass
Dianne Booher
John DiCesare
Andrea & Larry Frank
Pauline & Ed Lacey
Lynn & Preston Root
Michelle & Robert Snyder
Catherine & Jim Weite
Barbara & Samuel Willett
Anonymous Donors

"Your generosity creates possibilities today and for generations to come."



COURTNEY EDGCOMB AND JAN MILLER PRESENT DR. DOUDNA WITH THE BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD ANNUAL IMPACT CELEBRATION- 2024

OPENING DOORS FOR GENERATIONS

A LEGACY OF LITERACY

For longtime board member Dr. Don Doudna and his wife, Janice, a passion for education became a promise to future generations. Through thoughtful estate planning, Dr. Doudna named the Community Foundation as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy to support literacy initiatives in Volusia County.

When Dr. Doudna passed away in November 2025, that planned gift established the Janice & Donald Doudna Literacy Endowment and ensured his charitable wishes would be carried forward. Each year, the fund will provide lasting support to help local children build the literacy skills they need to learn, grow, and thrive.

Don and Janice's commitment to literacy is an inspiring example of how one carefully planned gift can shape a community forever. Through this endowment, their generosity will continue opening doors for Volusia County children for generations to come.

DEPENDABLE ASSISTANCE

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED

Created in partnership with the County of Volusia, the Volusia Veterans Support Endowment provides a permanent safety net for local veterans. Annual distributions from the fund will support the Stand Down Event, which connects veterans with essential services and community resources, while also helping fill urgent gaps when other assistance is unavailable.

At the March Stand Down Event, over 700 veterans were connected with resources, and four veterans experiencing homelessness were immediately placed into housing solutions. With 75 veterans currently experiencing homelessness in Volusia County*, this endowment will help ensure that no veteran slips through the cracks.

The fund's mission is already inspiring veterans to help one another. After reaching out for services himself, one local veteran was so moved by the endowment's purpose that he committed to making a recurring monthly gift. His generosity is more than a way to pay it forward—it is a personal promise to stand beside other veterans when they need support most.

Together, these gifts will grow into a dependable source of assistance, honoring the service of local veterans with the security, dignity, and care they deserve.

