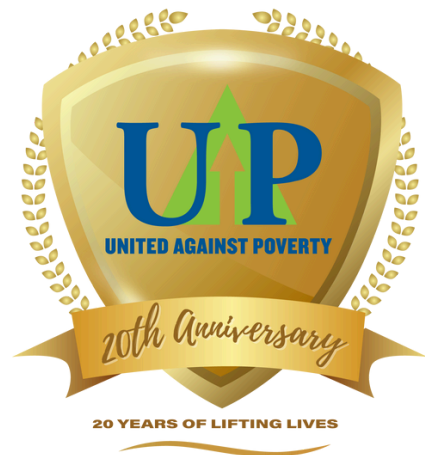


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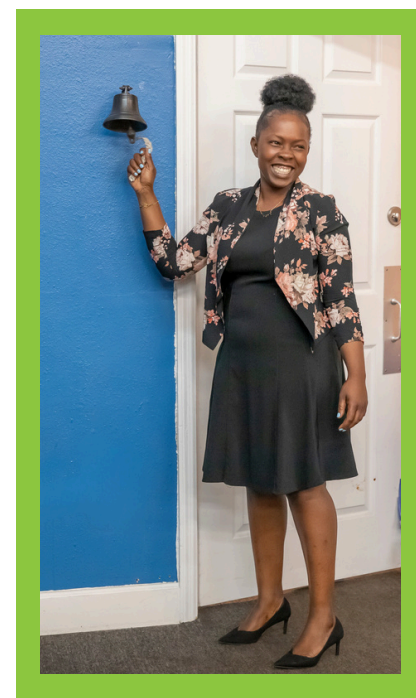


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### ESTHER'S STORY

Esther's journey from Haiti to the United States just under a year ago marked the beginning of an inspiring chapter in her life. Armed with a Bachelor's degree in Pre- Law acquired before her migration, Esther was determined. Despite a language barrier, she embarked on a journey of learning and growth.

Esther enrolled in courses at Orange Technical College to master English. Simultaneously, she sought employment opportunities, demonstrating her resourcefulness and work ethic by securing a part-time job while pursuing her studies. Throughout this period, Esther exemplified resilience, harnessing every opportunity for personal and professional development.



Her dedication did not go unnoticed. Esther's participation in the STEP program was marked by her continued pursuit of education at OTC and diligent employment. Her efforts were rewarded with the Enthusiastic Learner Award, a testament to her unwavering motivation and her role in fostering a culture of learning among her peers. By leading through example, Esther inspired her classmates.

As the culmination of her journey with STEP approached, Esther's perseverance bore fruit. During mock interviews with our employment partners, she received not one, but two enticing job offers. Ultimately, she chose to embark on a career with the Orlando airport, embracing the role of Customer Service Representative.

Esther's story is an example of the power of determination, resilience, and a relentless pursuit of excellence. From her humble beginnings in Haiti to her flourishing career in the United States, she embodies the spirit of perseverance and the limitless possibilities that accompany a steadfast commitment to one's goals.

# 2023 Impact Services and Programs

**Member Share Grocery Program (MSGP)**

**14,332** 

INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES SERVED; 86% INCREASE FROM 2022

**\$5.5M**

DOLLARS RETAINED; 25% INCREASE FROM 2022

**Success Training Employment Program (STEP)**

 **80**

STUDENT ENROLLMENT INCREASE 21% FROM 2022


**\$1,007,464**

STEP GRADUATES COMBINED EARNINGS IN 2023; 28% INCREASE FROM 2022

**Crisis Stabilization**

**8,291**

CRISIS SERVICES DELIVERED; 2% INCREASE FROM 2022

**1,373** 

HOUSEHOLDS SERVED

**Crisis Emergency Food Pantry Kits**

 **1,000+**

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY KITS

**300+**

UNIQUE SERVICES DELIVERED

## April was National Volunteer Month!



Fairwinds Credit Union brought their employees to volunteer around campus and give back to their community!

A big thank you to Orange County for always be willing to jump in and help United Against Poverty whenever we are in need of volunteers!

We are so thankful to Additions Credit Union for coming out to volunteer at our Member Share Grocery Program!

## GOAL 70,000 VOLUNTEER HOURS

Saves our campus 1 million dollars a year on staffing costs!

**VOLUNTEER ON OUR CAMPUS WITH YOUR FAMILY, CHURCH OR WORK TEAMS TODAY!**

Your Company may be eligible for a Volunteer Match using Double The Donation! To learn more about this program, email [ntrejo@unitedagainstpoverty.org](mailto:ntrejo@unitedagainstpoverty.org)



Real Thread donated amazing shirts to our UAP Staff. We wear them with tons of pride around the campus and everyone loves them. Thank you Real Thread!

