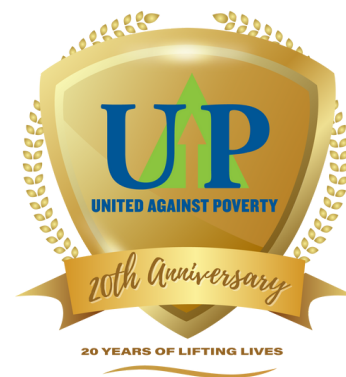


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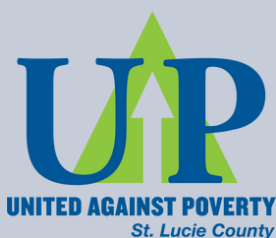
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A message from our Campus Director



Sean Howald, Campus Director

As I celebrate my 1-year anniversary as the UP SLC Campus Director, I'm proud to share the incredible progress we have made over the past year!

Our programs team has assisted over 271 individuals in Crisis providing 1,908 various services. Our workforce training program (STEP) has graduated 54 individuals and employed over 40 graduates. Graduates continue to work with their Success Coach to develop financial and career goals. The Member Share Grocery Program (MSGP) has helped over 7,500 members access nutritious food for their families. Our goal is to continue providing the programs and services to help our neighbors in need who are motivated to transforming their lives.

How can you help, you ask? Visit [UPSCLC.org/Donate](https://www.upslc.org/Donate)



Wednesday, September 27, 2023
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Clover Park 31 Piazza Dr.
Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

United Against Poverty invites you to be part of the sustainable change that is taking place right here on the Treasure Coast. Join us for our most important fundraising event of the year,

UP St. Lucie's Annual Hand UP Luncheon

This is an opportunity for you to make an impact for the families we serve. Join us as we start our event in the Mets Clubhouse for a meet and mingle with photo opportunities and silent auction. Lunch will be served followed by a program filled with must hear success stories.

For more information, please contact Dawn Knupp 772-468-8543 ext. 309
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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Casey is our Member Share Grocery Program Assistant Manager in St. Lucie County. Casey is a Hippie at heart and loves anything tie dye. When Casey is not at work she loves to spend time with her mom. One of her favorite things to do is go to Escape Rooms. Casey loves working at UP because she gets to help people in the Community.

Thank you for all you do Casey!



Product Partner Spotlight: Cal-Maine Foods



Cal-Maine Foods, which was founded in 1957, is currently headquartered in Ridgeland, Mississippi and is a sustainable producer and distributor of high-quality shell eggs and egg products in the country. Cal-Maine has been a dedicated product partner of United Against Poverty for over 11 years.

In April 2019, Cal-Maine launched their Sunshine State Cage Free Brown Eggs that are sold throughout Florida. UAP has had the privilege of being co-branded on the Sunshine State Eggs and the recipient of Cal-Maine's generous donation of \$0.02 per carton sold since launching the brand. This has resulted in over \$102,000 in support!

Over the past 5 years Cal-Maine has donated 1,327 pallets of eggs, which is over 55 tractor trailer loads to the Member Share Grocery Program (MSGP). Their generosity and support have left us truly humbled. The fresh nutritious eggs donated not only provide essential sustenance but also bring smiles to the faces of our MSGP members. Cal-Maine's commitment to making a positive difference in the communities we serve is deeply appreciated.

For more information on Cal-Maine visit: Calmainefoods.com

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

These Donors believe in what is being accomplished at St. Lucie County UP Center. We are very thankful for their continued support.



United Way of
St. Lucie & Okeechobee

Success Training Employment Program (STEP)



Leroy, a Veteran came to the UP Center looking for assistance through our crisis program. Leroy had enough couch surfing on a family members couch and had been looking for employment for 3 months. Our Crisis Navigator referred Leroy to the Housing Tribe where he was able to secure shared housing and to Veteran Affairs to address his other needs. Leroy enrolled in our STEP program to assist him with finding employment.

Leroy entered the first day of STEP class with low self-confidence and feeling hopeless. After 4 weeks in the STEP program, Leroy found the career he was looking for at Freight Liners as a CDL Driver. Leroy is now focused on saving up for a home of his own.

"STEP helped me receive a great job offer. I am hopeful and confident! Thanks to UAP staff which are super!"
-Leroy G.

Since January 2023 the STEP program in St. Lucie County has graduated 39 participants and helped 26 graduates find employment, with their combined incomes being over a half a million dollars.
St. Lucie County is going UP!

JOIN US FOR COMING EVENTS AT UP SLC?

2nd Annual Trunk or Treat Community Resource Fair



October 20, 2023
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Save The Date:

Join us for our 2nd Trunk or Treat event. Meet with community resources, enjoy fun and music!
October 20th, 4:00pm -6:30pm
SLC UP Center, 2520 Orange Ave.

Hopeful Harvest

MSGP members can sign up for a Thanksgiving meal with side dishes for just a \$5 handling fee.
-Inquire at the Welcome Desk-



Registration Begins
September 15th