**Figures from a 2024 national study*

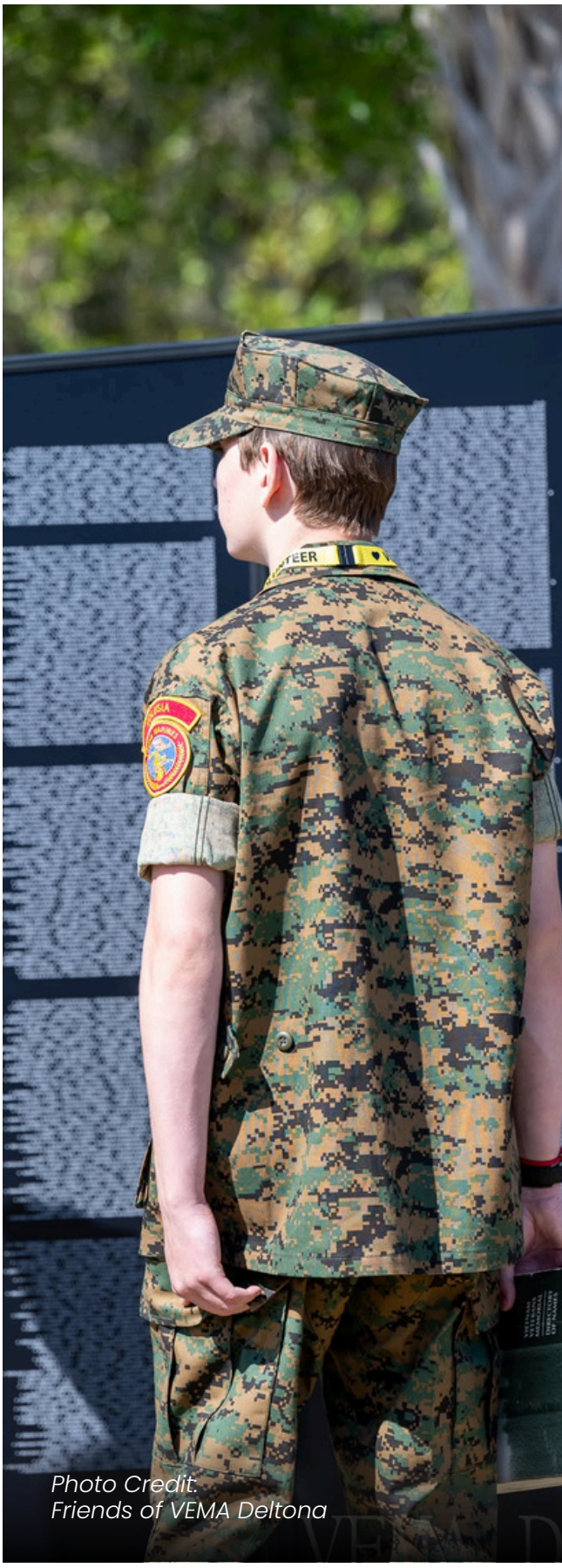


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Friends of VEMA Deltona

A SECOND CHANCE

QUALITY CHILDCARE CHANGES EVERYTHING

Not long ago, "Maria" and her two little girls knew what it was like to have no place to call home. A mother in her early 20s raising two school-aged children on her own while working full time, Maria had lived through job and housing instability, slipping into homelessness for a time. She found her footing again, but was being held back from taking the next step to prosperity. That was before she found an after-school program supported by the Community Foundation and United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties.

Even after Maria found steady employment and housing, there was little left in the budget for child care. Every weekday afternoon brought the same quiet dread: her shift wasn't over, but school was. Who would watch her children? Were they safe? She patched together whatever care she could find, never quite trusting it. The financial strain of it all — rent, groceries, the cost of care — left nothing over for the future she wanted for herself. Going back to school and building a career felt like a door that had already closed.





"Having a safe place for my kids after school changed everything."

"Now I feel like I can finally build a better future for my family," Maria says.

Everything shifted when Maria enrolled her children in the Beacon of Hope after-school program at The Salvation Army of Daytona Beach. For the first time in a long time, she could finish her workday without watching the clock in fear. Her children had somewhere safe to be — a place with warm meals, homework help, and structured activities, like a bells class, that gave their afternoons shape and their days a sense of stability. Slowly, the constant worry that had followed Maria for years began to ease, and something she hadn't felt in a long time crept in: hope. The program's staff got to know her, encouraged her, and reminded her that her own goals still mattered too.

That encouragement gave Maria the courage to do something she once thought was out of reach: she applied to nursing school, all while continuing to work full time and raise her children. Her kids are thriving now: doing well in school, more confident, more secure. The anxious, exhausted version of Maria who once counted down the minutes until she could get to her children has given way to a woman building a future for her family, one deliberate step at a time.

"I never thought going back to school was possible for me. Having a safe place for my kids after school changed everything. Now I feel like I can finally build a better future for my family," Maria says.

The program that made the future brighter for Maria and her girls is one of 25 local nonprofit initiatives supported through CF/UWVFC's 2025-2026 Community Impact grantmaking process, which distributed a total of $800,000 in grants to enhance in education, health and financial security in Volusia and Flagler counties.

AIC 2025

CELEBRATING OUR IMPACT



2025 ANNUAL IMPACT CELEBRATION

The 2025 Annual Impact Celebration brought donors, volunteers, nonprofit partners, and community leaders together to celebrate a year of growth and impact across Volusia and Flagler counties. Guests heard how our community raised $1.5 million through workplace campaigns, established 12 new charitable funds, and helped the Community Foundation and United Way reach $20 million in assets under management. We also celebrated the creation of the Food Security Fund and Flagler Community Endowment, each seeded with $250,000, and the generosity of donors whose gifts are building sustainable resources for our community.

