

DID YOU KNOW?

When a community joins hands, everyone wins.



Many residents in the Washington metropolitan area face challenges every day that hinder them from living the normal lives that most of us take for granted. Read below and discover the alarming statistics in our region.

EDUCATION

- Experts estimate that nearly 40 percent of U.S. 4th graders do not achieve basic levels of reading proficiency. The number is higher among low-income families, certain minority groups, and English language learners.
- Two-thirds of America's children living in poverty have no books at home, and the number of families living in poverty is on the rise.
- Children who have not developed some basic literacy skills by the time they enter school are 3-4 times more likely to drop out in later years. And nearly half of today's kindergartners start school behind.
- In the poorest areas around us, almost 30 percent of students do not finish high school. Even those who do are often not prepared for the workforce.

FINANCIAL STABILITY

- Nearly 12,000 people in the Washington metropolitan area are homeless. The primary cause of homelessness is lack of affordable housing.
- Approximately 27,000 homes in the greater Washington region have been foreclosed upon.
- 32 percent of children living in Washington, DC live below the poverty level.
- Nearly 8,000 people in Loudoun County live on an income of \$20,000 to support a family of four.

HEALTH

- Approximately 25 percent of adults earn less than \$27,000 annually in jobs that do not offer healthcare.
- 1 in 6 children under 18 is at risk of hunger in Northern Virginia.
- More than half of the children living in Prince George's County are considered overweight and obese, and nearly 70 percent of adults weigh in at the obese or overweight level.
- 25 percent of public schools reported that bullying occurred among students on a daily or weekly basis. A higher percentage of middle schools reported daily or weekly occurrences of bullying compared to primary and high schools.

Join forces with United Way of the National Capital Area to address our community's most critical needs in the areas of education, financial stability and health. Participate in your company's workplace campaign today!

When a child succeeds in school...

When families are financially stable...

When people have good health...

We're all better for it.

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