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~~INDIFFERENCE~~  
A little change can make a big impact.

UNITED WAY IN HENRY COUNTY

GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.  
**LIVE UNITED.**   
United Way of  
Metropolitan Atlanta

## WHY UNITED WAY

We are stronger as a community when every person is thriving. Across our region people work hard and do all they can but continue to walk a tightrope, trying to provide for their loved-ones. Families face the reality that self-sufficiency is out of reach. We know that when services are coordinated, leadership is mobilized and the assets in the community work together toward shared goals, we can dramatically transform people's lives—and whole communities. Together, we are having great success.

But for every success, there are thousands of Atlantans in desperate need of a helping hand. Your gift can help. By strategically investing to transform lives, we will be able to ensure that the American dream is a reality—and not out of reach—for those who are currently struggling.

## ADVANCING THE COMMON GOOD

We work to leverage the best resources and community assets so that people don't fall through the cracks and that the direction for a child's life is not dictated by the challenges her parents face or by the neighborhood in which she grows up.

For hundreds of years, nonprofits have been focused on resolving issues and stabilizing people in crisis. But now is the time to shift—to start working together better, stronger and differently so that we can help people holistically transform their lives—so their families can thrive and our communities can become even stronger.

United Way works with all shapes and sizes of stakeholders so we can all be successful. We must be—for the risk is too great. Too great for the mother of three who just needs \$10 more a week to be able to buy her children lunch during the summer. Too great for the teenager who is right now deciding that he is too stupid to even try to go to college. Too great for the child who can't spell her name—and is too afraid to learn. Everyone deserves the opportunity for a better life. Join us. Be part of the change.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN HENRY

A Friend's House, Inc .....	678.432.1630
American Cancer Society.....	800.227.2345
American Red Cross, Metro Atlanta Chapter .....	404.876.3302
Boy Scouts, Flint River Council.....	770.227.4556
Flint Circuit Council on Family Violence .....	(crisis) 770.954.9229
.....	(administrative) 770.954.1008
Girl Scout Council.....	770.227.2524
Hands of Hope Clinic.....	770.507.1344
Henry County Council on Aging.....	770.288.6971
Henry County Council on Child Abuse.....	770.507.9900
Odyssey Family Counseling Center .....	770.957.6256
The Salvation Army.....	770.957.8868
Samaritans Together of Henry County .....	678.565.6526
Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity.....	770.477.2367
Stepping Stones Educational Therapy Center.....	770.229.5511

## HENRY SUCCESS STORY



Did you know, states spend about 2.8 times as much money per prisoner as per public school pupil?

In Henry County, a diverse group of interested organizations and individuals were convened by United Way to discuss the re-entry of homeless prisoners into our community. This group included members of the faith community, government and legal systems and other nonprofit organizations.

Studies reveal that those enrolled in high-quality early childhood education programs are more likely to complete

higher levels of education, have higher earnings, be in better health and maintain more stable relationships. These individuals are also less likely to commit a crime or be incarcerated. Likewise, students who graduate from high school are less likely to live in poverty or commit crimes leading to incarceration.

As a community, we need to consider the effects on our community of little or no support or resources for prisoner re-entry to society. Upon release, these individuals are given \$25 and a bus ticket. Many have no one to return to because their family and friends have severed ties. These individuals may also have mental health or substance abuse issues. The major barriers to successful re-entry into our community are housing and employment. More often than not, persons with a felony on their record find it more difficult to obtain a job.

The vision of this group is to build a facility in Henry County that will house recently released men and provide a range of services including alcohol and drug treatment, employment assistance and counseling as needed.