

Gloucester - Mathews - Middlesex



Make United Way Your
ONE MOMENT
give. advocate. volunteer.

100%
of your giving
or pledge
goes directly
to your charitable
causes!
Counties

What we do
FOCUS ON POVERTY

Wayne, Erica, and Jose's stories are examples of how our work has an impact on the communities and people we serve. Every day we work with businesses, organizations, and individuals to affect change on a scale that no single person could achieve on their own. After all, battling an issue as big as poverty can only be won if we are all in.

We think you'll agree that United Way makes sense for our community - providing a single campaign where our collective gifts benefit many community organizations. It is a way of demonstrating and renewing the caring spirit of our area. Importantly, it is a way all of us can play a role in lifting people out of poverty - the chief strategic objective of our United Way.

Improving our community and the lives of our residents does not happen in a single moment - it happens in multiple moments created by thousands of peoples' one moment. We want to help you make your moment. Whether you want to support our work, the work of other community nonprofits, or roll up your sleeves and lend a hand, your moment can be a game changer for those who struggle.

MAKE YOUR MOMENT

Find out how at uwvp.org. Join us in making moments of change in our community!

GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.

DID YOU KNOW...

Money raised here, stays here. For more than 90 years, UWVP has been the community solutions provider. Donors have the confidence that their human service dollars go the furthest to do the most good, supporting many programs through one effort. United Way helps support programs in the community that are providing pathways out of poverty.

Together ... for Good!

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**United Way of the
Virginia Peninsula**

Stronger Together



On behalf of all of those that will be helped by your contribution,

THANK YOU!



Do you remember...
THAT SINGLE MOMENT
 when everything changed for the better?

ERICA

remembers...

Erica had just given birth to her daughter when she found herself jobless, homeless and abandoned. That's when United Way and Natasha House stepped in. Erica received help in the form of a mental health assessment, financial planning, and parenting classes. These services were united from all over the Peninsula, from United Way partner agencies, such as Center for Child & Family Services, Child Development Resources, Lackey Clinic, and Natasha House itself. These organizations helped her create a bridge to wholeness and assist her in reaching her goal of self-sufficiency. In 2016, she successfully graduated, by which time she had restored her credit and saved enough money to purchase a car. She also secured a job in the field of Accounting, as well as an apartment and child care for her daughter. Now she has housing, employment, a second family at Natasha House, and most importantly, her daughter.

UNITED WAY GAVE ME FINANCIAL STABILITY.

Today, I am a healthy, independent, financially secure parent, and I can smile again, because of the services I received through United Way and Natasha House.

FINANCIAL STABILITY

United Way is meeting basic needs like food, rent, and utilities. We are providing job training, education, and placement that leads to living-wage employment.

GIVE.

You can give the gift of health, education, and financial stability with your donation. The workplace campaign is one of the easiest and most powerful ways to invest in your community. Consider making a leadership gift for as little as \$2.74 a day on our website: uwvp.org

THANK YOU FOR SHARING.
THANK YOU FOR CARING.
THANK YOU FOR GIVING.

**Our Main Area Agencies in
 Gloucester, Mathews, Middlesex
 Counties:**

- Abingdon Ruritan Charitable Associates** (6779)
- Abingdon Volunteer Fire & Rescue** (6105)
- American Red Cross – Gloucester** (6106)
- Bay Aging** (6610)
- Bay School Cultural Arts Center** (6746)
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Gloucester** (7611)
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Mathews** (7311)
- Bread for Life Community Food Pantry** (8156)
- Gen. Middlesex Volunteer Rescue Squad** (6207)
- Foundation Learning Centers** (6171)
- Gloucester Arts on Main** (8181)
- GCPS Educational Foundation, Inc.** (6686)
- Gloucester Housing Partnership** (7045)
- Gloucester-Mathews Free Clinic** (6211)
- Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society** (6125)
- Gloucester Rowing Association** (6921)
- Gloucester Volunteer Fire and Rescue** (6170)
- Habitat for Humanity – Gloucester/Mathews** (6252)
- Hands Across Mathews Interfaith Services** (6190)
- Laurel Shelter** (7061)
- Literacy Volunteers of Gloucester** (6636)
- Mathews Community Foundation** (8209)
- Mathews County Land Conservancy** (6845)
- Mathews Volunteer Fire Department** (6199)
- Mathews Volunteer Rescue Squad** (6121)
- Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department** (6661)
- Park Partners** (6314)
- Peninsula EMS Council** (6679)
- Riverside Walter Reed Hospice** (6643)
- The Samaritan Group** (7053)
- Versability – Lewis Puller Center** (7126)
- YMCA – Mathews County** (7630)



Do you remember...
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WAYNE

remembers...

Wayne quit school in the 11th grade. Bullied because he couldn't read well, he'd had enough struggling. At 19, he enrolled in a JobCorp program and became a carpenter and welder. He began work at the Shipyard, but he still had difficulty reading. That's when he was referred to Peninsula READS, a United Way partner agency, and he started attending their adult literacy classes. Since starting his work with Peninsula READS, Wayne has successfully passed the Shipyard's Nuclear Qualification Course, become the first African-American PolyPan Welder at the Shipyard, read some amazing books, and won the Employee Recognition Award five times. He also finally realized his dream of becoming a homeowner. Wayne is extremely proud of the example he has set for his grandsons who enjoy listening to him read "Green Eggs and Ham" over and over and over again.

UNITED WAY GAVE ME AN EDUCATION.

Today, I am a positive role model that has gained the respect of my peers and acquired financial stability through the education provided to me through United Way and Peninsula READS.

EDUCATION

United Way is increasing adult literacy rates, ensuring access to quality child care that prepares children for school and learning, and offering programs that teach young people positive life skills.

ADVOCATE.

You can make change happen with your voice. Get informed. Tell your friends. Write a letter. United Way needs people that are passionate about health, education and financial stability. Visit uwvp.org to sign up for our e-newsletter to stay connected.