The morning also highlighted the people and partnerships behind this work. We shared Sabrina's story of moving from an emergency shelter to stable housing and full-time employment, along with the impact of more than $240,000 in hurricane relief grants that helped over 25,000 local residents. Volunteers from Women United, Generation IMPACT, VITA, the Community Impact Cabinet, and our Board were recognized for their service, with special honors presented to Cindy Dalecki Morrissey, Stephanie Renick, Stephanie Parks, Teresa Wiggins, Michelle Bennett, and Karen Jacobs. Intracoastal Bank received the President's Award for its longstanding generosity, volunteer leadership, and commitment to creating lasting local impact.



COURTNEY EDGCOMB WITH HERBERT M. DAVIDSON AWARD RECIPIENTS, KEVIN, JENNIE, MAJA, AND CHRIS BOWLER 2026



2026 COMMUNITY CHAMPION IDA BABAZADEH

ACOP 2026

ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF PHILANTHROPY

The Annual Celebration of Philanthropy brought our community together to recognize the 2026 Herbert M. Davidson honorees, the Bowler and Ufheil families of Daytona Beverages, and celebrate their decades of generosity and service to Volusia County. Their community involvement includes leadership on numerous boards, engagement with the Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce, and an instrumental role in the establishment of Father Lopez Catholic High School. Guest speakers Hyatt Brown and Kelly Kwiatek shared reflections on the family's impact. One of the most memorable moments came when the Bowlers donated "Day Fresh Budweiser," allowing the entire room to raise a glass to our community and the people who make it stronger.

We were also proud to recognize Ida Babazadeh of AdventHealth as our Community Champion. Ida has served many organizations and initiatives, including the Young Professionals Group, Food Brings Hope, and United Way's Generation IMPACT. Her vision, genuine belief in our community, and ability to inspire others continue to make Volusia and Flagler counties better.

Together, the event raised over $135,000 to establish the Daytona Beverages Community First Fund, a permanent endowment that will help local families meet essential needs such as housing, household expenses, and childcare. Thanks to the Bowler and Ufheil families—and everyone who supported the celebration—their legacy of community involvement will continue for generations to come.

VOLUNTEERS

ROOTED IN SERVICE

Our volunteers give their time, talent, and expertise to strengthen our community in lasting ways.

200
VOLUNTEERS

7,959
HOURS GIVEN

$276,893.61
VALUE OF VOLUNTEER TIME



2025-2026 COMMUNITY IMPACT VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNITY IMPACT CABINET

The Community Impact Cabinet (CIC) brings together local experts in Youth Opportunity, Healthy Community, Financial Security and Community Resiliency to help shape and carry out a crucial component of the CF/UWVFC's grantmaking activity. These volunteers review requests for Community Impact grants, make funding recommendations to the Board of Directors, and monitor results of the funded programs.

492
VOLUNTEER HOURS

$800,000
AWARDED

25
PARTNERS IMPACTED

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY | $155,000

Supporting academic success, early literacy, and youth development.

Flagler County Education Foundation - Career Coaching Accelerating to Diploma Plus ($50,000)
Pre-K–12 career-readiness model focused on early learning and workforce preparation.

***FBH Community – Lemerand Center of Excellence ($35,000)**
Academic wraparound services to improve reading proficiency and academic performance for underserved students.

Early Learning Coalition of Flagler Volusia Counties – Home Book Delivery ($25,000)
Monthly books for children (birth–5) to boost early literacy and school readiness.

***Mr. & Ms. Mentoring – After School Program ($25,000)**
Academic support and safe after-school environment for at-risk youth.

CATALYST Global Youth Initiatives – DREAM/FIRE Mentoring ($20,000)
Academic enrichment, life skills, and career exploration for disadvantaged youth.





A VISIT TO SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK'S DAYTONA BEACH LOCATION

HEALTHY COMMUNITY | $255,000

Improving physical, mental, and community health outcomes.

***Healthy Start Coalition of Flagler and Volusia Counties – ($50,000)**
Maternal, infant, and family health support services.

Foundations to Freedom – Recovery Program ($35,000)
Residential support for individuals facing substance use and homelessness.

Children's Home Society – School Wellness Program ($25,000)
Services to address barriers to student success (grades 6–8).

House Next Door – Trauma Treatment ($25,000)
Therapy for children affected by abuse and family trauma.

Council on Aging – ($20,000)
Services helping seniors remain safely at home.

