

Carson's Gift to the Community



Eagle Scout Carson Harvell built a half-mile educational trail for the North Carolina Forest Service, and an information kiosk that demonstrates forest management techniques to school groups.

Through **Boy Scouts**, Carson has developed skills, built character, and learned valuable life lessons that will guide him the rest of his life.



Because of your United Way dollars, hundreds of young people in Randolph County benefit from Boy Scout programs every year.

Jack's Rescue

When Jack's truck overturned and pinned him in the cab, **Ash-Rand Rescue** knew exactly what to do.



After securing the truck's hazardous waste cargo, their highly skilled team brought in a mobile crane to lift the cab so rescuers could free Jack and get him to a hospital.

Without **Ash-Rand**, Jack would likely not have survived the accident.

Your United Way dollars helped provide Ash-Rand Rescue with the equipment, the training, and the skilled rescue team to save Jack's life

For information, call 336-625-3354



Fresh Vegetables!

4-H found a creative way to help students grow a garden while COVID kept them learning virtually at home.

Students received **4-H Gardening Kits** , with soil, seeds and peat pots, a video showing how to plant and how to use garden tools, information about agriculture's impact in Randolph County, and careers in agriculture.

Besides learning how plants and seeds grow, students provided fresh vegetables and flowers for their families.

Your United Way dollars helped 4-H provide these Gardening Kits to 1,232 5th graders in Randolph County.

For information, call 336-318-6005



Meet Bonnie



Bonnie lost her job because of COVID, and she was about to lose her home, too.

*At **CUOC**, Bonnie found the help and support she needed to avoid eviction, apply for unemployment, and get caught up on her rent and utilities. She even found a new job.*

*Without **CUOC**, Bonnie would have lost everything, and had nowhere to go.*

Thanks to your United Way donations, CUOC is there to help people like Bonnie get back on their feet and become financially stable and self-sufficient.



For information, call 336-625-1500

Showering Safely

*After **RCS Home Care** installed grab bars in her shower, the frail 90-year-old finally felt she could shower safely, and not have to take sponge baths all the time.*



Being able to provide her own personal care meant that she could continue living independently longer, in her own home.

*Thanks to **RCS**, something as simple as a grab bar made a huge difference in her quality of life.*

*With your United Way dollars, **RCS Home Care** can continue helping the disabled elderly age well and safely at home.*



Healthy Kids

What do new outdoor learning and play spaces, family-style dining, fat-free milk, and lots of fruits and veggies have in common?



*All were inspired by **The Partnership for Children's SHAPE NC** program, and are daily practices at Hopewell Elementary School's Honeycomb Kids pre-school.*

SHAPE NC *inspires good health and healthy habits in even the youngest children, giving them a good foundation for success in school and life.*

Your United Way donations help The Partnership for Children ensure that all children enter school healthy and ready to learn.



Trynitee's "YMCA Family"



*Trynitee had been going to the **YMCA** with her dad since she was 5 years old, but when he died unexpectedly, her life turned upside-down.*

*Instead of being at home with her family, she begged to be with her **"YMCA Family."***

*Her family could no longer afford full membership, but thanks to a **YMCA** Financial Aid Scholarship, Trynitee will still be able to attend the **Y**, which has always been such a positive part of her life.*

The YMCA needs your United Way donations to continue recreational and fitness programs for all ages, and classes for the physically and developmentally handicapped.

For Information, call 336-625-1976



Our Place Adult Day Care

*When he first came to **Our Place**, he struggled to overcome his anxiety in a new environment.*



*With time and patience, **Our Place** staff helped calm his anxiety and fears.*

*Now he is in a comfortable routine, is involved with **Our Place's** many activities, and feels right at home.*

***Our Place** offers a place where he can be happy and safe. His family caregivers can continue working, or simply have some time to themselves.*



Because of your United Way dollars, Our Place Adult Day Care is there to provide families with daytime relief from full-time care giving.

For information, call 336-629-3787

Food for Anderson

With school out for the summer, more students than ever needed food. Anderson was one of them.



*COVID restrictions limited face-to-face deliveries, but **Communities in Schools** still made sure students had enough to eat. **CIS** brought in additional help to organize, pack, and deliver two-weeks worth of food bags at a time to 104 students and families.*

*Without **Summer Backpack Pals**, there would have been many days when Anderson would have been hungry.*

Communities in Schools depends on your United Way contributions to provide weekend and summer food for students who do not have enough to eat at home.



