We Are Here in NORTH FULTON COUNTY

United Way of Greater Atlanta is working in North Fulton County to create a community where every child and family can reach their greatest potential.

Through United Way of Greater Atlanta’s Child Well-Being Agenda, we are working to ensure the children, along with the many families in North Fulton County have the opportunity to thrive regardless of their zip code.
WE ARE IMPACTING NORTH FULTON COUNTY

Alejandra Barrientos is a first-generation Mexican American born in Atlanta, raised in Roswell. She was in 2nd grade when she came to STAR House. At that time STAR House was operating out of an apartment where students would get bussed to and from school.

STAR House changed the path of Alejandra’s life. STAR House was more than an after-school program, it was a family. While she spent the majority of her time working on school projects time spent playing outside, rolling down the hill on top of cardboard boxes and playing kickball. She made some of her best friends in the program and through it she grew the self-confidence she needed to succeed in her school work.

Alejandra graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Biological Science with a minor in Chemistry from Georgia State University in 2015. In the Spring of 2017, she earned her Master’s Degree .

We are excited to announce that Alejandra is currently pursuing her dream of earning a degree in Dental Medicine (DMD.) She believes that by serving her community and striving towards her goal of achieving her degree in dental medicine, that she will help pave the way for other Hispanic student dental enthusiasts to come!

STAR House changed the path of Alejandra’s life. The program helped her establish an educational foundation that stayed with Alejandra throughout high school and college and now on to dental school.

WE ARE STRENGTHING OUR EFFORTS IN NORTH FULTON

United Way of Greater Atlanta in North Fulton County has aligned priorities to address North Fulton’s most pressing issues. We focus on behavioral health issues across North Fulton and families who are financially vulnerable and often invisible to most residents.

The score went from 83.7 in 2016 to 81.5 in 2018. This is a decrease of 2 points that is largely driven by the state increasing the standards for 3rd grade reading and changing the assessment from CRCT to the Georgia Milestones just after we released the first CWB scores. The number of children living in low and very low CWB areas decreased from nearly 6,700 to 2,710. The percentage of families who are not financially stable decreased from 15.1 to 14.4.

*THE CHILD WELL-BEING INDEX DRIVES THE FRAMEWORK, TOOLS AND PARTNERSHIPS TO MEASURE THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES ACROSS UNITED WAY OF GREATER ATLANTA’S 13-COUNTY REGION.
WE ARE HERE WITH OUR PARTNERS

With our partners, we understand that sustainable community change happens when we bring together people and resources to drive collective impact. United Way of Greater Atlanta in North Fulton County works to bring together nonprofit organizations, business, government, philanthropy and citizens by convening and connecting them through conversations, initiatives and other work.

An example of our collaborative work in North Fulton is the summit hosted by the United Way North Fulton Advisory Board in collaboration with the North Fulton Mental Health Collaborative. The North Fulton Behavioral Health Crisis: A Community Response event brought together leaders from nonprofits, government, schools, faith groups and physical and mental health groups to talk about addressing mental health and substance abuse in North Fulton County. In addition to United Way of Greater Atlanta speakers who spoke about efforts to improve child well-being, Summit Counseling Center Director of Community Relations and Co-Chair of the Collaborative, Cathy Murphy, highlighted the work of the North Fulton Mental Health Collaborative. Working together, the many Collaborative partners developed a strategic plan to reduce barriers to information and direct support for accessing existing care and to increase awareness, reduce stigma, educate and equip 1000+ North Fulton citizens regarding mental health issues, advocacy and resources. United Way of Greater Atlanta serves on the Collaborative’s Advisory Council and the North Fulton Advisory Board has funded resources to support the Collaborative’s strategic planning and community outreach activities.

A panel brought together Bob Ellis, Fulton County Commissioner, Judge Brian Hansford, Roswell Municipal Court, Mizanu Kebede, Sr Vice President, Avanos, Pastor Britt Parramore, Vision Warriors, and Katha Stuart, Fulton County Board of Education who discussed how all sectors of the community can work together to address issues surrounding mental health. As Bob Ellis said, “No one group is going to solve the problem, so it truly does take a collaborative effort and a coordinated effort. Events like these help foster that collaboration.”

COLLABORATIVE WORKS AT A GLANCE

North Fulton Poverty Task Force convenes community service providers and leaders to better address critical needs of those in poverty. The collaborative group works to tell the story of the financially vulnerable in North Fulton and to facilitate leader and community engagement to generate solutions so that all have the opportunity to be thriving and contributing citizens.

Silence the Growl™ is a meal-funding program created to raise funds and meals for our nonprofit partners working to combat childhood hunger.

SPARK Prize™ North Fulton is a bi-annual program to seek out, recognize and fund innovative solutions to North Fulton’s most pressing issues.
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Corporate leaders and influential community members in North Fulton County focus on improving the community’s child well-being for children and families across North Fulton.

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HELPING YOU SERVE

Volunteering your time to serve North Fulton communities can make all the difference. Our corporate partners and individuals often roll up their sleeves to give back by getting involved and we can help with:

Large-scale North Fulton volunteer events that engage corporate teams and citizens.

Year-round local group volunteer projects onsite or at United Way funded nonprofit organizations.

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