

GIVING OPPORTUNITY

How You Can Help

MISSION UNITED

Assisting Broward veterans as they re-acclimate to civilian life

There are many challenges facing veterans and their families as they re-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 US military service members, veterans and their families in Broward County by helping them re-acclimate to civilian life. Key focus areas include:

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

MISSION UNITED provides this comprehensive support through a 24 hour hotline (954-4-UNITED) and via the website 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 its inception, more than 4,000 veterans and their families have been served through MISSION UNITED
- Free legal services have been provided to more than 1,580 clients
- MISSION UNITED assisted nearly 350 veterans and their spouses with career resources including resume assistance, interview skills training and referrals to employment opportunities
- More than 590 households were served through Supportive Services for Veteran Families a Homeless prevention grant

How You Can Help

The need is great since so many veterans call Broward County home. Additional dollars are needed to expand the program and its services throughout Broward County and to ensure every veteran receives the help and support they have earned.

- \$1,000** Assist one veteran with one month of rent to bridge the gap of an unexpected break in employment
- \$500** Provide a veteran and family with up to one week of emergency shelter
- \$365** Assist one veteran with unexpected financial difficulties, such as a utility bill
- \$100** Provide a meal gift card for a veteran's family
- \$50** Provide a gas card for a veteran seeking employment



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 Nova Southeastern University
 Comcast
 Sun Sentinel

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 early learning and leadership programs

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