## WE ARE THE GAME CHANGERS LIVE UNITED

## **INCREASING ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD**

In Baltimore City, Maryland, an estimated one out of four people don't have access to affordable, nutritious food. Residents like Franny live in what's called a "food desert," neighborhoods devoid of healthful whole foods. Through United Way of Central Maryland's Access to Healthy Food initiative, Franny can now buy fruit and vegetables from urban farm stands in her neighborhood, helping her eat better for less. United Way is fighting for people like Franny to eat and live well.

## **PREPARING STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREERS**

For many low-wage families, sending their children to college seems out of reach. In California, Orange County United Way is making higher education a reality through Destination Graduation. The program aims to reduce high school dropout rates, while bridging the education achievement gap for middle and high school students in high-need districts. To date, Destination Graduation has prepared more than 26,000 students with the skills they need to compete in the global economy.

## HELPING FAMILIES WITH FINANCIAL STABILITY

As a 21-year-old mother, and her family's primary breadwinner, Amanda was struggling to stay financially afloat. Living paycheck to paycheck, Amanda reached out to United Way of Greater Houston for support. She was immediately connected to United Way THRIVE, a financial stability program that benefited more than 65,000 families in 2016. Every year, United Way helps millions of people like Amanda access the support they need to achieve their financial goals. IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS: 430,000 People reached through Hepatitis prevention efforts

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**100,000**+ Books distributed in Australia through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

**6,959** People achieved financial stability and job security in Greater Victoria, Canada

