

LIVE UNITED



**United Way of
Ventura County**

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Organizational Overview

Since 1945, your local United Way of Ventura County has helped the community receive valuable health and human services.

United Way advances the common good through the 3 focus areas to help impact our community. ALL the proceeds raised stays in the county.

- Health
- Financial Stability
- Education





- United Way launched a Homelessness Initiative to include a Landlord Engagement Program to increase housing stock and utilize existing housing vouchers and housing subsidies provided by local jurisdictions and community partners. Everyone needs a safe place to call home, yet that basic need is increasingly out of reach for many people in Ventura County.
- The Landlord Engagement Program (LEP) has placed 90 veterans and their family members in permanent housing. Of these 90 veterans, 34 are seniors and 30 VASH vouchers were utilized. The LEP has housed 19 transitional age youth.
- A total of 359 households and 685 people have been permanently housed since the United to End Homelessness LEP launched in December 2019.
- The LEP has a 97.5% housing retention rate.

United Together, We Can End Homelessness in Ventura County!

Building Healthy Smiles Initiative - EDUCATION, ASSESS & ADVOCATE

- Partner with organizations and school districts to educate parents and elementary school children to start good dental hygiene habits
- Partner with VCPH, Clinicas, and private dental providers to assess elementary school kids on their oral health
 - In 2023-24, we assessed and applied fluoride varnish to 1,750 school children!
 - Clinicas provided the dental procedures needed and provided the kids a dental home
- Advocate for rate increase to gain more dentists to accept Denti-Cal
 - Over 90,000 kids in Ventura County are on Denti-Cal and less than 130 dentists accepts Denti-Cal





Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA)

- Our volunteer tax preparers make a difference in our local community by assisting low-income individuals, helping them complete their tax returns for free and ensuring those who are eligible can claim the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Stuff the Bus

- An annual campaign to provide new backpacks, stuffed with donated school supplies, to children from low-income families.
- In 2024, over 3,400 kids received backpacks full of new school supplies, helping them start off the school year prepared and self-confident.



Women United

- The group focuses on improving the educational and financial stability of single-mothers by uniting the caring power and strength of women leaders in our community.





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