

United Way of Calvert County

Improving Lives and Building a Stronger Community...

...One Success Story At A Time

Building Bridges to Success for Children & Youth

A teen with a turbulent family life, Jessica was moved around from foster care to relatives, until one day all her possessions were tossed in trash bags and abandoned on the front porch. Her father suffered from alcohol and drug abuse, and was serving jail time from driving without a license. Odds are that Jessica would follow in his foot steps, but her mentor, Mimi, from Big Brothers Big Sisters helped her see a different path. Mimi was a constant for Jessica, always providing compassion and support in a whirlwind of changing homes, schools and friends. Jessica has triumphed against the odds by avoiding drugs, and excelling in school.

United Way focuses on goals like fostering youth development so that positive RESULTS like Jessica's are a reality.

Meeting Basic Human Needs

Reading is a fundamental in life that many take for granted. Several years ago, Jake was an illiterate single father, raising a teenage son. He struggled with alcohol abuse, and for fear of getting into a car accident, let his license lapse. When he was ready to quit drinking, he visited the Calvert County Literacy Council for help with reading so he could take the drivers test. His tutoring led to success on his test, which in turn gave him confidence to change other areas of life- securing a higher paying job, opening a bank account, and moving into a nicer home.

United Way wants to ensure that everyone in our COMMUNITY has a strong personal foundation from which to build upon and thrive.

Fostering Family Health & Safety

Individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities have struggled over time to get the social equality they deserve. Although both of his parents are deceased, Mike, aged 52, leads an independent and fulfilling life, as a result of the at-home medical support and care he receives from the Arc of Southern Maryland. With his medications and meals safely managed, Mike spends his time as a productive citizen in our community- working as a laborer at the Calvert County landfill, and in his spare-time building model railroads.

United Way PARTNERS with agencies, such as the Arc of Southern Maryland, so that people with disabilities can achieve their greatest potential.

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