

DID YOU KNOW?

- Nearly 1 in 5 senior citizens in Tennessee are hungry, ranking TN as the 5th worst state in the country. It was ranked 16th worst 2 years ago.** United Way partner program, Meals on Wheels, helps combat that hunger by delivering hot meals each day to senior citizens who cannot prepare a meal themselves.
- 35% of senior citizens are choosing between food and heat/utilities and 30% of senior citizens are choosing between food and medicine.** United Way partner program, Meals on Wheels, helps provide necessary nutrition by delivering hot meals to senior citizens and visiting them each day.
- Every 9 seconds a woman is abused by a partner.** Safehouse, a United Way partner program, provides a safe haven for women and children who are victims of domestic violence and serves as their advocate. Safehouse provided emergency shelter for more than 300 women and children last year.
- 1 in 6 families in Montgomery County does not know how they will obtain their next meal. Add children to the statistic and it becomes 1 in 4.** United Way partner program Manna Café Ministries helps combat hunger relief by serving hot meals several nights per week. Manna Café and Urban Ministries Grace Assistance Program also provide pantry food boxes.
- A U.S. military Veteran commits suicide every 65 minutes.** S.A.F.E. (Soldiers and Families Embraced), a United Way partner program, provides free, professional, confidential counseling to Service Members, Veterans and their families to assist with reintegration and manage the impact of military service.
- 1 in every 5 homeless persons in the United States is a Veteran and in Tennessee, 4.2% are unemployed, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.** Operation Stand Down Tennessee – Clarksville, a United Way partner program, provides Veterans with the resources and tools needed to find and/or upgrade to meaningful employment and be self-sustaining.
- Tennessee currently ranks 8th in the list of states with the highest infant mortality rate.** Nurses for Newborns, a United Way partner program, makes home visits to provide health-care assessments, education and positive parenting skills in effort to prevent infant mortality and child abuse/neglect. Services are provided to new and pregnant mothers and continue through the child's second birthday.
- 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.** Imagination Library, a United Way partner program, provides one FREE book per month to any child ages birth through 5 years of age, mailed directly to their home to encourage a love of learning and develop critical early learning skills.

- **Tennessee's suicide rate reached its highest level in five years in 2013 and is the second-leading cause of death of people ages 10-19 in Tennessee, the latest year figures were available, according to a Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network report.** The Crisis Intervention Center, a United Way partner program, is a hotline service available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for anyone in need of crisis intervention and suicide prevention.
- **1 in 9 senior citizens will become the victim of abuse. 90% of these victims are abused by family members. There are over 29,000 victims in the Mid-Cumberland region.** The Homemaker Program, a United Way partner program, is the only agency providing essentials services to our community's most vulnerable residents. This program assists clients with budgeting, bill paying, access to medical care, community resources, legal assistance, general household tasks, and essential transportation; as well as performing additional essential tasks which the client is no longer able to do for him or herself.
- **50% of nursing home residents have no family members or advocates.** Ombudsman, a United Way partner program, helps protect their rights and resolve problems to ensure appropriate care is provided.
- **Single mothers are more than twice as likely to live in poverty as the average female in Montgomery County, much higher than the state average.** United Way programs, such as the Clarksville-Montgomery County Community Action Agency, work to eliminate the conditions of poverty and provide coordinated programs for a measurable impact.
- **In America, someone is raped every 2 minutes.** United Way partner program, Sexual Assault Center, is the only place in Middle Tennessee that is exclusively dedicated to providing healing and counseling to child and adult sexual assault victims. In addition, its programs educate students on how to recognize and prevent sexual assault.
- **At-risk youth partnered with a positive adult mentor are 46% less likely to use drugs.** Big Brothers Big Sisters, a United Way partner program, provides children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships. This program helps children achieve higher aspirations, greater confidence, and better relationship, avoidance of risky behaviors, and educational success.
- **Of 1,000 juveniles referred to the L.E.A.P. Program, 81% did not offend or re-offend after completing the program.** L.E.A.P., a United Way partner program, provides youth with Healthy Choices counseling, case management and resource coordination, as well as life skills workshops and career readiness job placement assistance.

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