



How your United Way donation makes a difference in **BASIC NEEDS**



United Way
of Southeastern Connecticut

GOAL:

All individuals have their basic needs met.



4,287

received emergency services such as shelter, housing, and employment support



850

individuals diverted from shelter as a result of funds United Way leveraged to help at five community partners



Meet a single father. He entered Covenant Shelter with his 11-month-old son. The mother had simply left one day, taking their few valuables with her. With no one at home to care for the child, he was unable to keep his job and they became homeless. Temporary housing at the shelter was only the beginning. He was quickly linked to employment services, and soon secured a job. Grant funds were used to purchase work shoes and work clothes. He was provided bus vouchers for transportation, and, most importantly, the shelter paid for childcare so that he could work knowing his son was safe. Utilizing available local housing funds, the family received financial assistance to secure an apartment at an affordable rent. The result is that this father and son now live in a safe, stable, two-bedroom apartment, complete with a fenced in yard, back deck, and a front porch. Best of all, their new home is affordable. They are happy, thriving, and spending time together.

Highlights of our work for BASIC NEEDS:

- More than \$715,000 invested
- 4,585 service encounters provided through our Partner Programs such as homeless shelters, transportation, disaster service, transitional housing, emergency food, and rent and utility assistance
 - 95% of individuals that received emergency shelter assistance were secure for at least six months after
 - 73.6% of individuals were able to secure housing within 45 days

Programs funded in Basic Needs through Allocations are: **Covenant Shelter of New London; Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center; Jewish Federation of Eastern CT; and the New London Homeless Hospitality Center.**

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LEVERAGING FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY

United Way has participated in Grantmaking for the Coordinated Access Network:

- Leveraging \$2 million in State and Federal grants for the community.
- Funds are distributed to local nonprofits.
- Funds will be used for rental and housing assistance and stabilization services.