



UNITED WAY
West Central
Mississippi

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

EARLY CHILDHOOD SUPPORT

UWWCM, in partnership with Merit Health River Region, provides a free book and parenting resource manual to the families of approximately **600 newborns each year**.

We distributed books to **959 children** each month through Dolly Parton Imagination Library in partnership with Batesville Manufacturing. We have a total of **355 graduates** from the program

We provide every third grade student in Warren County with **four free books each year** in partnership with Ergon and Lorelei.

In partnership with Roger Wicker and Reading is fundamental, we were able to provide up to 6 free books to every middle school student in our service area.

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LITERACY

We facilitated SOAR United, a literacy intervention program that helped students **gain an average of 13.5 months of reading skills** over the course of the 2023-2024 school year.

With donations from Walmart, we were able to provide **hundreds of school supplies** to all local schools.

A total of **47,707 books** were placed in the hands of children.

We partner with the City of Vicksburg, Warren County Board of Supervisors, Wallace Foundation to coordinate and fund efforts at Vicksburg Warren County Youth Development Center. The mission is to **improve the quality of life for at-risk youth and their families**.



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ALICE HOUSEHOLDS

ALICE(Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) represents households that earn above the Federal Poverty Level but struggle to afford basic necessities like housing, food, healthcare, and transportation.

48% of households in our service area are ALICE, meaning they live paycheck to paycheck.

The Household Survival Budget (bare-minimum cost for a family of four) is **\$70,752 annually**, much higher than the Federal Poverty Level(\$27,750).

ALICE households form the backbone of the local workforce, including teachers, healthcare workers, and service industry employees. Without financial stability, both families and the local economy suffer.

HEALTHY COMMUNITY

SINGLECARE RX SAVINGS

In 2024, **225 patients** received discounted prescriptions and saved a total of **\$44,757.00**.

DIAPER DRIVE

We distributed **more than 3,000** and other baby supplies to local parents in need.

FOOD INSECURITY

Weekly donations from Walmart allowed us to furnish local non-profits & church outreach programs with perishable foods such as pastries, cakes, breads, premade sandwiches, and chickens.

Through the Emergency Food and Shelter program, UWWCM supported the food pantry at Jackson Street MB Church by donating **\$18,038.00**.



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FINANCIAL SECURITY

AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE

Through funding, United Way of West Central MS is able to assist in the costs of early education and after-school childcare to support working parents.

EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM

Through the Emergency Food and Shelter program, UWWCM provided **\$21,536 in emergency utility, rent, and mortgage assistance** to individuals throughout our community in partnership with Jackson Street M.B Church, local churches, and EFSP Program.

COMMUNITY RESILIENCY

DISASTER RELIEF

We raised and dispersed **over \$1.2 million in disaster relief funds** for the Rolling Fork community in 2023.

\$500,000 were earmarked to assist with the recovery of Rolling Fork.

As of December 31, 2024, in partnership with Delta Long Term Recovery Committee, we have been able to invest **\$175,000 for 21 families to now have safe and secure housing in the Rolling Fork community.** We continue to invest dollars into the community through the \$500,000 earmarked.