Loving Care for My Wife



I am 75, and I am the primary caregiver for my wife.

*I want keep her at home instead of in a nursing home, but I would not be able to do it without help from **RCS Home Care**. When our **RCS Home Care** worker is here, she does more than help me take better care of my wife. It gives me a break so I can leave home and take care of other necessary tasks.*

I don't know what we would do without her.

Your United Way contributions help RCS provide in-home assistance and minor home repairs, enabling the disabled elderly to remain comfortably in their own homes.

For assistance, call 336-629-5141



Riding RCATS Again

*As a little girl, she often rode **RCATS** with her stepmother. Years later, at a low point in her life, she needed transportation to vital appointments and began riding **RCATS** again.*



*Today, she lives alone, but with help from **RCATS**, she can still get to the places she needs to go—medical appointments, the grocery store, shopping, or an occasional meal with friends.*

*Without **RCATS**, she and many others would not be able to access vital services or meet their own basic needs.*

With your United Way contributions, RCATS enables local people to access community services or accomplish activities necessary for daily living.

For information, call 336-625-3389



One Day at a Time

*Eighteen months ago, he was an addict in treatment at **Path of Hope**. Next, he spent a year in a halfway house. Then he enrolled in college.*

*All along, he continued to stay in touch with **Path of Hope**, and when there was an employment vacancy, he asked for a chance at the job.*

*Today, he is still a full-time college student, and is also a fulltime night shift employee at **Path of Hope Mangum House**—the house where he had felt the most safe.*

Because of your United Way contribution, Path of Hope can offer those suffering from addiction an opportunity to focus on recovery in a safe environment.

For information, call 336-248-8914



Fire Burns Eight Apartments

The American Red Cross Disaster Team faced a huge challenge when eight families lost their homes in an apartment building fire.



*By partnering with the schools, Salvation Army, Communities in Schools, Goodwill, and the Asheboro Police and Fire departments, **Red Cross** secured school supplies, clothing, and backpacks for the children, and motel rooms, food, furniture, and financial aid for the families.*

Red Cross continued with the families for the next three weeks until all 37 victims were relocated in new apartments or homes.

Your United Way dollars help prepare and equip Red Cross to respond quickly and effectively when disaster strikes.



American Red Cross

Treating His Diabetes

Even though he had no health insurance, he received the medical help he needed at **MERCE**.

Using grant funding from United Way, **MERCE** tested his A1c on his first visit and diagnosed his diabetes right away. Starting on insulin immediately reduced his risk of complications and/or death.

With close monitoring over the next three months, **MERCE** helped him meet the goal of stabilizing his A1c levels within the normal range.

MERCE uses your United Way donations to provide diabetic screening and treatment for uninsured or underinsured patients.

For assistance, call 336-672-1300



No Longer Alone

*"Miss D" lives with her son and daughter-in-law, but they both work, so she is alone all day. The **Senior Adult Center** keeps her from going "stir crazy".*



*At the **Senior Adult Center**, she has found new friends and activities she really enjoys, especially the chair exercises and music therapy. At lunch, having a meal with friends keeps her from just eating a sandwich alone.*

Being with people and having nutritious food gives her something to look forward to each day, and helps her maintain her overall good health.

With United Way donations, Randolph Senior Adults Association provides transportation, meals, outreach, advocacy, and support services for seniors and their families.

For information, call 336-625-3389



Meet Zaidyn

Zaidyn is reading at grade level because of after-school programs at the **Boys and Girls Club**.

With no in-person instruction since March 2020, the 2nd grader was struggling with reading, math, and completing his assignments.

At the **Boys and Girls Club**, Zaidyn had extra support three hours a day, and a teacher to help him with online assignments. The **Club's Achieve 3000** and **Smarty Ants** program helped him build his phonological skills.

Zaidyn's latest report card shows him reading at grade level with accuracy, fluency, and expression, with grade-level skills that help him decode words.

Because of your United Way dollars, Central Boys and Girls Club is there to help students like Zaidyn succeed in school and life.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

A Home for Her Boys

*She came to **The Salvation Army** for food, but she actually needed more.*



She and her two sons had recently been evicted. She was living in her car, but her boys were living with friends so they could still go to school.

***The Salvation Army** approved a two night motel stay, and then contacted her DSS/HUD caseworker.*

Together, they were able to fast-track her application for HUD's Rapid Rehousing program, and now she and her boys are together again in safe housing.

