

SPRING 2024

TEAM

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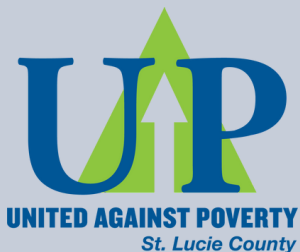
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Reflecting on 2023 and Setting Goals for 2024

Crisis Stabilization

In 2023 UAP provided 2,485 services. Our goal is 2,725 services for 2024.

309 UNIQUE HOUSEHOLDS SERVED IN 2023. OUR GOAL FOR 2024 IS 330.



Success Training Employment Program (STEP)

64 STEP GRADUATES IN 2023.

GOAL FOR 2024 IS 70 STEP GRADUATES



\$849,563

23/24 STEP GRADUATE COMBINED EARNINGS

Volunteering

8,975

HOURS IN 2023

Goal for 2024 is 9,500 HOURS



VOLUNTEERS

Member Share Grocery Program (MSGP) for 23/24

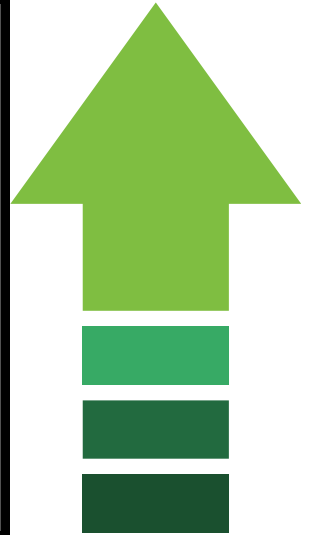


11,759

HOUSEHOLDS SERVED

12,416

YOUTH FED



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Jen is our Crisis Navigator. Jen was able to help over 300 households that were in crisis last year. Jen is a free spirit and has a passion for helping people. When Jen is not at work she loves to spend time outdoors and soaking up the sun at the beach. One of her favorite things to do is to go to the jetty and feed the fish. Jen loves working at UAP because she gets to utilize her skills and expertise to help those in need.

Thank you for all you do Jen!



JOIN US FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AT UP SLC



Save the Date!

Presenting Sponsor



Friday, August 2, 2024
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 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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These generous donors believe in what is being accomplished at St. Lucie County UP Center. We are thankful for their continued support.



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Success Training Employment Program (STEP)



Zach joined STEP looking to make a big change in his life. As a Veteran, he was having trouble getting back to everyday life after his career in the Navy was completed.

Zach was dedicated to making a change. He showed up to class early each day with a positive attitude and a thirst for learning how to become better at managing his emotions. His dedication was an inspiration to the entire class.

Due to his dedication and perseverance Zach was able to secure a new career at The Porch Factory. He is using skills he already acquired in the Navy along with learning new skills and a trade at The Porch Factory.

"Before STEP I was not motivated to work. STEP helped me complete my resume, discipline myself to wake up at the same time every day, how to dress for success and control my emotions."

-Zach, STEP Graduate

The Porch Factory let us know that

"Zach is doing well and picking up on what is required for his position. He is friendly, working at an acceptable pace and doing well learning a new trade. We are happy to have him as part of our team."

We are so proud of Zach and all he has accomplished so far. There is no place for Zach to go but UP!

In 2023 the STEP program in St. Lucie County graduated 64 participants and helped 34 graduates find employment, with their combined incomes being just over \$849,000. St. Lucie County is going UP!

How can you Support?

Help stabilize families	Help individuals lift themselves to economic self-sufficiency. (STEP)	Help families have access to nutritious groceries.
\$500 - 1 family	\$1,500 - 1 participant	\$1,250 - 6 families
\$2,500 - 5 families	\$3,000 - 2 participants	\$2,500 - 12 families
\$5,000 - 10 families	\$4,500 - 3 participants	\$5,000 - 24 families
\$10,000 - 20 families	\$6,000 - 4 participants	

Each donation supports our programs and helps families and individuals in need.



SUCCESS TRAINING EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM DATES

Join our next cohort:

May 13 - June 7

June 24 - July 19

August 5- August 30

To learn more about our STEP Program
Visit: UPSLC.org/STEPUP

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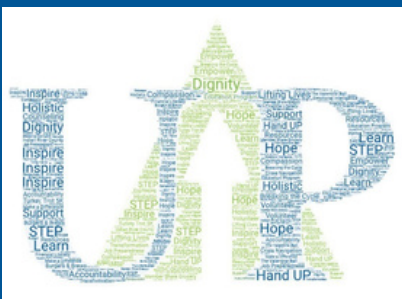
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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Paulbie has been a volunteer with the SLC UP Center since 2023. No matter how big or small the task, Paulbie does it with a happy heart. His smile and positive attitude is infectious. You can find Paulbie either on the grocery program floor, stocking and making our isles look amazing or at the front desk helping our members sign up for the grocery program and giving out resources to those in need. We can not thank Paulbie enough for his hard work and dedication.

GET INVOLVED Become a Volunteer



Sign UP to volunteer at
volunteer.upslc.org

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