IMPOWER – Telehealth Behavioral Health ($20,000)
Expands mental health access for underserved populations.

***Outreach Community Care Network – ($20,000)**
Integrated medical and behavioral health services.

Presbyterian Counseling Center – ($20,000)
Affordable mental health services for ALICE populations.

Second Harvest Food Bank – Bring Hope Home ($20,000)
Food delivery for seniors, veterans, and individuals with disabilities.

SMA Healthcare – Lab Assistance ($20,000)
Diagnostic services for uninsured patients.

"These community partners share our vision for a stronger, more resilient future."

FINANCIAL SECURITY | $205,000

Preventing homelessness & building economic stability.

Neighborhood Center of West Volusia
SHIFT Program ($50,000)
Housing stability, case management, and workforce support.

Family Renew Community – Operating Support ($45,000)
Shelter and self-sufficiency programs for homeless families.

Flagler Cares – Financial & Housing Stability ($37,500)
Whole-person approach to financial and housing challenges.

Volusia Flagler Coalition for the Homeless
Housing Stability Program ($37,500)
Prevents return to homelessness through financial empowerment.

First Step Shelter – Health & Housing Program ($35,000)
Emergency shelter and transition to permanent housing.

***Community Impact Newly Funded Partner**

2025-2026 MEMBERSHIP

Stephanie Parks
Chairperson

Catherine Rosekelly
Vice Chair

KC Irons
Nominations Chair

Erin LeDuc
Enaris Inman
Elaine Hawthorne
Amy Rugg
Maria Pardo Casallas
Ashley Novak
Ruben A Astudillo Galvis
Stephen Civitelli
Kim Grey
Dr. Sherryl Weems
Mary Cortez
Ann Breidenstein



CHECK PRESENTATION AT FLAGLER CARES
FROM FLAGLER COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND



SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND
GENERATION IMPACT VOLUNTEERS

GENERATION IMPACT

Young professionals with a passion for community involvement and leadership are invited to join Generation IMPACT.

Blending fun with philanthropy, this energetic group allocates the Community Foundation and United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties' Social Innovation Fund, which supports student-led projects that address pressing challenges in our community.

Generation IMPACT volunteers provide mentorship to the high school and college students who propose the projects and also plan social and fundraising activities.

277
VOLUNTEER HOURS

$9,500
INVESTED

4
PROJECTS FUNDED

2025-2026 BOARD ROSTER:

Heather Prasse
Chairperson

Akisia German
Vice Chair

Ustina Guirguis
Fundraising Chair

Enaris Inman
Membership

Joshua Poniatowski
SIF Chair

Deanna Wilson
Social/Volunteer Chair

Monica Mitry
Secretary

Alyssa Lang
Social/Volunteer Chair

Calvin Freeman
General Member

Teresa Wiggins
General Member

Venerina Costanza
General Member

INLINE

INLINE is a teen-led digital wellbeing initiative designed for teens, by teens. The initiative targets support for elementary and middle schoolers through education by addressing topics on online safety, healthy navigation online, and developing a digital identity.

NONPROFIT PARTNER: FUTURES FOUNDATION

GRANTED $2,000



Healthy Home Starter Kit

The Healthy Home Starter Kits project is a practical, prevention-focused initiative designed to improve health, safety, and housing stability for older adults served by the Council on Aging in Volusia County. The project addresses a frequently overlooked but critical barrier in households: consistent access to basic household cleaning supplies necessary to maintain a safe and sanitary living environment.

NONPROFIT PARTNER: COUNCIL ON AGING OF VOLUSIA COUNTY

GRANTED $2,500



The Second Chapter Project

Initiative aims to establish a nonprofit organization dedicated to distributing gently used and outdated educational books to underfunded community libraries, local and state correctional facilities, youth and adult learning centers, community literacy programs, and free neighborhood bookshelves.

NONPROFIT PARTNER: FBH COMMUNITY

GRANTED $2,500



Ballet for the World Initiative

Ballet for the World Initiative seeks to expand its programming by offering community dance classes at an accessible location in Volusia County. Currently, they operate at the Hope Place Emergency Shelter in Daytona Beach and have provided dance and creative writing classes to unhoused children since 2023.

