

# **How Your Donation Helps**

When you give to United Way, you directly support programs and service that transform lives.

You can be a part of our collective impact:

## 211 HELPLINE – CONNECTING PEOPLE TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES

United Way's 211 Helpline is a free, confidential resource connecting people in need to critical human services like housing, food, childcare, and mental health support. In 2024, Community Navigators answered over 19,000 calls and made over 21,000 referrals; This lifeline ensures that anyone facing hardship knows where to turn for help. Usage of this service increased tremendously in the last two years, reflecting both increased needs and efforts to inform the community about 211.

I was having trouble affording groceries. I called 211 for help and was told about ARPA funds. With that resource, I was able to purchase a week's worth of groceries along with items for Thanksgiving. This information helped me when I really needed it.





## **FAMILY ADVOCACY SUPPORT**

Nationally, one in three women and one in seven men are victims of some form of domestic violence, which means that in the Albuquerque metro area, approximately 80,000 women and 30,000 men are victims of domestic violence each year.

More than 5,900 people sought services at FAC last year. Victims receive a wide array of supports, like shelter, food and clothing,

physical safety, physical and mental health attention, advocacy and legal support, and ultimately opportunities for sustainable, positive change. FAC mitigates the effects of domestic violence and strengthens the path to resiliency.

Those who visit the FAC have access to services from the Albuquerque Police Department as well as the following agencies: Domestic Violence Resource Center, NM Children, Youth & Families Department, NM Legal Aid, NM Rape Crisis Center, Para Los Niños, and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners.



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#### TAX HELP NEW MEXICO

Tax Help New Mexico offers free tax preparation services to New Mexico households with an annual income of \$67,000 or less. Tax Help relies on 190 volunteer tax preparers who work at 23 regional sites. In 2024, they completed 9,433 returns, resulting in \$16.2 million in refunds/credits returned to New Mexicans, which allows families to build their financial stability and contributes to New Mexico's economy.

Tax Help NM also offers Money Matters, a financial education program supporting family stability. These free, FDIC approved courses teach participants how to manage their money and make smart decisions about saving and planning for retirement. The Money Matters core curriculum includes budgeting basics, smart credit management, banking and borrowing. These one-hour sessions are offered online or in person. The curriculum can be customized based on specific needs, such as adding additional topics around small business, buying a home or managing debt.



The most common comment I get is, 'I didn't think I had to file because I'm low income,' and that's correct—they don't have to file. But they're unaware of a New Mexico low-income rebate. Tax Help NM ensures they don't miss out on potential refunds they're entitled to, putting money back into their pockets.

- Delores Garcia, THNM Volunteer

# UWNCNM programs create a ripple effect of positive change:

- Healthy Communities everyone has access to the resources they need to be healthy and safe community spaces
- Youth Opportunity students develop skills to realize their full potential in school and beyond, including meaningful work-based learning experiences to prepare students for success
- Financial Stability building skills towards increasing earning potential and lifting families out of poverty
- Community Resiliency residents are housed, children and families don't worry about going hungry, and there are emergency supports and services for our neighbors in need

By donating to United Way, you're supporting a network of local programs that solve real problems and create lasting solutions. Together, we can build a strong, healthier, more resilient community.

### **COMMUNITY GRANTS**

UWNCNM'S Community Investment Grants distribute over \$2 million dollars per year to support agencies working towards collective impact. Embracing the principles of Trust-Based Philanthropy, UWNCNM's grants not only fund critical needs and services, but support agencies beyond the check to build relationships and capacity in our nonprofit community.

UWNCNM funds agencies that align with local priorities in our Impact areas:





**Healthy Community** 

Improving health and wellbeing for all



**Financial Security** 

Creating a stronger financial future for every generation



Youth Opportunity

Healing young people realize their full potential



Community Resilienc

Addressing urgent needs today for a better tomorrow

#### **Grantee Outcomes**

In FY24, UWNCNM's Community Investments funded 81 organizations who served 230,450 individuals across our Impact areas, including:

School Readiness – 10,245 individuals impacted, including 465 elementary students supported by over 355 volunteers, who saw their reading scores increase by 10% – 40% more than non-participating peers.

Equitable Health Related Services – 6,967 individuals impacted, including over 100 disabled veterans and their families, who report reduced alcohol consumption, better sleep, and spending more time with family and friends.

Community Safety – 17,767 individuals impacted, including counseling for 242 and case management for 546 survivors of interpersonal violence and trafficking.



704,670

This of food distributed



15,258,614 meals served



360 monthly food boxes



123
families permanently
housed



**894** individuals housed



emergency rental assistance to tenants



3,400 unhoused individuals receiving healthcare



crisis intervention and intensive behavioral health



1,320 families housed during medical emergencies



2,838
pairs of shoes for students in need



**300** unhoused individuals receiving comprehensive case management



basic needs supplies for drop-in youth