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One person  
can make a difference  
and every person should try.  
John F. Kennedy



See what you can do.

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# MILE HIGH UNITED WAY BELIEVES IN THE POWER OF ONE



## ONE Person, ONE Family, ONE Company, ONE Community.

To create a stronger and more vital community, we focus on School Readiness, Youth Success and Adult Self-Sufficiency: the building blocks for a good quality of life.

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

## WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO



Mile High United Way

For more than 120 years,  
Mile High United Way has been a catalyst for change.

Today we work with hundreds of local nonprofit partners, government agencies, policy-makers and businesses to deliver services in three key areas of investment:



### School Readiness

Young children in low-income families have access to quality early education programs and enter school ready to succeed.



### Youth Success

School age, low-income and at-risk students succeed academically and graduate from high school.



### Adult Self-Sufficiency

Individuals and families are afforded the opportunity to move toward economic self-sufficiency.

**OUR VISION:** A community united to create better opportunities for all.

**OUR MISSION:** Uniting people, ideas and resources to advance the common good.

**OUR APPROACH:** Mile High United Way lives at the intersection of the private, public, philanthropic, and nonprofit sectors.

**We:**

- Are community builders, leaders, unifiers and champions
- Are connectors and information and resource brokers
- Inspire philanthropic investments
- Serve those who need support in creating better opportunities for themselves and their families
- Celebrate those who make a commitment to give, advocate and volunteer

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**SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO.**

One person, like you, can make a difference.

**When you donate you do more than improve the lives of others, you inspire hope.**

**GIVE.**

Mile High United Way works with hundreds of local nonprofit partners, government agencies and businesses to deliver services in three key areas of investment.

**When you raise your voice for honesty, truth and compassion, you are changing lives.**

**ADVOCATE.**

Mile High United Way works at the local, state and federal levels to advocate on behalf of children, at-risk youth and low-income individuals and families.

**When you reach out a hand to one, you influence the condition of all.**

**VOLUNTEER.**

Mile High United Way mobilizes thousands of volunteers annually to make a difference in our community.



# 30% OF COLORADO'S 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADERS CAN'T READ AT GRADE LEVEL



## Children who start behind stay behind.

Children in poverty hear 30 million fewer words before they reach kindergarten than their wealthier peers. Learning begins at birth.

## YOU CAN HELP A CHILD

enter school ready for a lifetime of learning.  
Your support provides children from low-income families with quality early childhood education.

## School Readiness Initiative

### SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO.

Thanks to support from individuals like you, 44,000 young children are receiving quality early childhood education.

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# 22% OF COLORADO'S HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DON'T GRADUATE



**Every nine seconds a student drops out of school.**

Each year dropouts cost taxpayers and businesses millions of dollars. Dropouts earn \$10,000 less annually than those with a high school diploma.

**YOU CAN HELP A YOUNG PERSON** graduate from high school prepared for higher education and for life. Your support provides at-risk students with the tools they need to graduate.

**Youth Success Initiative**

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Thanks to support from individuals like you, 41,000 at-risk students are succeeding academically.

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# 60% of Colorado's Homeless are Women and Their Children

Colorado has the fastest growing rate of child poverty in the U.S.

More than 48,000 working families live in poverty and don't earn enough to meet basic needs: child care, clothing, health care, housing and transportation without assistance.

**You can help a family** become financially stable and self-sufficient. Your support provides struggling families with the resources they need to create better opportunities for themselves and their families.



## Adult Self-Sufficiency Initiative

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Thanks to support from individuals like you, 460,000 low-income individuals and families are moving toward self-sufficiency and stability.

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# 2-1-1 CONNECTS THOUSANDS OF COLORADOANS IN NEED



**150,000 people call Mile High United Way's 2-1-1 each year to get the help they need.**

- 2-1-1 provides one free phone number to call to get help
- 2-1-1 is staffed with trained, bilingual referral specialists
- 2-1-1 is available 24 hours-a-day/7 days-a-week
- 2-1-1 provides thousands of programs and services with just one phone call



## **We Listen and Connect.**

Thanks to support from individuals like you, tens of thousands of people turned to us for help finding rental and utility assistance, transportation, and food.

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# YOU ARE PART OF THE CHANGE

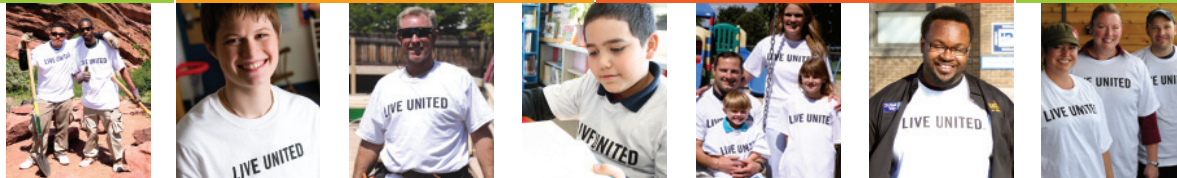


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## Choose to change our community.

Each of us has a passion to make a difference. Mile High United Way harnesses the power of collective giving to unite people, ideas and resources to advance the common good. We make it easy for you to donate by providing automatic payroll deduction, a one-time donation option or quick-access online giving.

<p>When you donate</p>  <p><b>\$12</b> PER MONTH \$150 per year</p>	<p>When you donate</p>  <p><b>\$20</b> PER MONTH \$240 per year</p>	<p>When you donate</p>  <p><b>\$72</b> PER MONTH \$864 per year</p>	<p>When you donate</p>  <p><b>\$84</b> PER MONTH \$1,000 per year</p>
<p>=</p> <p><b>28 meals for homeless seniors.</b></p> <p>Or you could buy one latte per week for 1 month.</p>	<p>=</p> <p><b>134 hours of academic support for a low-income student.</b></p> <p>Or you could eat lunch out once a week for 1 month.</p>	<p>=</p> <p><b>1 month of quality childhood education for an aspiring preschooler.</b></p> <p>Or you could take four people out for one movie night per month.</p>	<p>=</p> <p><b>1 month of rental assistance for a struggling family.</b></p> <p>Or you could play one round of golf per month.</p>



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