



A Last Hope. A Fresh Start. A Community That Showed Up.

When **Ivonne** lost her job as a manager at a local fast-food restaurant, everything changed overnight. Suddenly, the bills she had always managed to keep up with felt impossible. Her savings disappeared quickly. With no income, no food, and rent coming due, Ivonne faced the very real fear of losing her home.

She called United Way of Greater Mercer County as a last resort, unsure if anyone could help, but hoping someone would listen.

She found support in **Saniyyah**, a **UWGMC Resource Specialist** who walked with her through every step of her crisis.

Together, they worked to restore Ivonne's stability and dignity:

- **Ensured Ivonne applied for and received unemployment benefits**
- **Helped her apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits so she could have reliable access to food**
- **Assisted her with applying for health insurance**
- **Referred her to partner agencies for rental assistance**
- **Connected her to the Mercer County One-Stop Center for employment and training opportunities**
- **Guided her to local food pantries and provided a \$50 grocery gift card for immediate relief**

While many agencies were forced to pause services due to the federal funding freeze, **United Way of Greater Mercer County did not stop**. We continued showing up for our neighbors because crises don't wait for government budgets to reopen.

And the truth is simple: **we could only do this because of donors like you.**

Your generosity is the reason Ivonne wasn't turned away.

Your support kept her housed, fed, and connected to the tools she needed to get back on her feet.

Your compassion transforms fear into hope for people across Mercer County every single day.

Today, Ivonne is on a pathway toward stability again but thousands of our neighbors continue to face similar struggles

Your gift today ensures that no one faces crisis alone.

Please make a donation to United Way of Greater Mercer County.

Because every act of generosity becomes a lifeline for Ivonne, and for so many others who are counting on us.

And please **save the date** for our upcoming United in Impact Awards Spring benefit event, April 30, 2026, where your support will directly fuel this work and change more lives across our community. Your presence and generosity at the event will help **ensure that when the next Ivonne calls, United Way can answer.**

With gratitude,
Sandra Toussaint
President & CEO
United Way of Greater Mercer County



Help Neighbors like Ivonne.. [DONATE NOW](#)



****SAVE THE DATE ****

Thursday, April 30, 2026



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Proceeds from the event will directly provide food, rental and utility assistance, health insurance access, tax preparation services, financial coaching, college planning and other resources to help individuals and families get ahead. There are over 66,000 families in Mercer County struggling to make ends meet.

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