If you would like to volunteer please contact [smorrison@unitedagainstpoverty.org](mailto:smorrison@unitedagainstpoverty.org)



# Can we count on you to be a 2024 champion?



Help families gain access to nutritious foods	Help students lift themselves to economic self-sufficiency (STEP)	Help stabilize families	Help create emergency food pantry kits
\$2,000 - 10 families	\$10,000 - 1 student	\$1,500 - 5 families	\$500 - 5 kits
\$5,000 - 25 families	\$20,000 - 2 students	\$3,500 - 10 families	\$3,000 - 30 kits
\$10,000 - 50 families	\$30,000 - 3 students	\$6,500 - 20 families	\$5,000 - 50 kits
\$20,000 - 20 families	\$40,000 - 4 students	\$15,000 - 40 families	\$10,000 - 100 kits

## Affordable Housing Forum

We welcomed U.S. Congressman Maxwell Frost; Amy Donley, PhD., Director – University of Central Florida Institute for Social and Behavioral Sciences Sean Snaith; PhD., Director – University of Central Florida Institute for Economic Forecasting; Oren J. Henry Director – City of Orlando Housing and Community Development Mitchell Glasser, Manager – Orange County Housing and Community Development and guests and community partners for our Pathway of Hope: Breaking the Cycle of Poverty Forum. Panelists brought unique perspectives on the issue of poverty and affordable housing.



In recent years Central Florida has found itself under the relentless grip of inflation, with the cost of living rising at a rate above the national average. Central Florida, once renowned for its affordability and economic opportunities, is grappling with the multifaceted challenges posed by soaring prices. This has resulted in increased cost of living and a hard impact on the housing market.

The panelists all agreed we have to look at ways of increasing the affordable housing units available in Central Florida. It will require a community approach of partnerships with government, the private sector, and nonprofits working together as we navigate through solutions resulting in breaking the cycle of poverty.

## Partners Highlights:



The **Orlando Magic** has been an amazing partner to United Against Poverty for years, and this year has been no different! A big thank you for the endless support you give to the Central Florida community.



United Against Poverty was awarded a Magic of Giving Grant from the **Westgate Foundation**. We are so proud to be one of the recognized nonprofits for this prestigious award.



**Fairwinds Credit Union** has been such an incredible advocate for United Against Poverty, and we thank them for their recent grant supporting our financial literacy program.

## THANK YOU TO OUR RECENT GRANTORS

- Central Florida Woman's League
- Fairwinds Credit Union
- Orlando Magic Youth Foundation
- Regions Bank
- TD Bank
- Spectrum / Charter Communications
- Westgate Foundation
- Heart of Florida United Way



**Hand UP Luncheon**

**Friday, October 4, 2024**

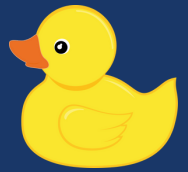
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# Quack Attack

Walk for  
**United Against  
Poverty**



**Saturday, November 23, 2024**

Lake Baldwin  
2000 S Lakemont Ave  
Winter Park, FL 327895

**Make a splash for UAP!**

**SUMMER**  
*Match*

*Be the spark of change.*

This summer is getting **HOT!** We are thrilled to announce that Dr. and Mrs. Don and Cindy Diebel are back and generously matching every donation we receive this summer up to **\$30,000.**

Now is your time to **ignite** change in our community. This summer your dollar is going twice as far.

**BUBBLY**  
**BLUE JEANS**  
*Coming Soon*

**This Fall**

**Gala proceeds benefit our programs providing a long-term solution to multi-generational poverty.**

For sponsorship opportunities and more information contact Karlye Martorelli, [kmartorelli@unitedagainstpoverity.org](mailto:kmartorelli@unitedagainstpoverity.org)

## The Power of Partnerships



United Against Poverty has partnered with **The Orange County Library System** to bring a pop up library to our Member Share Grocery Program once a month. Members will be able to check out popular books and bring them back to UAP. Access to the library system could be life changing for our members.

Join us on June 15th as Orange County Library hosts Family Night at United Against Poverty from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm. Email [jaye@unitedagainstpoverity.org](mailto:jaye@unitedagainstpoverity.org) for more information.

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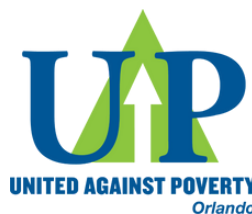
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