



Every day, donors like you are making a difference that lasts.

- **Sarah enjoys a book before bed with her Mom, preparing her for school!** Over 6,400 children receive free books at home each month through the Imagination Library, building early learning skills.
- **Jamie has a safe bed in the middle of the night, and Robert has access to a food pantry, thanks to 211.** Each year over 4,400 calls are answered with care in times of crisis, 24/7, by Life Crisis Center.
- **Marcus and Daniel no longer fight in class, thanks to mediation.** Over 100 sessions are held in Dorchester County each school year, helping students resolve conflict for positive outcomes.
- **Matthew can now safely maneuver to his medical transport on his own.** Over 140 ramps and repairs were completed in the last year by Chesapeake Housing Mission volunteers, providing independence and security for disabled neighbors.

ABOUT UWLES

United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore (UWLES), an independent 501C-3, has been serving neighbors in Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties since 1944.

UWLES creates opportunities for:

- Educational Success by reducing the achievement gap between low & middle-income students.
- Financial Security by advancing the economic security of families and individuals.
- Good Health by improving access to, and awareness of, local health and wellness services.

UWLES collaborates with organizations and stakeholders to strengthen our community. By providing critical funding each year in support of local programs, direct services, and community initiatives, UWLES impacts one in every three individuals on the Lower Shore.

CONTACT US

Including UWLES in your estate plan is making a gift that will help the community you love. Your investment will stay here on the Lower Shore to improve the lives of future generations. For more information:

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“Be humble, for you are made of Earth.
Be noble, for you are made of stars.”

Serbian Proverb

TESTIMONY

See why members of our community feel that a planned gift to UWLES was the right fit for them.



MARK RUDNICK

“I am supportive of our local United Way. I learned about the wide funding and help they provide to the many agencies that are serving people with needs in the community.”

“I had a wonderful upbringing – blessed with wonderful parents who instilled in me the desire to give back. Working with UWLES, I can think of no better way to continue my support of such dynamic organizations who work hard to ensure they try to help the local community.”



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MARY MENGASON

“The United Way’s mission of using the community to advance health, education, and financial stability has always meant so much to me. I am so thankful for the blessings in life

my family and I have received. It seems like the best way to express my gratitude is by passing some forward. There is a quote from William James, “The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.” I hope by this legacy gift to the UWLES; I am doing a bit of that.”



Leveraging Investments

You may designate United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore (UWLES) as a beneficiary of all or part of any of the listed investments. It is an easy way to ensure your legacy and support our community in the future. Doing so does not affect your cash flow during your lifetime.

Options include:

- IRA/401K
- Life Insurance
- Investment Account or Annuity

GIFTS FROM YOUR TRUST OR YOUR WILL

You may include UWLES in your will or trust by simply naming UWLES as a full or partial beneficiary. Examples of these are:

- A portion of the remainder of the estate
- A specific investment (stock) or annuity
- Tangible personal property or real estate

Join the 1944 Legacy Circle today for a lasting impact tomorrow

LIFE INSURANCE

- If you have a policy that is no longer needed to support your future, you may donate it to UWLES during your lifetime.
- You may also change the beneficiary of all or part of your policy to UWLES.
- You may purchase a policy naming UWLES as the owner.
- You may choose to purchase a policy through United Way Life™.

GIFTS THAT PROVIDE INCOME

There are several ways that an individual, working with their trusted advisor, can set up specific trusts/annuities to secure income and benefit UWLES.

Examples of these are:

- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Charitable Remainder Trust

For other creative ways to leave a gift, give us a call.