

Quarterly Report

Meet Lourdes

We would like to introduce to you the newest addition to the UWGMC family, Lourdes Alcaraz, our new Bilingual Resource Specialist (English/Spanish).



Lourdes Alcaraz
Bilingual Resource
Specialist

Lourdes will connect individuals and families struggling to make ends meet to local and federal resources. Lourdes comes to us with many years of experience in health and human services. For more information about our Benefit access program, please visit www.uwgmc.org/benefits or contact 609-637-4917 or benefits@uwgmc.org.

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Celebrating Milestone Anniversaries

This fall we are celebrating various milestone anniversaries. Our seasoned and dedicated team is proud to serve an organization that is dedicated to helping the community.

10 years
of
service



Sandra Toussaint
President & CEO

10 years
of
service



John Santana
Director of Strategic
Partnerships &
Operations

10 years
of
service



Jessica Figueroa
Director of Economic
Mobility Initiatives

10 years
of
service



Denise Daniels
Director of Corporate
Engagement &
Volunteerism

5 years
of
service



Marjorie Samuels
Finance/Special
Projects/HR
Coordinator

Summer Food Collection Drive was a Success

This summer, the United Way of Greater Mercer County's Summer Food Collection Drive, part of its Strike Out Hunger Initiative, made a significant impact by collecting 799 pounds of non-perishable food at 11+ locations across Mercer County. With generous support from local businesses like First Bank of NJ, Grounds For Sculpture, NJM Insurance, Northfield Bank, and M&T Bank, we were able to stock local food pantries during the critical summer months. Special Thanks to Horizon BC/BS NJ for sponsoring the collection boxes.

Why our work matters: Summer is when many households face increased food insecurity, and these donations provide a lifeline to families in need. But the fight against hunger continues, and with your donations, we can ensure that even more people receive the help they need next summer.



FOR MORE INFORMATION: WWW.UWGMC.ORG/SOH

Focusing on Maternal Health

UWGMC hosted its Fall Maternal Health Workshop on Breastfeeding and Lactation in partnership with St. Anthony's Church of Padua Church in Hightstown, and Central Jersey Family Health Consortium (CJFHC). Workshop topics included essential nutrition, breastfeeding, and lactation knowledge, which can lead to better health outcomes for both mother and baby. Resource Specialist Tamara Curtis was onsite to provide information and referrals for crucial supporting services.



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* New Initiatives *

NJSave: *Assisting Our Older Adults*



UWGMC has partnered with United Way of Hunterdon County to promote NJSAVE and enroll eligible residents in this cost-saving programs. The NJSAVE Application can help limited-income older adults and individuals with disabilities save money on prescription costs, Medicare premiums, and other living expenses.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

TAMARA.CURTIS@UWGMC.ORG OR CALL 609-637-4917.

Federal Tax Clinic: *Know Your Rights*

United Way of Greater Mercer County's Federal Tax Clinic will provide tax resources to low-moderate income ESL individuals and families. Information on knowing your rights as taxpayers and how to resolve IRS issues such as a tax lien, tax audits, tax debt issues will be provided in English & Spanish. For more information, please contact taxclinic@uwgmc.org or fill out intake form <https://www.uwgmc.org/taxclinicform24>.



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* Programmatic Partnership Spotlight *

Ride United: Last Meal Delivery

Ride United: Last Meal Delivery (RULMD), a powerful initiative that is transforming lives in Mercer County by providing free home delivery of essential food and other critical items to individuals facing mobility challenges or lacking transportation.

Since 2021, the United Way of Greater Mercer County (UWGMC) has been funding this service for Jewish Family & Children's Services (JFCS), which provides the bags of food through DoorDash to Mercer County residents that cannot access their regular mobile food delivery drop-off locations. To date, 1,000+ deliveries have been made throughout the county. But this vital service comes with a cost to UWGMC. Your support can help sustain and expand this program, ensuring more of our neighbors get the help they need. RULMD reaches homes that otherwise might go without, offering more than just meals—it provides dignity and hope. Your donation can help expand this critical lifeline, directly impacting our community.

TO DONATE: WWW.UWGMC.ORG/DONATE



A Special Thank You to Our Partner
Jewish Family & Children's Services (JFCS)



SAVE THE DATE: 5TH Annual United in Impact Awards 4/30/25



2025

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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We are happy to announce that we will be celebrating the 5th Annual United In Impact awards on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at Grounds For Sculpture from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. This annual event celebrates community champions who demonstrate leadership, passion, and a commitment to a thriving and equitable community in their everyday life as well as share similar values with UWGMC.

Honorees will be announced shortly.

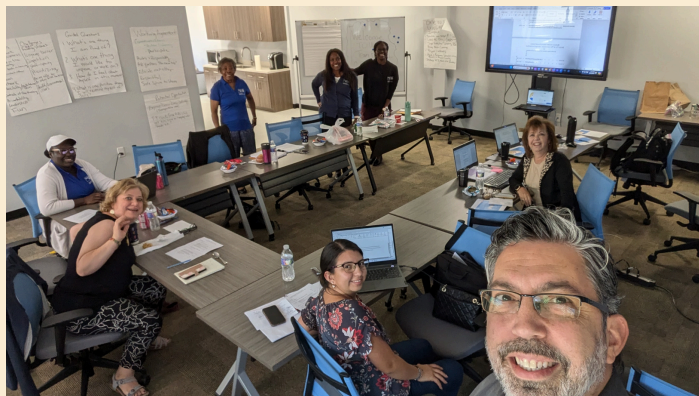
Sponsorship opportunities are available.

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Getting Focused: Staff Retreat

In September, the UWGMC staff came together for a two-day reflection, collaboration, and rejuvenation retreat. This retreat provided a unique opportunity to review our mission, vision, and critical program initiatives, allowing us to realign our focus on driving community impact. Through engaging activities and meaningful discussions, team members strengthened their bond and gained a deeper understanding of each other's roles and contributions. The retreat fostered an atmosphere of camaraderie, leaving the group with a renewed sense of purpose and commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of those we serve.



Join the UWGMC Leaders Circle

United Way of Greater Mercer County Leaders Circle, a network of like-minded individuals who contribute \$500-\$9,999+ annually, is committed to strengthening our community and sharing a vision for advancing the common good in Mercer County.

By bringing together people with passion, expertise, and resources, we can address the complex social issues affecting our community's economic vitality and quality of life.

With your help, we continue working tirelessly to alleviate our neighbors' growing challenges. Your support will guarantee that hundreds will continue to benefit from our initiatives, ensuring children and families in need have their basic needs met and additional resources to thrive.

Together, we can create real change and improve people's lives, now and into the future.



Visionary Circle: \$5,000-\$9,999

Gateway Circle: \$2,500-\$4,999

Pacesetter Circle: \$1,000-\$2,499

Neighbor Society: \$500 - \$999

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in the lives of people in Mercer
County, consider a donation today.**

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