IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS:

- **485** People received free, one-to-one financial coaching through our Thrive program.
- **300,000** Meals provided to local families through food pantries and meal sites.
- **3000+** Students served through our Youth Development initiatives including the Stuff the Bus backpack drive and afterschool program support.

WE ARE THE GAME CHANGERS

WHY UNITED WAY?

HELPING PEOPLE WITH FINANCIAL COACHING

Our Thrive Financial Success Centers, together with our Thrive to Go program, provide life-changing skills for people struggling with debt, poor credit, and other financial challenges.

“I just want to say how grateful I am for this program. My coach has helped me so much. When I first came to her I was so stressed, embarrassed, and ashamed of my financial situation. She made me feel better and gave me hope. Once we sorted through my bills she suggested a plan to get caught up. I was so relieved that she found a light at the end of my tunnel. By the second meeting, I was current with my bills and we worked on budgeting. By the third meeting, I actually had some money to put aside. I finally feel like I am more in control than out of control now.”

ASSISTING COMMUNITY MEMBERS SECURE BASIC NEEDS

1 in 5 people in Hampden County, South Hadley and Granby has received assistance through a UWPV partner program. In its first year as a partner program, Eliot Community Human Services’ Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness was able to identify and place 16 individuals into permanent housing. This program specifically engages with those who are the hardest to house including those who are homeless who are also disabled. Four local human service agencies were able to provide utility assistance to over 1312 senior citizens and 162 veterans. These programs provide assistance to keep families warm during the severely cold New England winters.

SUPPORTING SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING

UWPV collaborated with 12 afterschool programs in Springfield, West Springfield, Holyoke, Palmer, Ludlow, and Westfield to provide enrichment activities for youth in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade such as cooking and healthy eating, money management, character development, conflict resolution, and building self-confidence. We also helped to facilitate over 20 youth-led volunteer projects since 2013. Since 2011, over 14,000 youth have participated in a UWPV partner program and many students have been able to develop personal skills that will assist them in succeeding in school and in life.