

IMPACT FACT SHEET





PROGRAMS IN • THIS COUNTY •

Emergency Food and Shelter Program

Free Tax Help

Housing Justice Initiative

Policy

SparkPoint

Youth Workforce

Rental Relief Fund



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NUMBER OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS

NUMBER OF GRANTEES

COMMUNITY IMPACT NUMBERS

9,865

INDIVIDUALS SERVED ACROSS ALL UWBA PROGRAMS



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SYSTEMS CHANGE

22 community members volunteered with UWBA

UWBA provided **\$170,500** in grant funding to local nonprofit organizations

UWBA led regional advocacy campaigns that contributed to the expansion of the Golden State stimulus, CalEITC tax credits, and expanded eligibility for Child Tax Credits

SUPPORTING BASIC NEEDS

\$75,500 in rental assistance distributed to 24 households through UWBA Rental Relief Fund

UWBA and partner agencies helped **72** households access **\$183,661** in direct cash assistance to support their basic needs

UWBA and partner agencies helped provide **78,913** meals and **2,274** shelter bed nights

211 program received **478** calls and texts from the community, resulting in **971** referrals to basic needs and community resources

FINANCIAL STABILITY & ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Free Tax Help program helped **1,279** households file resulting in **\$2,664,226** in total refunds

241 individuals served through SparkPoint centers, with103 receiving free financial coaching (among whom72% made progress towards their financial goals)

2 job placements

COMMUNITY DATA

\$93,130	Real Cost Measure for 2 adults, 1 preschooler, 1 school-aged child	17,712	households pay 30% or more of their income on housing
24%	of households fall below the real cost measure (equal to 129,901 households) Median gross rent	8,144	households spend 50% or more of their income on housing
		494	individuals are homeless
\$1,775		3,440	children under 18 are food insecure





SPARKPOINT

Almost 1 in 4 Americans choose to forgo medical care for financial because of the cost. Several years ago, Ms. R*, a worker, wife, and mother of four, was diagnosed with fibromyalgia, a painful disorder that requires extensive, expensive medical treatment. When she contracted COVID-19 in December 2021, her symptoms worsened, and she sound found herself mostly disabled by pain and fatigue and unable to continue working full time. Although her husband was also working full time, his income alone not enough to cover their family's basic expenses and her treatment.

Mrs. R first visited SparkPoint Napa to participate in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance clinic offered by the Phillips Family Resource Center. During the intake process, she shared that her family could not afford their rent and her medications on their monthly income—she really hoped her tax refund would be enough to cover her medical costs so that she could start treatment and begin to recover. While they were able to help her maximize her tax refund, it was unfortunately not enough to cover her treatment and the family had hard choices to make – pay their rent or pay for the medicine their mother and wife needed.

They returned to the SparkPoint Center at Phillips Elementary School to seek out the help they desperately needed. SparkPoint staff started by working alongside the family to help them qualify for rental assistance, which in turn allowed them to set aside a portion of their monthly income for Mrs. R's critical treatment. Just one month of rental assistance helped the family to get out in front of their finances and set a monthly expense budget that would allow them to continue to afford Mrs. R's medicine. Now that she is back on a regular treatment regimen, Mrs. R's health has continued to improve, and she has been able to return to work full time. Mrs. R is committed to taking financial education courses at the SparkPoint Center this fall so that she can continue to grow her budgeting skills, open a savings account, and reach her financial goals.

*Client's name has been abbreviated to their protect privacy

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Abode Services

Asian, Inc.

Bay Area Legal Aid

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa

Community Action of Napa Valley (inc Food Bank Napa)

Napa County Health and Human Services Agency

Napa Emergency Women's Services (NEWS)

On The Move*

Planned Parenthood Northern California

Puertas Abiertas

Salvation Army Napa Corps

Self Help Credit Union

UpValley Family Centers of Napa County*