

## *Did you know this about the United Way?*

**Every dollar given to the United Way of Collier County stays in Collier County for the benefit of the community and our economy.**

Local residents make the decisions regarding the allocation of funds to the agencies and exercise a high level of stewardship to make sure your gifts to the United Way are used wisely.

**Over 100,000 people in Collier County are assisted every year by the United Way and its thirty partner agencies. That is one person out of every three residents.**

Unlike other Florida counties, local tax dollars are not used to support human service agencies, such as those supported the United Way of Collier County.

**The United Way of Collier County is an independent non-profit governed by a local Board of Directors, with our community in mind. This allows decisions to be made based upon local needs.**

With one gift to the United Way of Collier County you will help a cancer patient, an abused child, a hungry family, someone with an untreated mental illness, a child who needs extra help to learn to read.

**With one gift to the United Way of Collier County you will provide a safe place for an Alzheimer's victim to spend the day while their caregiver goes to work and shelter for an abandoned child.**

With one gift to the United Way of Collier County you will provide housing for a family whose home has been destroyed by fire, a medical exam for an uninsured worker and good parenting skills for a new mom and dad.

**Instead of spending \$1.00 each week on a Snickers bar you can pay a life-sustaining medication through the Catholic Charities prescription drug program.**

Save \$4.00 each week on a People Magazine you can fund a medical examination for an abused child at the Children's Advocacy Center.

**The \$5.00 you pay each week for your Satellite Radio Subscription will fund 13 patient visits at the Neighborhood Health Clinic.**

Instead of spending \$10.00 each week on Burger and Fries at Five Guys, you can buy food for 8 people, for one month provided by Harry Chapin Food Bank.

**For \$20.00 each week on the cost of two movie tickets, NAMI \* can train 8 law enforcement officers to successfully intervene in a crisis involving an individual with a mental illness. (\*National Alliance for the Mentally Ill)**

Instead of spending \$100 each week on drinks and dinner for two, you can provide fifty two (52) nights of shelter from domestic violence at Shelter for Abused Women and Children.

Babies can't take care of themselves.

Illness isn't necessarily optional.

Life isn't an even playing field and

you can't always outrun trouble.