NONPROFIT PARTNER: BROWN GIRLS DO BALLET

GRANTED $2,500



WOMEN UNITED

VOLUSIA COUNTY

Women United Volusia continues to strengthen our community by supporting women, children, and families through fundraising, volunteerism, and hands-on service.



2025 WOMEN UNITED VOLUSIA

POWER OF THE PURSE

For 22 years, Power of the Purse has brought women together to raise vital funds for families in need throughout Volusia County. At this year's event, we recognized the work of Carrie Torres, founder of Provision Packs.



Throughout the year, Women United Volusia raises funds to support families in need with an emphasis on single mothers. In 2025, the group donated more than $8,000 to local nonprofits and provided much-needed shoes to Volusia County children through Chicks for Kicks.

2025-2026 BOARD ROSTER:

Lauren Wilmot
Vice Chair

Goddess Lawrence
PoP Co-Chair

Darq Neimark
Marketing Chair

Stephanie Renick
Past Chair

Carleen Leffler
PoP Co-Chair

Melissa Parker
Membership/Social

Emily Elliott
Community Chair

Shelley Sloan
Secretary

Marissa Wilcox
Outreach Chair

Elaine Hawthorne
CIC Liaison

General Members

Kristen Johnson
Amy Kolis
Abbigail Mack
Lauren Abdela
Natalie Crooks-Paoletti
Alyssa Engdahl
Hunter Morrill
Karen O'Neill
Elizabeth Stockhammer



2025 WOMEN UNITED FLAGLER

WOMEN UNITED
FLAGLER COUNTY

18 YEARS OF IMPACT AND COMMUNITY

Women United Flagler continues to strengthen our community by supporting women, children, and families through fundraising, volunteerism, & hands-on service.

POWER OF THE PURSE

A signature event for 18 years, Power of the Purse brings our community together to support programs that uplift ALICE women and families across Flagler County. This year, Linda Mahran was recognized as our Woman of the Year, in honor of her generosity with the Flagler County community.

MAKING AN IMPACT ALL YEAR LONG

From supporting local nonprofits to collecting donations through Chicks With Cans, Women United Flagler is committed to raising funds for food security and supporting local food pantries.



2025-2026 COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Maryiotti Johnson
Kim Reigner-Klarich
Amy Dumas
Ann Briedenstein
Linda Mahran
Cindy Dalecki-Morrisey
Haylie Allegra
Ashley Katz
Linda Sanders
Bianca Lovett
Linda Miller
Sherry Morganstein
Carrie Clark
Tresa Bruns
Anna Crivelli
Kelly Scully
Barb Johanson
Nancy Walsh
Lynn McCormick

HOW WE GROW

ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

We invest in leadership, deepen our community presence, advocate for meaningful change, and commit to continuous learning—so we can better serve our neighbors today and for generations to come.



WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Amanda Lasecki, CF/UWVFC Chief Operating Officer, was honored at the Daytona Beach News Journal's 20th Anniversary Women in Business.

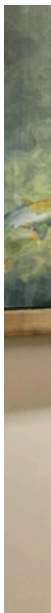
PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

Denise O'Toole Kelly, CF/UWVFC Community Investments Asst. Director participated in Futures Foundations' Principal for a Day at Champion Elementary.

AT THE TABLE

CF/UWVFC Board of Directors Member Tywan Arrington with CF/UWVFC President & CEO Courtney Edgcomb at the CF/UWVFC sponsored meeting with presenter Aaron Kaplowitz.







COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

CF/UWVFC is a Corporate Sponsor of the Flagler Tiger Bay Club

Flagler Tiger Bay Club Holiday Event CF/UWVFC teammates Amanda Lasecki, Chief Operating Officer, Ben Collins, Philanthropic Advisor, Courtney Edgcomb, President & CEO, Sheila Pillath Vice President of Development

LEARNING FORWARD

Emmanuel Kamel, Foundation Support Specialist, Barbara Tiplady, Development Senior Manager, and Cary Quinones, Community Investments Manager attend the Foundant Summit in Tampa.







