

United Way of Southeastern PA

Building Self-sufficiency for Working Families



Cynthia Rios, a 27-year-old single mom, works hard but earned less than \$25,000 last year. Cynthia cuts costs by driving an old car and living in her mother's crowded three-bedroom house with her two daughters, her mother, an older sister and two rambunctious nephews. Cynthia's dream is to move into her own home someday – a place where her girls can even have their own rooms.

Close to one million people in Southeastern Pennsylvania, live, like Cynthia and her family, under 200 percent of the federal poverty threshold. Many are working families struggling mightily to make ends meet. With basic costs rising in some parts of the region by as much as 30 percent, dreams like Cynthia's are growing ever harder to reach.

United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania is focused on supporting adults and families striving to achieve self-sufficiency and build assets for the future. As a key partner in the Campaign for Working Families, United Way ensures that more low-income wage earners receive Earned Income Tax Credits (EITCs), child care credits, and other tax benefits to which they are entitled. The EITC and other credits put much-needed dollars into the pockets of working families for education and training, savings, improved housing and transportation, and living expenses. Census data show that the EITC lifts more children out of poverty than any other single program or category of programs.

Each year, United Way engages hundreds of volunteers for the Campaign for Working Families and participates in training them in tax preparation and the EITC. This year, teams from Vanguard, Cozen O'Connor, Dechert, and Morgan Lewis were among the volunteers. Over the past three tax seasons, more than 100 Vanguard employees have served as volunteer tax preparers.

The Campaign for Working Families has brought Cynthia Rios closer to her dream of homeownership. Having her return completed through the Campaign meant a refund of \$4,800 for Cynthia, a portion of which she deposited in a special Individual Development Account offered by United Way's Home Savings Plus initiative. Home Savings Plus provides a 2 for 1 match on the first \$2,000 participants save towards a down payment – a guaranteed return of 200 percent. Home Savings Plus participants also receive financial counseling and education to help them succeed as homeowners. With her down payment in hand, Cynthia is now well on her way to purchasing a house.

Cynthia is just one of the hardworking Southeastern Pennsylvanians benefiting from the Campaign for Working Families. Thanks to our volunteers, more than 12,500 filers obtained \$20.5 million in EITC and other tax refunds during the 2006 tax season. In the first four years of the Campaign, volunteer tax preparers have generated more than \$65 million for working families. Together, we are achieving results that no one of us could accomplish alone.

United Way achieves measurable community impact by preparing children to achieve, building adult independence and self-sufficient families, and strengthening neighborhoods and communities.

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