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TEAM

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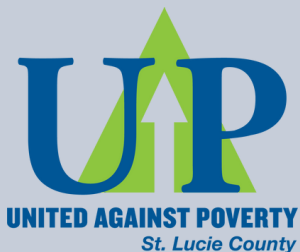
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What a fantastic Friday it was on August 2nd, 2024! Our United Against Poverty Hand UP Luncheon in St Lucie County was a tremendous success. With lively conversations at the meet and mingle, delicious food at the fiesta bar, and a packed room full of eager learners, there was an energy that was palpable. Thank you to our inspiring speakers, Deondre and Ashley, who held the room's attention and stirred our heartstrings. Thank you to everyone who came, learned, and contributed towards lifting others up. Let's remember, together we can make an impact!



On Wednesday, July 10th in partnership with HANDS of St. Lucie County and Cleveland Clinic Martin Health, we launched the Mobile Health Clinic which will provide a variety of primary care services FREE to eligible St. Lucie County residents. The mobile unit will be at the UP Center every Wednesday for the remainder of the year.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Jessica's journey at UAP is a testament to her hard work, resilience, and the positive impact she has on everyone around her. Through five roles at UAP, her trajectory highlights her dedication and capability. Each promotion reflects her growing expertise and her ability to adapt and excel in new challenges. We are proud to have her as part of our team for almost 15 years and look forward to her continued success and leadership.

Key Attributes:

Jessica Mitchell
Director of MSGP

Loudest Voice & Biggest Smile: Jessica is not just heard but felt. Her presence is marked by her vibrant energy, which brings both enthusiasm and a sense of camaraderie to the workplace.

Willingness to Help: Always ready to lend a hand, she has an impressive grasp of the history of UAP, making her an invaluable resource for both new and seasoned team members.

Respected Leader: Her direct approach and wealth of experience have earned her the respect of peers. Her ability to recall details and apply past experiences makes her a trusted and effective leader.

JOIN US FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AT UP SLC

On Friday October 18th we will host our 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat Community Resource Fair.

Join us from 4:30pm - 6:30pm in the UP parking lot!



Save the Date!
Lifting UP Lives Celebration
A Night of Hope



Friday, November 15, 2024
6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
9200 One Putt Place
Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

United Against Poverty invites you to be part of the sustainable change that is taking place right here in St. Lucie County for an important fundraising event of the year,

UP St. Lucie's Lifting UP Lives Celebration

This is an opportunity for you to make an impact for the families we serve.

Join us! Tickets on sale now! Sponsorship opportunities are available.

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

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Presenting Sponsor



We are thankful for the continued grant support to make sure our Programs help Lift UP our Community! Thank you supporting United Against Poverty, SLC.



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Success Training Employment Program (STEP)



Before STEP I was feeling a little unsure of what direction I wanted to take my life due to unseen circumstances that had occurred in my past. I questioned my desire to work with people experiencing behavior and mental health issues. After completing STEP, I am confident that I want to continue working with those individuals to help make life and the world around them better. I gained employment at the Boys and Girls Club, where I am a Youth Development Professional and with Opportunity Investment LLC, where I am a Residential Shift Supervisor.

STEP gave me the skills and confidence I needed!

-Georgia
STEP Graduate

A giant thank you to **HR and Business Leader's Council of Florida** and to all the businesses that contributed to the professional clothing drive for our Success Training Employment Program (STEP). With your generous donations, we've restocked our Dress for Success closet, empowering participants to STEP into interviews with confidence on their journey toward a prosperous future.



In 2024 the STEP program in St. Lucie County graduated **51 participants** and helped **20 graduates find employment**, with their combined incomes being just over \$482,000. St. Lucie County is going UP!

How can you Support?

Help stabilize families	Help individuals lift themselves to economic self-sufficiency. (STEP)	Provide Food Vouchers to someone in Crisis.	Help families have access to nutritious groceries.
\$500 - 1 family	\$1,500 - 1 participant	\$10 - 1 participant	\$208 - 1 family
\$1,500 - 3 families	\$3,000 - 2 participants	\$20 - 2 participants	\$416 - 2 families
\$3,000 - 6 families	\$4,500 - 3 participants	\$30 - 3 participants	\$624 - 3 families
\$5,000 - 9 families	\$6,000 - 4 participants	\$40 - 4 participants	\$832 - 4 families

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



SUCCESS TRAINING EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM DATES

Join our next cohort:
September 16 - October 11
October 28 - November 22

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

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Chuck is a dedicated and indispensable volunteer, consistently going above and beyond in his role. Whether he's sorting and stocking products, aiding cashiers with go-backs, or assisting members with their needs, Chuck's unwavering commitment and proactive attitude make him a valuable asset to our team. His efforts significantly enhance our operations, and we are fortunate to have him as part of our team.

"I enjoy coming to help, the staff are wonderful and make me feel welcome. This is my favorite place to volunteer" -Chuck

GET INVOLVED
Become a Volunteer

SCAN ME

Sign UP to volunteer
at volunteer.upslc.org

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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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