CAPITOL DAYS 2026

Staff, board members, and volunteers from CF/UWVFC participated in United Way of Florida's Capitol Days in Tallahassee. Each year UWOF brings together United Ways across the state of Florida to educate them on the Legislative Consensus Agenda and provide an opportunity to meet with state elected officials.

Pictured: Barbara Tiplady, Development Senior Manager, Lauren Wilmot, Women United Volusia Chapter Chair, State Senator District 7 Tom Leek, Amanda Lasecki, CF/UWVFC Chief Operating Officer, Nicole Miller, Past CF/UWVFC Board Chair, Teresa Smith, Incoming CF/UWVFC Board Chair on the Florida Senate Chamber Floor.

ADVOCACY IN ACTION

Lauren Wilmot, Women United Volusia Chapter Chair, Amanda Lasecki, Chief Operating Officer, Florida State Representative District 29 Webster Barnaby, Catie Rosekelly, Community Impact Cabinet Vice Chair, Teresa Smith, Incoming CF/UWVFC Board Chair meet in Tallahassee.





UNITED AT THE CAPITOL

Lauren Wilmot, Women United Volusia Chapter Chair, Barbara Tiplady, Development Senior Manager, Catie Rosekelly, Community Impact Cabinet Vice Chair, Nicole Miller, Past CF/UWVFC Board Chair, Courtney Edgcomb, CF/UWVFC President & CEO, Amy Dumas, Women United Flagler Chapter Member, Teresa Smith, Incoming CF/UWVFC Board Chair, Maryiotti Johnson, Women United Flagler Chapter Member/Funded Partner on the Old Capitol Steps.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS

FROM PRESENCE TO IMPACT

Local partnerships help families stay safe, secure, and stable. Together, we provide relief today and build a stronger tomorrow.

94 HOUSEHOLDS HELPED $58,168.87 IN ASSISTANCE

Duke Energy Share the Light Fund provided $58,168.87 in utility assistance to 94 households, helping local families keep essential electric service in place during times of financial hardship.

27 ASSISTED $42,245.93 IN ASSISTANCE

The **Publix Emergency Fund** provided $42,245.93 in assistance to 27 individuals and households. Support included $33,559.45 for 21 Publix associates and $8,686.48 for six community households, helping families navigate unexpected financial hardship.



VOLUSIA
COUNTY

15,871
CALLS ANSWERED

345
TEXTS ANSWERED

345
VETERANS HELPED

211 - HERE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Through United Way 211, we listen, respond, and connect our neighbors to vital resources when and where they need it most.

VOLUSIA ANSWERS THE CALL

Volusia responded to a total of 15,871 calls for assistance on top of 345 texts. They also assisted 345 Veterans via the MyFLVet program.

3 Most asked for resource(s) or Top 3 Needs
1. Utility Assistance
2. Rent/Mortgage Assistance
3. Tax Preparation Assistance

FLAGLER
COUNTY

1,363
CALLS ANSWERED

90
TEXTS ANSWERED

50
VETERANS HELPED

FLAGLER STEPS UP

Flagler responded to a total of 1,363 calls for assistance on top of 90 texts. They also assisted 50 Veterans via the MyFLVet program.

3 Most asked for resource(s) or Top 3 Needs
1. Utility Assistance
2. Rent/Mortgage Assistance
3. Food Pantries

Denise O'Toole Kelly CF/UWVFC Community Investments Assistant Director, Lekesha Cerqua 211 Brevard Community Resource Database Team Lead, Libby Donoghue 211 Brevard Executive Director, Amanda Lasecki CF/UWVFC Chief Operating Officer, Cary Quinones CF/UWVFC Community Investments Manager at 211 Brevard



VITA - BUILDING FINANCIAL STABILITY TOGETHER

For over 20 years, CF/UWVFC's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program has helped residents file accurate returns, claim critical credits, and keep more of their hard-earned income. In that time, volunteers have completed more than 44,000 tax returns and returned over $50 million to local households — strengthening financial stability for thousands of families across Volusia and Flagler Counties. During the 2026 tax season alone, more than 100 trained volunteers contributed 5,000 hours of service, preparing 1,800 returns and generating more than $2.1 million in refunds.