The Salvation Army uses your United Way contributions to provide food and clothing for the needy, fuel assistance in the winter, and disaster relief.

For assistance, call 336-625-0551



Bad Secrets

The **CARE** Program gave him the courage to report being abused, even after three years.

In his 2nd grade **CARE** class, he had learned the difference between good secrets and bad secrets.

Three years later, he was being abused at home, but his parent had warned him not to tell anyone. He remembered from **CARE** that this was not a good secret to keep.

He reported his abuse to his school's SRO, and the case was immediately investigated by the authorities.

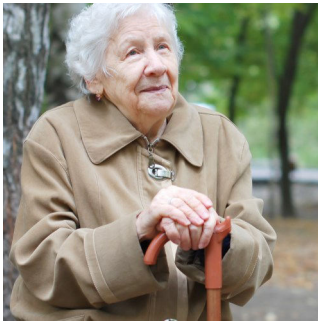
*CARE depends on your United Way dollars to help bring the **Child Abuse Reduction Effort** program to every 2nd grader in Randolph County.*

For assistance, call 336-318-6791



Helping Caregivers Cope

Between her own health issues and her husband's Alzheimer's, she was at the end of her rope.



*At **The RSAA Information and Options** office, she found reassurance, information, and resources for help. Staff made sure her Medicare plan was a good fit, and used CARES Act funds for caregiver and monthly incontinence supplies for her husband.*

They also provided referrals to the VA, the RCS In-Home Aide Program, and Project Care for dementia support.

Thanks to your United Way donations, the I & O Service at Randolph Senior Adults Association can offer seniors much-needed assistance with Medicare plans, caregiver options, and referrals.

For assistance, call 336-625-3389 x235



Safe From Harm

Juana speaks limited English. She has two young daughters and a long history of abuse by her husband.



After one especially violent incident, she filed for a Domestic Violence Protective Order.

Legal Aid NC's Spanish-speaking attorney represented her. She was able to communicate with a Spanish speaking paralegal and her attorney in the language she was most comfortable using.

The Court granted her a DVPO and full custody of her children.

Your United Way donations help Legal Aid provide civil legal assistance to low-income individuals who lack the means to employ private legal counsel.



Camp for My Boys

*We have grown to love the family-oriented environment at the **YMCA**.*



*My boys attend **Summer Camp**, and I see how it empowers young people, the ways families have fun together, and how it promotes a healthy mind, body and spirit.*

*With the help of a **YMCA** scholarship, my boys can continue **Summer Camp**, and we can all join a positive environment that can help us gain our full potential.*

The YMCA Uses your United Way dollars to nurture the potential of every child, and to bring families together through fitness, sports, fun, and shared interests.



Feeding My Grandchildren

When COVID closed schools, many children who depend on school meals didn't have enough to eat at home.



*A school social worker contacted **CIS** about a family new to the area. The grandparents were caring for 6 grandchildren attending 3 local schools. Without school meals, they were struggling to feed the children.*

*Fortunately, **CIS Backpack Pals** could respond and begin regular food deliveries right away. The grandmother was so grateful for this help, and thankful that her grandchildren had plenty of nutritious food.*

Backpack Pals needs your United Way dollars to provide weekend food for hungry children so they have a better chance of succeeding in school.

For assistance, call 336-625-0008



Girls Take Action

Girl Scouts learn the value of leadership and service to the community.



Through one of their **Take Action Projects** to benefit the community, **Brownie Troop 1945** learned that children entering the foster care system needed basic supplies. The young **Scouts** connected with Project 82 and donated 40 backpacks filled with items to help other children as they enter the foster care system.

Through **Girl Scouts**, young girls build character and strong values, and develop leadership skills that will last them the rest of their lives.

Thanks to your United Way donation, Girl Scout programs benefit more than 400 girls every year in Randolph County.

For information, call 336-672-2148



Meals and Smiles

*Once every two weeks, she wakes up, has her coffee, gets all dressed up, and waits in the kitchen until her **Meals-on-Wheels** delivery arrives.*



She loves having the nutritious meals on hand, but she really looks forward to chatting with the delivery volunteers. Often, they are the only visitors she has for weeks.

*A friendly face, a few minutes to chat, and having someone look in on them, gives seniors something to look forward to and helps fight the loneliness that so many experience. **Meals-on-Wheels** feeds their spirits as well as their bodies.*

Without United Way funding, Meals-on-Wheels would not be able to provide home-delivered meals to many older or homebound adults .

