We are proud to be a source of support, compassion, and hope for people who work hard but still can't make ends meet. We make communities more livable, opportunities more equal, families more stable, and lives better for those who call Central Maryland home.

Your gift to United Way supports:

**211 MARYLAND UNITED WAY HELPLINE**
Our 24-hour, free, confidential helpline answered more than 160,000 calls this past year, helping us direct our efforts to meet the needs of our community.

**EDUCATION**
There are districts in our region where up to 40% of students won't graduate from high school. Our education work puts students on the right track to earn a diploma and achieve their dreams. We help narrow the digital divide as many educational institutions have gone virtual, creating even more challenges for low-income families.

**EMPLOYMENT**
We work with our neighbors to reduce the need for assistance and remove obstacles keeping them from a job that pays the bills. Our workforce programs include specialized work initiatives with veterans and homeless persons.

**HOUSING**
Through services and partnerships, we work to rapidly rehouse those who have lost their homes and prevent homelessness for countless others, helping to reduce rent costs and waive security deposits.

**HEALTH**
We work with schools to make sure that students have nutritious meals, partner with local farms, support neighborhood fruit and vegetable gardens, and distribute meals to those in need.

New opportunities to give back:

**COVID-19 COMMUNITY FUND**
We’re helping Central Maryland respond, recover, and rebuild during the COVID-19 pandemic, including bridging the digital divide for families and providing mental health support.

**EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE**
Supporting equity and social justice will help us address inequities in United Way Neighborhood Zones, ensure educational equity for all students, including young men of color, and fund organizations focused on addressing racial inequity.
United Way of Central Maryland lives and breathes this region. Thanks to our extensive network of partners, supporters, and volunteers, United Way is prepared like no other organization to translate philanthropy into meaningful, lasting change.

We focus on what's needed, where it's needed, investing in programs and people making a difference in Baltimore and the surrounding counties.

Let us connect you with the causes you care about most and ensure your dollars go as far as possible for our Greater Baltimore communities and neighbors in need.

**Briana** was a member of the United Way Neighborhood Zone in Brooklyn's first high school graduation class of teen parents. Today, she's a nursing student at Baltimore City Community College.

Read her full story and others at [uwcm.org/WhyGive](http://uwcm.org/WhyGive).

**What your gift can do.**

- **$20** Provides an eye exam and glasses for one person.
- **$60** Buys six healthy, nutritious meals for a family in need.
- **$150** Provides comprehensive dental care, including X-rays, and emergency and preventative care.
- **$250** Gives five kids computer tablets to help them bridge the digital divide.
- **$400** Buys supplies for stress relief kits for 20 students.

Your donation will improve lives and neighborhoods across Central Maryland.

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