



## GIVING OPPORTUNITY *How You Can Help*

### MISSION UNITED

*Assisting Broward veterans as they acclimate to civilian life*

There are many challenges facing veterans and their families as they acclimate to civilian life. For example, more than 65% of veterans struggle with translating their military skills and experiences in a way hiring managers can understand. Veterans also self-report an underemployment rate which is up to 30% higher than civilians. As a result, veterans are twice as likely to become homeless during a crisis and experience homelessness twice as long as non-veterans. These are just a few of the difficulties facing our veterans.

United Way of Broward County realized veteran services were disjointed, hard to navigate and included program gaps, so they created MISSION UNITED.

#### Why MISSION UNITED?

MISSION UNITED is a critical program supporting U.S. military service members, veterans and their families in Broward County by helping them acclimate to civilian life.

Key focus areas include:

- Housing Support
- Employment Services
- Education
- Legal Assistance
- Health
- Financial Stability

MISSION UNITED provides this comprehensive support through a 24 hour hotline (954-4-UNITED) and via the website [MissionUnitedBroward.org](http://MissionUnitedBroward.org). Veterans or family members receive a case manager who evaluates their needs and works with them to ensure they receive the services they have earned.



### IN THEIR OWN WORDS

*"Every day I go to work and try to make everyone who has supported MISSION UNITED proud. My life is forever changed."*

– FRANCISCO

*"If it hadn't been for MISSION UNITED, I don't know how it would be right now as far as working and taking care of my family."*

– CHRISTINA

*"Thanks to MISSION UNITED we are now sitting in our home. That's how we escaped homelessness."*

– DENNIS



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### How We Are Changing Lives

- Since inception, more than 7,000 veterans and their families have been served through MISSION UNITED
- More than 4,062 hours of pro bono legal services have been provided at a value of more than \$1.2M
- MISSION UNITED ensured housing stability for 3,006 veterans through rapid rehousing and homeless prevention services
- More than 1,762 veterans and their spouses have received employment services to increase financial stability.

### How You Can Help

The need is great since so many veterans struggle to acclimate to their community. Additional dollars are needed to expand the program and its services throughout Broward County, ensuring every veteran receives the support they have earned.

- \$1,100** Assist one veteran with one month of rent during a financial crisis
- \$500** Provide a homeless veteran and family with up to one week of emergency shelter
- \$365** Assist one veteran with general household expenses as they transition
- \$100** Provide a grocery gift card
- \$50** Provide a gasoline card for a veteran seeking employment



### Join others in supporting MISSION UNITED:

- JM Family Enterprises, Inc.
- American Express Foundation
- Nova Southeastern University
- Holland & Knight LLP

## COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

United Way of Broward County fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in our community.

**Health:** Ensuring people have the opportunity to achieve optimal health

**Education:** Helping people achieve their greatest potential through learning and leadership programs

**Financial Stability:** Empowering people to earn, keep and grow assets