VITA VOLUNTEERS AT THE END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION AT DAYTONA BEACH HOULIGAN'S

44,000+
RETURNS COMPLETED OVER 20 YEARS

$50M+
RETURNED TO LOCAL HOUSEHOLDS

5,000
VOLUNTEER HOURS DURING THE 2026 TAX SEASON

100+
TRAINED VOLUNTEERS

1,800+
RETURNS PREPARED IN 2026

$2.1M+
REFUNDS GENERATED IN THE 2026 TAX SEASON

"Thank you, VITA volunteers! I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciate all the time & effort you give!

Thank you so much & thank you for the difference you make!"



SOUTHEAST VOLUSIA CHAMBER LEADERSHIP PARTICIPANTS TAKE A WALK IN THE SHOES OF "ALICE"

ALICE - BUILDING FINANCIAL STABILITY TOGETHER

The report highlights the growing financial strains on the demographic known as ALICE® (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed). With income above the Federal Poverty Level but unable to afford basic expenses, 102,302 households across the two-county area were ALICE in 2024. When combined with households in poverty, the report reveals 44% of Volusia and Flagler County households fell below the ALICE Threshold of Financial Survival.

"The ALICE research shows that the affordability crisis is not new," said Stephanie Hoopes, Ph.D., National Director at United For ALICE. "Already stretched thin, ALICE families have no cushion for rising gas or utility costs — forcing tough tradeoffs with other necessities. That's the insight policymakers and community leaders need to build a stronger future for ALICE and all."

Housing costs are driving much of the strain. Statewide, Florida ALICE data shows 78% of renter households below the ALICE Threshold are cost-burdened, paying 30% or more of their income toward rent and utilities, and with nearly half paying 50% or more. As rental and homeowner costs in Volusia and Flagler Counties continue to climb, local housing stock has not kept pace, leaving many working households with little room to absorb rent increases, let alone save for emergencies.



Amanda Lasecki, CF/UWVFC Chief Operating Officer, facilitates ALICE simulation at Southeast Volusia Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Program.

The region's tourism and hospitality industry illustrates the gap between essential work and livable wages. Statewide, Accommodation and Food Services has the highest share of ALICE workers of any major industry sector, at 45%, and common occupations in that sector fall well below what it takes to make ends meet: Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners (66% below the ALICE Threshold), Cooks (53%), and Waiters and Waitresses (46%).

"Behind these numbers are families making impossible choices every day — between groceries and utilities, child care and rent," said Courtney Edgcomb, Community Foundation and United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties' President & CEO. "The ALICE data helps guide our work with partners across Volusia and Flagler Counties, so we can respond to immediate needs and help build stronger paths to stability."

The crux of the struggle for ALICE families is the gap between wages and expenses. In 2024, a family of four in Volusia County needed $80,484, and a family of four in Flagler County needed $82,176 just to cover the essentials. This is nearly three times the Federal Poverty Level of $31,200.

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OUR PEOPLE

ONE TEAM FOR ALL

Our dedicated team works every day to strengthen our community and create opportunities for all.



Courtney Edgcomb
President & CEO



Amanda Lasecki
Chief Operating Officer



Christina Patterson
VP of Development



Barbara Tiplady
Development Senior Manager



Veronica Brindley
Controller



Cary Quinones
Community Investments Manager



Denise O'Toole-Kelly
Community Investments Assistant Director



Sheri Lindblom
Office & Finance Assistant

CORPORATE PARTNERS

PARTNERS IN IMPACT

We are deeply grateful for the dedication and partnership of our 200+ corporate partners who stand with us. Your support drives our mission and makes a real impact in the lives of those we serve. We especially want to acknowledge and thank our top corporate partners for their outstanding commitment.

$500,000+

Publix

Publix Super Markets Charities

$45,000+

Brown & Brown Insurance

Root 75 Years

Intracoastal Bank
Invested. Innovative. Inspired.

NASCAR

$20,000+

FPL

Wells Fargo

Florida Blue

Space Coast Credit Union

$10,000+

Volusia County Schools

Volusia County Florida

Costco Wholesale

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