



Photograph of Warinanco Park in Elizabeth, NJ



"As a human services organization committed to overcoming barriers, finding solutions and providing organizations with the resources needed to solve problems, it is through those that care that help us continue impacting lives."

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Community *Champions!* Spring 2017

Every family, every community needs champions to stand up for them. At **United Way of Greater Union County**, we are proud to support all those who work to strengthen our communities. At a time when state and federal funding for important community programs has greatly decreased, organizations like ours are stepping up to play an even larger role.

We hope that after you've read about a few of the lives we've helped to strengthen, you'll **Stand With Us** and support our efforts in continuing to make lasting sustainable change in our communities.

Best Wishes,

United Way of
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In Our Communities



A Saving G.R.A.C.E.

Every town we serve has challenges we are able to meet. In the city of Summit, it may surprise many that an estimated 500 to 600 children do not have enough to eat on a daily basis. Last year, 15% of all enrolled students in Summit schools were eligible for free or reduced lunch. United Way, partnering with other community organizations, has assisted in the food relief program, GRACE (Giving and Receiving Assistance for our Community's Essentials). The GRACE Refrigerator opened on September 11, 2016 and provides Summit



residents with a weekly supply of free fresh foods. In the first 5 months, we have provided 16,091 pounds of fresh produce, dairy, bread, and prepared food to 2,929 residents of whom 1,653 are children and 132 are senior citizens. With your support we can ensure no family in Summit goes hungry!

Changing Lives

Denise's Story

Denise, a single mother of three, found it hard to provide for her children while working full-time. In partnership with the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, United Way-funded JFK Family Success Center has given her the tools she needs to make a better life for her two sons and daughter. The organization has helped her manage child care, resume building and have access to new opportunities she might not have otherwise. Crediting the JFK Family Success Center, Denise says, "I always recommend them to people, You never know [how they can help you] unless you go there."

Eman's Story

One of the many people we've been proud to lend a hand to is a remarkable young woman named Eman. She came to the United States from Egypt in 2012, fleeing difficult circumstances that forced her to start a new life. Coming to the United Way-funded James Kellogg Multicultural Family Success Center, a Focus on Families Initiative (in partnership with the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders) changed Eman's life; their team helped her with critical job and life skills that enabled her to succeed. She is now an office manager at a doctor's office. She thanks all who had a special hand in giving her the chance to start her new life.



Will You Be A Champion?

Here are just a few examples of the thousands of residents that have United Way in their corner. With your help, we will continue building stronger families and stronger communities!



Yes! I want to be a Community Champion and help make a difference!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

☐ Enclosed, is my check in the amount of \$ _____ CHECK# _____

☐ Please charge my credit card:

Card# _____ Mastercard _____ Visa _____ Amex _____

Expires: _____

Signature: _____

☐ I would also like to sign up to receive regular updates from United Way of Greater Union County. Please email me at: _____

☐ \$25 ☐ \$50
☐ \$100 ☐ \$200
☐ \$500 ☐ \$ _____

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