

IMPACT FACT SHEET



PROGRAMS IN THIS COUNTY

- 211
- Emergency Food and Shelter Program
- Free Tax Help
- Housing Justice Initiative
- Policy
- SparkPoint
- Youth Workforce
- Rental Relief Fund



20

NUMBER OF
COMMUNITY
PARTNERS

5

NUMBER OF
GRANTEES



COMMUNITY IMPACT NUMBERS

23,935

INDIVIDUALS SERVED ACROSS
ALL UWBA PROGRAMS



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SYSTEMS CHANGE

34 community members volunteered with UWBA

UWBA provided **\$503,804** in grant funding to local nonprofit organizations

UWBA distributed **\$970,000** in grants to partner organizations throughout the SF Bay Area to support Housing Justice Initiative.

UWBA advocated for systems change at **2** policy-focused meetings and events

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

\$98,304 in rental assistance distributed to **41** households through UWBA Rental Relief Fund

UWBA and partner agencies helped **392** households access **\$538,296** in direct cash assistance to support their basic needs

UWBA and partner agencies helped provide **337,315** meals and **1,290** shelter bed nights

211 program received **6,756** calls and texts from the community, resulting in **14,876** referrals to basic needs and community resources

FINANCIAL STABILITY & ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Free Tax Help program helped **1,392** households file resulting in **\$2,196,497** in total refunds

256 individuals served through SparkPoint centers, with **242** receiving free financial coaching (among whom **84%** made progress towards their financial goals)

20 youth from the county attended On Track to explore career paths

32 job placements

COMMUNITY DATA

\$80,456 Real Cost Measure for 2 adults, 1 preschooler, 1 school-aged child

23% of households fall below the real cost measure (equal to 129,901 households)

\$1,684 Median gross rent

54,584 households pay 30% or more of their income on housing

23,537 households spend 50% or more of their income on housing

1,179 individuals are homeless

15,180 children under 18 are food insecure



IMPACT STORY FROM COMMUNITY MEMBER

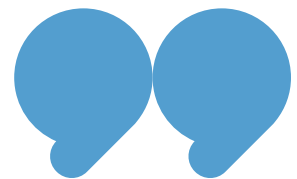
SPARKPOINT

"I have been a client with Sparkpoint for a little over two years now, and they have made such a positive impact in my life. So, I want to take time to thank Sparkpoint for all they have done for me! I started my adult life off rocky due to bad decisions I made. I became homeless and began using drugs at the age of 18 and so I was not able to use money wisely. In fact, I was doing just the opposite, using every and any avenue and outlet to obtain any type of income so I could continue using. I was getting loans at a check cashing store and not paying them back. I was applying for credit cards at banks. In 2019, I was injured in a car accident and accumulated a large amount of medical bills that I could not pay off. Quite frankly at the time, I did not care about having a good credit score because of my lifestyle. In 2020, I finally asked for help with my addiction and my living situation and got into a program. After receiving housing through this program, I quickly learned that credit is a big part of living a successful life. I was very discouraged because my credit was a mess. I owed medical bills and loans.

It was very overwhelming looking at all those creditors. I was thinking to myself 'How will I ever pay these medical bills and loans from years ago?' I did not know where to start. That is when I found Sparkpoint. I had never heard of a credit counselor before, and I discovered that their services were free with no strings attached! Once I got in touch with my credit counselor, Carolee, she explained how dispute letters work and how to contact my creditors. My initial long list of creditors is now under control, and I will soon be debt-free. My credit score has improved by over 250 points! SparkPoint's services have had a very powerful impact on my life and are a true blessing! I was homeless just two years ago, and now, with my improved credit, I can get a better job, rent an apartment, and someday could buy my own home. I recommend Sparkpoint to anyone who tells me that they are struggling with their credit. I always tell them 'If Sparkpoint did it for me, they can do it for you.' Thank you, Sparkpoint, for transforming my life!"

— Henry Costa, SparkPoint Client

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PARTNER AGENCIES

* **UWBA GRANTEES**

Asian, Inc.
Bay Area Legal Aid
Benicia Community Action Council*
Catholic Charities of Yolo Solano
Child Start
Children's Network of Solano County*
Dixon Family Services*
Dreamcatchers Empowerment Network
Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District
Fighting Back Partnership
Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano
Healthy Start FRC & Fairfield Community VITA*
Life on Trak
Meals on Wheels of Solano County, Inc.
Napa Valley Unified School District
Planned Parenthood Northern California
Shelter Inc.
Solano Community College
Sparrow Project
Travis Credit Union
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